

VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE COUNCIL
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio
January 20, 2026
6:08 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
For Council Approval 2/2/26

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Jaclyn Woodward, Mayor
Mr. William Blank, Clerk
Mr. George Ebling, Treasurer
Ms. Jessica Blank, Councilwoman
Mr. Robert Bond, Councilman
Mr. Lamar Liming, Councilman
Mr. Mark McGrail, Councilman
Mr. Jamie Moseley, Councilman
Mr. Ron Radtka, Councilman

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio on this 20th of January, 2026.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Welcome everybody. Please stand and join me for the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

LORD'S PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR WOODWARD: Roll call please.
CLERK BLANK: Mayor Woodward.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Radtka.
MR. RADTKA: Present.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. McGrail.
(No response.)
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Clerk Blank, present. Treasurer George Ebling.
MR. EBLING: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Solicitor Matt Ries.
ATTY. RIES: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Police Chief Brent Milhoan.
CHIEF MILHOAN: Present.
CLERK BLANK: Fire Chief Travis Eastham.
CHIEF EASTHAM: Present.
CLERK BLANK: Planning and Zoning Administrator Kellie Bordner.
MS. BORDNER: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Street Commissioner Martin Nelder.
MR. NELDER: Present.
CLERK BLANK: Board of Public Affairs.

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MR. PETERSON: Present.
CLERK BLANK: Engineer Chris Kogelnik.
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to excuse Mark McGrail? He had something pre-planned for tonight and he could not make it. He did let me know in advance.

MS. BLANK: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Blank.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried. Is there a motion for adoption of the agenda?

MR. RADTKA: So moved.
MR. BOND: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Radtka and a second by Bond. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried. Is there a motion for disposal of the minutes for the regular Council meeting January 5, 2026, and the public hearing January 5, 2026?

MR. LIMING: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.
MS. BLANK: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried. Is there a motion for payment of the bills?

MR. RADTKA: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Radtka.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Liming. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried. Mayor's report. Stick around tonight for a work session following the Council meeting. We'll be discussing the public hearing on February 4 with the Ohio E.P.A. Clerk's Report.

CLERK BLANK: No report, Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Solicitor's Report.
ATTY. RIES: No report, Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Treasurer's Report.
MR. EBLING: No report.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Board of Trustees of Public Affairs Report.
MR. PETERSON: Oh, yes. Thank you, Mayor. We had our regular meeting about two hours ago. At our meeting we agreed to advertise for the construction for the booster station for the relocation project we've been

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working on. So, we'll be doing that. And at the next meeting we'll be approving the RFQ for the 24-inch water line. And our next meeting is February 3 at 4:00 p.m. Any questions?

MR. MOSELEY: Yeah. What are you doing with that library?

MR. PETERSON: We're going to be moving into it.

MR. MOSELEY: Soon.

MR. PETERSON: Yes.

MR. BOND: When?

MR. PETERSON: What's this?

MAYOR WOODWARD: What's wrong? Oh, okay.

MS. BLANK: Is there a lot that needs done inside before --

MR. PETERSON: Darren's biggest concern was all of the SCADA equipment needs a generator, needs back-up power; and he was waiting until the booster station relocation because we have a generator at the existing booster station and that was gonna be moved to the library.

MS. BLANK: You just spent six months.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, I know.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. The Village Engineer's Report.

MR. KOGELNIK: No written report, Mayor. But this past month I've communicated about the RUMA impacts on Henn Parkway, and we're trying to schedule a meeting when weather permits for us to meet out there with Ted Harvey because we have some curb repair that needs to be made and the Village need to be made whole with that curb repair. So, no meeting has been set up yet, and we're waiting on that to happen.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Anybody have any questions for me? Thank you. Special Reports. Police Chief Brent Milhoan.

CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mayor, two things. We posted this on our Facebook account, but for those that may not have seen it I think it's worth mentioning. The Lordstown Energy Center, which was the first power plant that was built, made a sizable donation to our food drive for next year and our Shop with a Cop next year. They had a new person take over at that facility for Drew Snyder and so they were a little bit late getting that to us for this year's event, but it still will go toward next year's events. But they made a \$3,000 to our food drive and a \$3,000.00 donation to our Shop with a Cop program. Only other thing is I would just like to make all of you aware that up until recently we had received donations for our dog food from Tractor Supply. Sgt. Blank went there like he always does when he needs it out at Elm Road Tractor Supply to pick up dog food that they've been generously donating since we had Jochie, and we were informed they were no longer able to do that. So obviously we had to purchase it. I did ask Brett approximately how much we would spend in a year now that we're buying it, and he told me it's about \$840 a year. But he is in the process of working with Chewy, if you're familiar with Chewy, about them possibly donating the dog food to us. So that's

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a possibility that may come through. We do have the money obviously in our K-9 account but just wanted to make you aware of it because we used to get it for free and as of right now, we're paying for it. But he is working on trying to find donations from Chewy. So that's all I have, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay, thank you. Does anybody have any questions for Brent? Fire Chief Travis Eastham.

CHIEF EASTHAM: No report tonight.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Anybody have questions for Travis? Planning and Zoning Administrator Kellie Bordner.

MS. BORDNER: Yes. The end of the year, Planning and Zoning packets were put in the mailboxes last week to give you all time to review, so you should all have those. The 2025 reports from the Planning and Zoning office are as follows. 1) Zoning permits issued. There were approximately 70 this year, so a little more than in 2024. 2) Certificates of Occupancy issued. There were 30. We have 46 structures pending. And occupancy certificates among those include Foxconn and Trumbull Energy Center structures. 3) were zoning violations, which were addressed. 4) was the zoning violation fines which were charged and collected this past year. We received a total of \$8,480 in fine money, which included a \$1,105 fine that was charged as a special assessment against a property in 2023 and then was paid in 2025. 5) were consolidations of parcels. There were ten occasions this past year where two or three parcels were combined within the Village through a simple consolidation or a replat. 6) was minor subdivisions, parcel splits. There were also ten occasions this past year that we had parcel splits, a couple of which were part of the replat process. 7) was the Planning Commission report which details all of the projects which have gone through Planning Commission for approval this year. And finally, we provided everyone with the 2026 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing dates and the 2026 Planning Commission meeting dates. If you have any questions on any of that, I will be happy to try to answer.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Any questions for Kellie? Parks/Grounds/Buildings/Streets Superintendent Martin Nelder.

MR. NELDER: Yes, Mayor. The Park guys have been busy taking down the Christmas lights. They started doing that in between the snowstorms. They're redoing the rec building; they're giving a fresh coat of paint inside. We had some LED lights donated by a resident so they're hanging them. And we're getting that so if we wanted to rent it out, we could rent that out. Then the Road Department, in between the snowstorms, we've been working on the trucks trying to do the repairs that we can do. And then doing to ditch work that -- in between the weather. And we did have to cut back on some of the salt just

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a little bit because our orders are taking a long time to get, and all the towns are having problems getting the salt so -- but that's all I have.

MR. LIMING: Martin, you sent out an e-mail about you could get salt from the State, you had to replace it.

MR. NELDER: We can borrow it.

MR. LIMING: Where's that at? Where would you get it?

MR. NELDER: That's the thing, we would have to go almost to Columbiana on Route 11 to haul it.

MR. LIMING: Down there at that --

MR. NELDER: They have that right off of Route 11. He said we could get 100 to 150 tons, but we would have to return it when we get ours. But Trumbull County let us get 150 tons of theirs today, which we didn't get it all today, but we've been hauling it with our trucks.

MR. LIMING: You're hauling it?

MR. NELDER: And we still have some in the dump. I just didn't want to run real low.

MR. LIMING: Right, okay.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Any other questions for Martin?

CLERK BLANK: Correspondence.

MAYOR WOODWARD: No correspondence, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Remarks. Anybody have something that they want to share raise your hand. We just ask you do stand up here at the state your name and address

MS. ROBBIE: And I was told to bring 15 copies. Do I --

CLERK BLANK: You can just hand them to me and I'll pass them down.

MS. ROBBIE: I have more. Hi. I've never done this before.

MAYOR WOODWARD: State your name and address for the record.

MS. ROBBIE: Susan Robbie. 7079 N. Palmyra Road, Canfield, Ohio 44406. (Ms. Robbie begins reading from a letter she presents to Council.) Thank you, Council, for the opportunity to speak. Jessica Blank and Kellie Bordner were able to take my calls immediately on January 12, 2026, and I thank you for your quick attention and response. I am grateful for the 180-day moratorium, as I had no idea about any of this until it was on the news. Kelly broke no laws by being sick, but I consider her illness an act of God or an act of nature. My research shows the company that wants to build a data center is a business located at an empty location in New Jersey. It has LLCs for housewares, strange for a supposed data center (see photos for proof). This is a State and Federal National Security risk under the FY 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Data Centers are critical national infrastructure. This shell company was named Western Hospitality Partners but changed the name apparently after the bad press from the Kentucky Data Center fiasco and pretty much ran out of town by the residents from what I can tell. Here is the address: 109 Westminster Avenue in Bergenfield, New Jersey. They changed their name from Western Hospitality Partners to Bristolville 25, LLC

before the Lordstown filing. The address is 109 Westminster Avenue, Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621. This company's hands would be tied anyway as they have no fast track as an open hearing is still being considered and an open Triennial Review was taken for inclusion of AI Data Center impacts that I did not attend and left comments on January 15, 2026 and also wrote in opposition for a draft general permit OHG48001 due by January 16, 2026. A fast track one-size-fits-all is dangerous and could be used by such shell companies similar to the one mentioned above. Under CISA guidelines, obscure corporate structures and lack of a transparent headquarters are listed as primary red flags (PPD-21). The COINS Act of 2025 requires full disclosure of all shadow investors before a single shovel hits the ground. This is a State and National Security that by an act of God Kellie Bordner handed our community the ability to do the due diligence necessary for proper research and permits. CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) recommends vetting the supply chain. Things to consider and will need for the 180 days: Lordstown to demand that Ohio E.P.A. uphold OAC 3745-1-05; net positive standards like the Texas Hydro-Digital Synthesis closed-loop infrastructure; how long do NVIDIA GB200 chips have longevity (planned obsolescence); study Utica shall to perhaps help or NNE mini nuclear towers. It will take at least 180 days to research direct infrastructure and tax revenue stabilization with successful cities that have data centers and counties throughout the United States while protecting national security. I am pro-business but anti-resource drain and pro-national security. I have submitted my written brief to the Clerk. Thank you for your consideration and time, Susan Robbie. (Her reading of her letter ends.) Sorry I'm really nervous. Thank you for your time.

MR. MOSELEY:

MS. ROBBIE:

MS. BLANK:

MS. ROBBIE:

What's this the picture of here?

That's a picture of the business, gentleman.

The e-mail she sent was in there. And I have the -- it's just a house.

It's blanked out and unfortunately because of the way it just came out, the picture. But if you go and look online, you'll find that that's the business that's listing a \$3.6 billion business, but which I think you can see is not. And my biggest concern is this seems like a switch and bait to know like they're trying to get the permit and sell the permit to the highest bidder, which leaves you guys with no control. And then zoning and it can cause a huge problem. And that's actually what the COINS packet is about, and this is what they don't want for data centers because it's almost like -- do you remember -- because I was involved in the mineral rights when back in 2011 do you remember when

everybody was running to Ohio to get the mineral rights and Hill Corporation and Chesapeake, everybody was fighting. This is kind of like the 2011 mineral rights rush: it's now the data center rush. And when they are fast tracking those permits that's gonna be what will happen is they're gonna do the drilling to other people's farms. And what my -- we don't know I actually tried to look for it; there might be an -- I own stock in one in California that's owned by the Kennedy family. They have underneath, you know, the well, they have like different lay lines for water, right. Well, if they're gonna do permits and just start hitting different like areas it could drain your neighbor's well completely out. And I think that's what they found in other areas, that's why I was looking at may be looking at other data centers where there was success as opposed to just, you know, everybody drilling for water, especially with the amount of water that AI uses it could actually cause a serious drought in our area and we could lose a lot of infrastructure. And I didn't realize that Stargate -- or I'm sorry -- that Foxconn, they already broke ground for open AI because open AI and SoftBank and -- forgive me or actually they're part of the Foxconn group, they're actually part of -- I don't know if you guys know this, but Genesis -- the Genesis Emissions start November 24 of 2025. They are overseeing the Stargate, which is 24 companies okay, they're part of the department of -- or Department of Energy and they're overseeing -- they're part of open AI or actually are part of Stargate which is -- Genesis Emissions is overseeing that Stargate program. So, it's kind of -- and the Department of Energy is involved in all that. So, you can -- it's open forum. You can go on their website, Department of Energy, and see that. The biggest issue I have with that is we have had 11 secretaries of state for the Department of Energy. These people get jobs and they walk away, and we want to make sure that, you know, we don't lose our future. Like we don't -- water is a finite resource, and I would hate for them to start cloud seeding. I forgot the law, this is a new law they put in place for that; but my biggest concern is that they could say well, we'll cloud seed to, you know, fulfill the aquifer -- that's the word I was looking for, sorry, aquifer, and that's no guarantee. And then you could flood out the entire area. If you go look at the FEMA maps -- they haven't been done since 2005 I think it is -- we have a 20-year-old FEMA map and then we have clay soil. They cloud seed, a house that normally wouldn't flood would flood just like they're seeing in Washington, just like they're seeing in -- I've been mapping it out because I'm a total nerd. I'm a mom, but I'm a big nerd. I mapped out Washington and that's what happened here, and this is where my

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concern is. And I live in Canfield, but this affects me too. It affects like the entire community. So, I only found out about this a week ago and I kind of went nuclear on it. And I want -- but I wanted us to have a voice so -- and I knew everybody was busy, so I decided to hop online. Boy did I annoy that one woman, I forgot her name. She was getting really mad at me because she was like putting my words in there. This way for you guys as a citizen we can then -- because I already put it in the notations and documented it on permanent record, we now have sort of a voice outside of just the zoning. We can use it as a national security reason as well to make sure that there's not a flip because that -- whoever owns the -- I'm not gonna bring up the gentleman's name -- over 100 acres, he doesn't just try to flip, they don't try to flip the permits and then you -- we here in Lordstown lose control over the situation.

MAYOR WOODWARD: We lost control over --

MS. ROBBIE: I thank you for your time and thanks for letting me be a nerd for a few minutes.

MS. BLANK: Thank you so much.

MS. ROBBIE: I'm sorry, I was just so upset the other day.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Are there any other public comments? All right. Hearing none, we'll move on to Council remarks. All right. If there's none, we'll move on to Committee Reports. Finance, Jessica Blank.

MS. BLANK: I have nothing tonight, sorry.

MAYOR WOODWARD: That's okay. Parks, Buildings Grounds, General Improvement, Streets and Sidewalks, Jamie Moseley.

MR. MOSELEY: I have no report tonight, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Safety and Police Department, Robert Bond.

MR. BOND: I have no report this evening, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Safety, Fire and E.M.S., Lamar Liming.

MR. LIMING: No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Utilities, Mark McGrail. Since -- Mark's not here, but he did send me something that he wanted read. Utility Committee met January 15, discussed and passed two items which appear on the agenda tonight: the aggregation agreement with Eastern Power and Gas, LLC, also the preliminary participatory legislation. The Moratorium Committee also met -- well January 15 -- I'm just gonna go ahead and add this in here. First, we discussed the trucking terminal moratorium will expire at the beginning of March 2026. We discussed whether to extend it or allow it to expire. No decision was made. If it is allowed to expire it was suggested that the use be changed from permitted to conditional. Only businesses with associated truck terminals would be allowed, for example XPO, Anderson DeBose, Home Goods. Further discussion is required. The committee also discussed the moratorium on data centers. We discussed concerns of the negative impacts

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associated with data centers: Water usage, source, volume, cooling, closed-loop, evaporative or another form; electric power usage, source, who pays for upgrades for substations, transmission, et cetera; alternate power generation, generators, gas-fired, power plants, et cetera; safety concerns, demand on our fire, police, E.M.T. units, et cetera; noise and lake pollution. It was decided to gather information from sources in similar communities affected by data centers, in particular from residents in those communities. I have acquired zoning information. This discussion will be ongoing over many meetings. I have received -- sorry. I have received copies of zoning plans with regard to data centers from two communities. These will be good templates to work from. And that is all he sent. Planning and Zoning, Ron Radtka.

MR. RADTKA: No report tonight, Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. We'll move on to Legislation.
MS. BLANK: Before we do that, I just noticed on page 11 it says Utility Committee, but I'm listed on there and I'm not. Does that matter? Because we're changing it to Council as a whole, does that matter?
CLERK BLANK: No.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. I'll take it. Don't want to say it on the record, but yes, he's giving that up. Okay. From Council as a whole for emergency passage.
An ordinance amending and restating Ordinance No. 62-2025 to include an extraordinary matter involving Edward Rovnak litigation to be effective retroactively to January 6, 2026, and declaring an emergency.
Is there a motion to suspend the rules?
MR. RADTKA: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Radtka. Is there a second?
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Liming. Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Radtka.
MR. RADTKA: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. BOND: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Liming. Any discussion? Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Radtka.
MR. RADTKA: Yes.

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CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 2-2026. From Council as a whole for emergency passage.
An ordinance authorizing the Village of Lordstown to enact preliminary participatory legislation in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5521.01 authorizing the Ohio director of Transportation to proceed with any and all necessary resurfacing, PID No. 117400, Salt Springs Road from State Route 45 to the Lordstown Eastern Corporation Limit within the Village of Lordstown and declaring an emergency.
Is there a motion to suspend the rules?
MR. LIMING: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Moseley. Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Radtka.
MR. RADTKA: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. RADTKA: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Radtka.
MR. BOND: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. Any discussion? Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Radtka.
MR. RADTKA: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 3-2026. From Public Utilities Committee for emergency passage.
An ordinance authorizing the Village of Lordstown to enter into an aggregation agreement with Eastern Power and Gas, LLC to provide natural gas supply effective March 1, 2026, with opt-out provisions for the residents and businesses eligible to participate in the aggregation program and declaring an emergency.

MS. BLANK: What would we sign today?
MAYOR WOODWARD: What would we sign today?
CLERK BLANK: I imagine it would be tomorrow.
MAYOR WOODWARD: It could be today or tomorrow. Do you have it? Was there a date on it? Is it in here? Yes, it is. There is no date. It would be the date that both parties sign.
MS. BLANK: That's what I wondered.
MAYOR WOODWARD: So --
MR. LIMING: I got a question. If we enter into this and in August the rate's better, can the whole Village opt-out?
MS. BLANK: You'd have to call individually and opt-out.
MR. LIMING: Oh, everybody individually would have to opt out. We couldn't do it as a unit?
CLERK BLANK: I wouldn't think you could.
MAYOR WOODWARD: I don't think so. I mean, that's accurate actually.
ATTY. RIES: It's a 19-month agreement with the Village.
MR. LIMING: Okay.
MAYOR WOODWARD: But you know, keep in mind that any resident can opt-out at any time. I'm pretty sure you're automatically opted in.
MR. LIMING: Can the Village have two aggregates running at the same time?
MR. BOND: If it doesn't say exclusive.
CLERK BLANK: How would that work?
MR. LIMING: Well, if you started another one in September that was -- had better rates and tell the residents and let them opt-out and get another one --
ATTY. RIES: There is an exclusivity provision.
MR. LIMING: Oh, there is.
ATTY. RIES: Yeah.
MAYOR WOODWARD: So, the Village is locked in. Once we sign that we're locked in. But again, any resident can opt out; and if there's better rates somewhere else, they are allowed to shop and join whatever that may be.
MR. BOND: Now once they opt-out, I presume a year later they could opt back in?
MAYOR WOODWARD: That I don't know.
MR. BOND: I don't either, that's what I'm asking.
ATTY. RIES: I don't think the contract addresses that. It just gives the opt-out provision.
MAYOR WOODWARD: I know like we had this happen with the electric aggregation We as a Village locked in, and then I think the next day the rates were just a little bit lower and some of the residents had found -- or within that week the residents had found those rates

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and were able to lock in elsewhere, which is fine.
You know, it just -- this is nice because it provides a ceiling, you know. At least you know that your rate won't be more than this. If you can find it for less than that you're doing good, but at least you know it's a safehold for the residents that it won't be more than whatever it ends up being.

MR. RADTKA: I can't see it going down over the next few months.
MS. BLANK: I do like that it's 19 months so we can look at a different time of year than in the winter.

MR. RADTKA: We need to get a cycle in the summer.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Well, does anybody want to make a motion to suspend the rules?

MS. BLANK: I'll make the motion.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. There's a motion by Blank.
MR. RADTKA: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Radtka. Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Radtka.
MR. RADTKA: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?

MR. MOSELEY: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley.
MS. BLANK: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Blank. Any more discussion?
MR. LIMING: Now we talked earlier about putting --
MR. BOND: An amendment.
MR. LIMING: -- an amendment and putting a limit on it, up to.
ATTY. RIES: Not to exceed what, four --
MAYOR WOODWARD: Well, it was 4.7. Section 5 I think it was.
MR. RADTKA: 4.70 is what is in the contract.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Section 5 has 4.70 in there.
MR. RADTKA: And it was 4.8 today.
CLERK BLANK: Didn't you say it went up already?
MS. BLANK: Yeah, 4.8.
MR. LIMING: Or are you gonna take what you get? 4.9 tomorrow, like what in a week.

MR. BOND: We're kind of buying a pig in a poke and hoping we get it right.
MS. BLANK: I don't know what that means.
MR. LIMING: You don't need to.
MS. BLANK: You talk like dog language and stuff to me I would get it, but -- I'm sorry.
MR. LIMING: But we also put a limit and it goes over that and two weeks from now it goes up.
MR. MOSELEY: It's not gonna go down. It's not gonna go down to 2.90.
MR. RADTKA: No.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: If we amend this to state not to exceed 4.7 and we hand it to Tom Bellish and he says no, you can't do that, where are we at?

CLERK BLANK: Which he's probably gonna do that, and you will have to wait two more weeks.

MS. BLANK: You guys haven't done that in the past.

MR. BOND: We had a different rate, but it could flex downward. When I talked to him, they didn't offer that anymore.

ATTY. RIES: That is their offer, we can accept it. If we said not to exceed 4.7 then we're essentially making a counteroffer that they would have to take back and consider. If they saw no, we don't have a contract.

MR. RADTKA: Look under 11. It talks about modification. Is there anything there?

ATTY. RIES: Oh no, this is just saying you can only amend the agreement if it's in writing and both parties sign off on it. In other words, there's no agreement outside of those four corners.

MS. BLANK: We would just have to sign today, and it would be four point --

MR. RADTKA: If we amend this, Matt, it would just be they would have to approve it then if we put any kind of amendment in it?

ATTY. RIES: Right.

MR. RADTKA: So it wouldn't be binding until they approve it and send it back.

MS. BLANK: So, if he already signed this one on December 1 and we just sign today, we would be locked in for 4.8?

CLERK BLANK: I have no idea, Jessica. Mark probably has that answer. The chair of Utilities, Mark, probably has that answer.

MS. BLANK: Someone call him.

MR. RADTKA: It's gonna be whatever the market is when they --

CLERK BLANK: I don't think that's locked in from December. I would be shocked.

MR. RADTKA: When we push the button, that's gonna be what it is.

CLERK BLANK: And that's how it always was.

ATTY. RIES: When did they send this to you guys that it was signed December?

MS. BLANK: This is in the e-mail that he sent us.

MAYOR WOODWARD: When he was here, he was here and talked, was it -- I think it was during caucus.

MR. RADTKA: That was in November.

MAYOR WOODWARD: It was in November. That was a while ago. But the way he made it sound was like we had time and he would be sending us the documents from the time he came and it just -- it was clear as mud.

MR. LIMING: Do you understand that one?

MS. BLANK: I got that one. I'm not that blonde.

ATTY. RIES: Did he know that we were voting on this tonight?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes.

MS. BLANK: Yes, because he wanted it on the agenda tonight.

ATTY. RIES: Do you guys have to sign one?

MAYOR WOODWARD: It was in our e-mail. He had attached it. But --

ATTY. RIES: That's a different agreement.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: His responses to our emails are kind of vague.
MS. BLANK: Yep, very vague.
ATTY. RIES: These are different agreements. What he signed here is not the contract that we're approving.
CLERK BLANK: That's not an old one, is it?
MS. BLANK: The emails he sent, those were sent together, both those agreements.
ATTY. RIES: Well, this agreement's not part of the -- I didn't get this. I got the agreement here that was attached. Two completely different agreements. One you guys have signed in December. This one hasn't been signed by anybody yet.
MR. BOND: What's the difference in the two contracts other than the rate?
ATTY. RIES: I don't know. They look like completely different contracts.
CLERK BLANK: Mayor, didn't we sign one earlier or you to get it going?
MAYOR WOODWARD: I signed something that night. But then you said we weren't ready for that, but I just told you to hang onto it.
CLERK BLANK: I wonder if that's it.
MAYOR WOODWARD: This is probably it. This is what he brought in November.
MR. RADTKA: It was authorization for him to just get started.
CLERK BLANK: It was to get registered with the that P.U.C.O., he mentioned that. Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes, it gave us our own authority or --
CLERK BLANK: That's probably what that was. I hate to say this because I want the best rates for everybody, but we never should have got in the aggregation. People call all the time, we don't understand it, explain it to them. It happens every time we pass this. Every time.
ATTY. RIES: This is an agreement with his brokerage firm. The contract attached is the aggregation for the utility.
MAYOR WOODWARD: This is our agreement with Buckeye to provide the brokerage to us and what their administrative fee is. Okay. So, this is different than that.
CLERK BLANK: If you wait until the next meeting, you know, it's going to go up, it's not going down.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Yeah, at this point, unless you want to wait in a couple of weeks to see if the sun starts shining.
MR. MOSELEY: It's not in the next week.
MS. BLANK: Bob did say the almanac said colder weather.
MR. BOND: The almanac said colder weather. Of course, this is their last year of publishing the almanac so --
MR. MOSELEY: What are we gonna do then?
MR. RADTKA: Look out the window.
MAYOR WOODWARD: I just say do it. I think you should pass it.
CLERK BLANK: Jessica, have you got his phone number?
MS. BLANK: You guys always make me talk to everybody.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Do we want to take a brief recess? Do we want -- Deb can you take it off the phone.
(Court reporter answers maybe.)
MR. LIMING: Motion to go into recess.

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- MS. SLUSARCZYK: I have a question if it's okay. I mean, it doesn't have to be part of the minutes. But when you do these aggregation games and you're setting the terms for 18 or 36 months, the further you go out the higher your rate is because you're locking them into an unpredictable future. So, if you just want to get out of the cold weather maybe try to come up with a six month agreement with them or 18-month agreement like you said to get you out of the cold weather months before. But if you go right now on the State of Ohio P.U.C.O. site, any resident can get a rate cheaper than that right now. So why would you bother. I think the site is -- you can look it up right now, 36 months.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: That's my thought. Though like people that don't know how to shop or don't want to shop or who don't pay attention, at least if you lock this in there's a ceiling, you know, and it won't go up past that for anybody, you know, you're automatically opted in so -- but for those who are savvy and want to go on there and shop for a better rate and can do that, you know, they can definitely find something lower.
- MS. BLANK: That's kind of what I was e-mailing him about is how I saw other people got lower rates, and I was upset we got kind of higher because I feel like sometimes people take advantage of our community honestly like we just have money to blow here.
- MS. SLUSARCZYK: Are you already committed with that broker? You -- I heard you say you signed that agreement with that broker because that's --
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Council had approved that at that meeting for me to sign into that agreement.
(A discussion is had off the record. A phone call was made to Tom Bellish where Council asked him questions about the contract terms.)
- MS. ROBBIE: I did find an Eastern Power and Gas. They're offering a six-month one for zero with zero fees, and it's at 4.40. So, you get out of your time frame and it's with Eastern Power and Gas. I don't know if that --
- MS. BLANK: Is that the one I sent you?
- MAYOR WOODWARD: I think so. Okay.
- MS. ROBBIE: Since you're looking for the six months, like a six month lease window, it might, you know --
- MAYOR WOODWARD: That's -- that is probably the Apples-to-Apples website.
- MS. ROBBIE: That was just me on AI.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: I don't know if they would offer that to the Village as a whole, that might just be for individuals.
- MS. ROBBIE: I actually was looking for aggregate. I didn't ask for Apples to Apples. I actually found out -- I have asked it basically -- I work with -- I have a special thing because I did something for the D.O.E. so I work with Deep Mind and I actually asked for an aggregate like quote, not for Apples to Apples, and that's what it came up with. So, it came up with Eastern Power and Gas at six-month term with zero

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- fees for your community as an aggregate, not for Apples to Apples. And then if you want, I can actually copy this, paste this and send to you via e-mail to Jessica what it's offering and then you can contact them.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. It might be -- did he say that we have to sign this tonight?
- CLERK BLANK: Well, he recommended passing it tonight versus two weeks from now.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: But I mean, we could essentially do it in two weeks and still have enough time to get the residents there, not --
- MS. ROBBIE: He said you had a look-back too, you could opt-out after so many days. Make sure it's within the clause. Anything he says over the phone is not quantifiable in a court of law. So, you want to make sure whatever he said tonight you get it in writing because a lot of times salespeople will tell you anything to get to you sign. But did he say you had two weeks -- or I forgot the date, how many days. The only thing is if you wait two weeks you can find a better deal for an aggregate six months, same window, instead of a lower rate it's more beneficial.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Do you guys want to wait? We've got a motion sitting here open.
- CLERK BLANK: But what happens if they opt-out? I haven't found one that doesn't have a penalty.
- MS. ROBBIE: Those places -- like I live in Canfield and I opted out once. I got a better rate for my electricity. So, I was able -- like last year I think they got the rate at 8.8 or whatever and I got mine at point four because I got in really early. So, I was able to opt-out, and then I could have opted back in if I have chose to; but why would I, I got a better deal. I was able to and I think most do. I actually use that, you know, benefit. I have no problems at all. All I had to do was call and opt out. The people that I signed on with, they called and opted out for me. So, a lot of times the people that they want your business they'll opt out for you because they have to switch it.
- ATTY. RIES: Only thing I'll say is this as the Solicitor. What they sent us; this contract doesn't appear to incorporate all of the terms being discussed here and not what Tom was talking about on the phone. You guys do what you want, but I normally wouldn't advise going into a contract where people are giving us inconsistent -- you know, tell us something is gonna happen that's not in an agreement necessarily and if they're supposed to be something attached and it's a template he'll get it to us. I mean, that's just -- you guys do what you want, but --
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Well, there's a motion to suspend the rules. There is a motion to adopt right now. There is a second. We have had discussion. Are we ready to vote? Roll call.
- CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.

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MR. BOND: No.
 CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
 MR. LIMING: No.
 CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
 MR. MOSELEY: No.
 CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
 MS. BLANK: No.
 CLERK BLANK: Mr. Radtka.
 MR. RADTKA: No.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: That is five no's, so the motion has failed.
 MR. BOND: That's a record, I think.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Would you --
 MS. BLANK: Will you then contact him tomorrow about the contract and all that?
 CLERK BLANK: I don't know what all you want. Have Matt get a hold of him.
 ATTY. RIES: Why don't you send me his information and I'll get everything together.
 MS. BLANK: Thank you. Appreciate it.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: We can definitely make that happen. Is there any Old Business to discuss? Is there any New Business to discuss? I don't have any new business. Okay. Additional Public Remarks, are there any? Hearing none, is there a motion for adjournment?
 MS. BLANK: So moved.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Blank.
 MR. BOND: Second.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. All in favor?
 (All respond aye.)
 MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
 (No response.)
 MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried.

(Meeting adjourns at 7:00 p.m.)

_____ Mayor
 _____ Clerk

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 TRUMBULL COUNTY) SS.

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