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PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Council Meeting

(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:05 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)

(Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mayor Woodward?
MAYOR WOODWARD: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
(NO RESPONSE—ABSENT.)
Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Here.
MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Here.
MR. BLANK: Clerk Blank, present.
Treasurer, George Ebling?
MR. EBLING: Here.
MR. BLANK: Solicitor, Matt Ries?
SOLICITOR RIES: Present.
MR. BLANK: Police Chief, Brent Milhoan?
CHIEF MILHOAN: Present.
MR. BLANK: Fire Chief, Travis Eastham?
CHIEF EASTHAM: Present.
MR. BLANK: Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie Bordner?
MS. BORDNER: Present.
MR. BLANK: Street Commissioner, Martin Nelder?
MR. NELDER: Present.
MR. BLANK: Board of Public Affairs?
MR. PETERSON: Present.
MR. BLANK: Engineer, Chris Kogelnik?
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to excuse Mr. Bond? He is on vacation.
MR. LIMING: I'll make that motion.
MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming; second by Campbell. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried.
Is there a motion to amend the agenda to add the two additional pieces of legislation that we talked about?
MR. MOSELEY: I'll make that motion.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley.
MS. BLANK: I'll second it.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. Are there any questions about the additions or the changes?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried to amend the agenda.
Is there a motion to adopt?

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried to adopt the agenda.
Is there a motion for disposal of the minutes for the special Council meeting December 30, 2024? Do I need to split these?

MR. BLANK: It's up to you but as long as everybody was there.

MAYOR WOODWARD: We'll also add in the regular Council meeting January 6, 2025.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll make that motion.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Campbell.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Liming. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried.
Is there a motion for payment of the bills?

MR. SHEELY: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely.

MS. BLANK: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. Any questions on the bills?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried.
Mayor's report. Tonight we're going to have a couple of resignations to go over. And we have one appointment for the Fire Department.

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I just want to let everybody know that right now the Lordstown Village is offering a warming shelter. The community room is open during regular business hours. And if you need assistance after hours, you can call dispatch or stop by the Police Department, and somebody there will assist you with getting you inside.

Lots of plowing and salting of the roads are going on right now. I just want to say thanks again to Martin and his crew for staying out late and making sure the roads are clear for us.

Also, I wanted to let everyone know there is info on the website about assistance from the PUCO with electric and gas utilities. If anybody is having trouble with those, see our website and get the information there.

Clerk's report?

MR. BLANK: No report, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Solicitor's report?

SOLICITOR RIES: No report, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Treasurer's report?

MR. EBLING: No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Board of Trustees of Public Affairs report?

MR. PETERSON: Yes, Mayor, thank you. Our next regular meeting is February 18. And thank you for moving forward on considering the air release and engineering for CT to get the waterline fixed.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Chris?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Village Engineer's report?

MR. KOGELNIK: I've submitted my written report, Mayor. I think that Village Council is on top of just about everything there. Do you have any questions for me?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Any questions?

MR. KOGELNIK: Thank you.

MS. BLANK: Just the 24 inch is it—I mean, \$61,000 is that typical cost wise? It seems like a lot of money.

MR. KOGELNIK: That fee for \$61,000 was the design for all the air release valves and the meter vault. There was more coordination than was anticipated on the meter vault two valves. That's the way it turned out. We couldn't plan for that.

MS. BLANK: Okay.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I see here the cost breakdown is \$30,000 and then the \$20,000 plus the additional detail design, \$11,000. Okay.

Any other questions for Chris?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Special reports. Police Chief Milhoan?

CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mayor. The only thing I have is about a week and a half ago, I was contacted by Joel Davis, who is our IT guy. And he had informed me that our contract with GoDaddy, who oversees our email addresses for all our employees, is going to expire the 25th of this month, which is like four days from now. When Joel notified me about a week and a half ago, we contacted GoDaddy to see what a new three-year contract would be. And we also contacted two other companies just to see if we could maybe switch directions. We're happy with GoDaddy, but when they initially told us the price compared to what we paid last time, we felt we

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needed to look around for a cheaper price.

I looked back to see what we paid in 2022. We paid \$6,558 for our emails. And it's more than just our emails. It provides Microsoft 365 on all of our computers, Excel, Powerpoint to one computer. So, there's some other things with it. But I was expecting to get about the same price for the next three years. We were shocked when it was going to be over \$10,000. So, we thought that's a little too high. We tried to shop it out. The two companies that Joel had contacted did not call us back. So, he went back to GoDaddy and said you've got to do something on the price. That's too much. Went back and forth and initially they tried to tell us we got that price in 2022 because of Covid. But he kept still trying to fight with them and get the price down. I'm happy to say he did get it down. The number I was given just this afternoon was \$6,147, which is actually cheaper than we paid in 2022.

We have signed two, three-year contracts with GoDaddy over the years. And we actually had them a couple years before that. So, we've been with them for about eight, maybe nine years. We've signed two, three-year contracts with them. This would be the third contract.

In order to get this price, Joel has to delete all of the email addresses and then put them all back in so we can be considered a new customer. It's just a game that we had to play to get this price.

I tell you all this tonight because normally we would go to our committee for approval. But, obviously, I don't have the time to do that. So, when I spoke to my committee chairman today, Mr. Moseley, we felt it would be best to bring it before Council as a whole.

Again, the price I was given for the next three-year contract was \$6,147. It's a little bit sketchy on the price. It could maybe go down. I don't think it's going to go up. But I would ask that Council as a whole give me approval tonight not to exceed \$7,000. I really believe it's going to be somewhere around \$6,147 but just to make sure we get this done in time.

Obviously, emails are important to us, and it's how we function throughout our department. So, I'm asking Council as a whole. If you have any questions, I'll do my best to answer. But that's where we're at.

SOLICITOR RIES:

Chief, you said it expires. When is the contract up?

CHIEF MILHOAN:

The 25th of this month, which is Saturday, I believe.

SOLICITOR RIES:

You think they'd give us time to—I mean, I haven't seen the contract or anything. Do you think they'd give us a couple weeks so that we can prepare legislation for it?

CHIEF MILHOAN:

He asked that and they said no. I have not dealt with them at all but Joel has done all the communication with them. Like I said, he was actually on the phone with them tonight. The reason the \$6,147 could be a little bit high is he just talked to them today and found some kind of a coupon and he asked if he could use that. And they said possibly. So, the price could go down a little bit.

Again, this would be the third time we would renew with

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them. I don't know if we had legislation the first two, three-year contracts. I'm not aware of that. Not saying we did or didn't, I just don't know. And, obviously, had I known about this earlier, we would have just gone through our committee. But, I mean, obviously, the ball was dropped. I'll take the responsibility. It's my department. I neglected to realize that the contract was up already and when they notified Joel, it was in the 11th hour.

SOLICITOR RIES: Is there any risk of data loss with deleting emails though?
CHIEF MILHOAN: Well, what we're going to do is we notified all the employees what we have to do starting the 24th. We're going to back up emails to a hard drive and then GoDaddy is actually going to assist Joel and once we renew, taking all those emails and loading them back into the officers' and dispatchers' addresses.

Again, nobody's addresses are going to change. So everything we're used to using will be the same. That's basically—to answer your question, we're told that they're able to be retrieved or held.

SOLICITOR RIES: Who is signing the contract?

CHIEF MILHOAN: Who what?

SOLICITOR RIES: Who would sign the contract?

CHIEF MILHOAN: I believe the Clerk, but I'm not sure. I mean, I think that's who typically signs. I think when we had a contract with Axon for body cameras and tasers, I believe Bill signed. I didn't, so I'm assuming Bill signed, but I'm not sure.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Could we do it retroactively at a future meeting?

SOLICITOR RIES: We could. I mean, it's a contract so you'd want legislation. But Council could, if they want to, vote to authorize the Clerk to renew the GoDaddy contract, sign the contract and then I'd prepare legislation and we'd retroactively adopt that contract. I mean, of course, there's the risk that we don't know what's in the contract. We're approving something we haven't seen. But, again, it's time sensitive.

MR. BLANK: Do you have the contract?

CHIEF MILHOAN: I don't.

MAYOR WOODWARD: There are other ways to get email addresses—like, those email addresses can be transferred to Microsoft 365 and not go through GoDaddy and at a different price. I've done that before.

CHIEF MILHOAN: I know Joel—I don't know who he contacted. He contacted two other companies and, like I said, they never even called him back. My fear is we have to have these email addresses. It's how we conduct business so.

MR. BLANK: Well, if they need it by the 25th, then they should send you a contract tomorrow and you can forward it over to Matt and let him look at it at least.

CHIEF MILHOAN: I'm sure I can get a contract tomorrow. I mean, if we already have a contract—I don't know if we do or we don't. When I called today to find out what we paid for it in 2022, Mrs. Nutt gave me the price of what we paid. I didn't ask her if there was a contract attached to that. She just looked it up in the computer and told me what we paid.

I'm assuming if we had a contract the last two times, it's probably the same contract, but I can get a copy of the contract and send it to you.

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SOLICITOR RIES: It's a lot easier, I guess, if it's just renewing the previous contract on the same terms and conditions. It's just subject to a price change, I guess, since we've already approved it in the past. Council can, you know, vote to approve the Clerk to renew agreement on the same—with the new price, the \$6,100 and then we could retroactively approve it by contract at next Council meeting just to make things clean because it is a contract.

MAYOR WOODWARD: With a not-to-exceed amount in the motion?
SOLICITOR RIES: \$7,000?
CHIEF MILHOAN: I would ask for \$7,000, but, again, I'm certain it's going to be somewhere around the \$6,147, maybe even lower.

MR. BLANK: We'll know the exact price by—
CHIEF MILHOAN: What's that?
MR. BLANK: We'll know the exact price by the end of the week.
CHIEF MILHOAN: We have to if it's in the contract.
MAYOR WOODWARD: So, somebody would just then need to make a motion to approve the Clerk to renew GoDaddy contract, not to exceed \$7,000.

MR. BLANK: For three years.
MAYOR WOODWARD: For three years.
CHIEF MILHOAN: Yeah, this will take us through 2028.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Then we'll bring that up under new business.
CHIEF MILHOAN: That's all I have, Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Does anybody have any questions for Brent?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Fire Chief Travis Eastham?

CHIEF EASTHAM: No report tonight.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Anybody have any questions for Travis?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie Bordner?

MS. BORDNER: We have a Planning Commission meeting February 10, 2025 at 6:30 here in this room. We have two things on the agenda: approval for the Lordstown Smoke Shop, which will be in the Lordstown Plaza, and a building addition for the Andersons on Muth Road.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Kellie?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Parks, Grounds, Buildings, Street Superintendent, Martin Nelder?

MR. NELDER: Yes, Mayor. Austintown Fence had to install a new gate at the Kunkel building for us. Edwards Moving Company with the oversized loads, we had to cut down with a torch because they had to move all the equipment out. And they purchased it and had it installed for the Village at no cost.
And besides the repairs on the trucks, we're running low on the salt at the Road Department. I called all around. A lot of the salt companies are committed already. They won't even bid it out until next year. We can't get no more off the county. We have 800 and-some tons left at the county of what we can get. That's it. So, I found a company that was willing to sell us up to 1,000 ton for \$82 and that's delivered to our igloo. I was asking Council if we could purchase extra salt.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: So, Martin needs permission to do that now. Once we have the price, we would have to approve that at a future meeting retroactively.

MR. LIMING: I'll make a motion under new business to buy up to 1,000 ton at \$82 a ton and then depending on how much he needs, go from there.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Sounds good to me.

MR. NELDER: Sounds good. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Anything else?

MR. NELDER: That's it. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Martin?

MR. SHEELY: Tell them guys to be extra careful on the roads because there's been a lot of people running into the plow trucks on the highways and stuff.

MR. NELDER: I seen that.

MR. SHEELY: I mean, it's not the plow trucks' fault. They have the lights on the trucks. They must not be paying attention or something. Have the guys just be diligent and stuff. Other than that, they're doing a fantastic job, as always.

MR. NELDER: Thank you. I'll let them know.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Correspondence?

MR. BLANK: No correspondence, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public remarks?
(NO RESPONSE.)
Hearing none, we'll move on to Council remarks?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, we'll move on to committee reports. Bob is not here tonight to do a Finance report. Does anybody have anything in his place?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Lamar Liming?

MR. LIMING: No report. Doing a good job on keeping these roads clear.

MR. NELDER: Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Safety and Police Department, Jamie Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY: I have no report. But I wanted to ask Brent one question. Have you guys gotten any more applications for policemen?

CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes.

MR. MOSELEY: Have you interviewed anybody yet?

CHIEF MILHOAN: We have an interview scheduled tomorrow and another one next week.

MR. MOSELEY: How many more did you get?

CHIEF MILHOAN: I think the last time we talked about it, I had somewhere around 20?

MS. BLANK: I think 17.

CHIEF MILHOAN: But some of those, I'll say half, didn't meet our qualifications. We received maybe another—I'll say we might have a total of 24 now. But, again, that's counting the number that don't have OPATA.

MR. MOSELEY: I was just curious.

CHIEF MILHOAN: We notified two individuals today. One is coming in tomorrow and one is coming in next week on Tuesday. They do have some experience.

MS. BLANK: Have you ever done, like, open interviews for police or no?

CHIEF MILHOAN: We're actually sending one of our officers, our K-9 officer, is going to the police academies next Tuesday to meet with the

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cadets. The commanders from both academies were nice enough to give us some time to meet with the candidates who don't have a department already to go to. Like I said last time, about half of YSU and about half of Kent State's cadets are already on a department and already have a job when they graduate. So, we'll be speaking to the ones who don't currently have a department to go to in hopes they would be interested. He will take a copy of our contract, along with applications, and answer any questions they may have. We're not the only department that does this, obviously. There's other departments that go out there and do that.

MS. BLANK: That's nice of him. I didn't know he was doing that.
(Laughter.)
MR. BLANK: What are you looking at me for?
(Laughter.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: Anything else?
MR. MOSELEY: No, that's it. Thank you, Brent.
CHIEF MILHOAN: You're welcome.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Safety, Fire and EMS, Howard Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: No report tonight, Ms. Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Utilities, Terry Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: No report.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Planning and Zoning, Jessica Blank?
MS. BLANK: Just that I'd like to see No. 3 go three readings, please.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Legislation.
MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT ("RUMA") WITH THE CITY OF WARREN, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING THE FINISHED WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE-TRUMBULL, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
MAYOR WOODWARD: Are there any motions?
MR. LIMING: We've got to approve this tonight, correct? I'll make a motion—
MR. BLANK: It's third reading. You don't need an emergency on it.
MR. LIMING: No.
MAYOR WOODWARD: You want to make a motion to adopt?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: There's a motion to adopt by Liming. Is there a second?
MR. SHEELY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes.

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MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried to adopt. This will be Ordinance 1-2025.

MR. BLANK: From Planning and Zoning Committee for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING TEMPORARY MORATORIUM, NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE (12) MONTHS, ON THE GRANTING OF ANY NEW PERMITS FOR COMPANIES OPERATING TRUCKING TERMINALS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MS. BLANK: I made a mistake. Howard was paying attention, obviously. I would like to see this one, No. 2, go three readings, not No. 3.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion on this? Was there a motion to adopt? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

MR. BLANK: Then I declare that this has had its first reading. From Board of Public Affairs for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 87-2024 (AND RATIFYING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1 OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS) ESTABLISHING THE HOURLY WAGES, AND OTHER TERMS OF REMUNERATION FOR THE EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 731.13 TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Are there any motions on this?

MR. SHEELY: No. But I've got a couple questions. Matt, doesn't the Council have the right to set the wages for all employees?

SOLICITOR RIES: They do.

MR. SHEELY: We gave everybody here, all our employees, a three percent raise. Why are we giving extra money to the Street Commissioner—

MAYOR WOODWARD: Not Street, Utilities—

MR. SHEELY: The Utilities. Chris Peterson, would you explain that to us.

MR. PETERSON: Yes. What we did is all the regular employees within the Water Department, we gave them a dollar for licenses, distribution license and commercial license, and then what we did is we adjusted the Superintendent's, not the same. We didn't go up the same amount but we adjusted it accordingly.

MR. SHEELY: Why?

MR. PETERSON: Because the Board felt that it wasn't fair to give employees raises and not adjust the Superintendent's wage.

MR. SHEELY: He got a three percent raise, did he not, like all the other department heads?

MR. PETERSON: I'm just telling you what the Board decided. And one of our Board members did call around to communities about our size and that was about the average going rate.

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MR. SHEELY: And you didn't discuss this with anybody on Negotiations Committee or present it to us prior to making your—

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, we did—I did have a conversation, not with the whole committee. But I did have a conversation and you guys had passed the dollar an hour, but there were also some other changes in there, the license—if I remember correctly—the license it said in there "upon passing the class." We would like that adjusted to "when they receive the license." So when the EPA license has—

MR. SHEELY: We don't have a problem with that.

MR. PETERSON: There has to be so much time—

MR. SHEELY: Everybody else got a three percent raise, why would you be doing that?

MR. PETERSON: Why are you doing that with what?

MR. SHEELY: Adding the extra money to the Superintendent.

MR. PETERSON: We were just adjusting accordingly to what we gave the workers.

MR. SHEELY: Doesn't he already have all these permits?

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, he already has them.

MR. SHEELY: He already got paid his dollar an hour in the past for these, whatever he was supposed to get then?

MR. PETERSON: No, no. Because that was new in this previous Ordinance. In the Ordinance you guys passed at the end of the year, that dollar an hour was not in there before that.

SOLICITOR RIES: The dollar an hour is for hourly employees.

MR. PETERSON: Yes, correct.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So you're building that dollar per hour into the salary of the Superintendent.

MR. PETERSON: Correct.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So does that defeat the purpose of a salary?

MR. PETERSON: No because he still doesn't receive overtime.

MAYOR WOODWARD: He what?

MR. PETERSON: He still doesn't receive any overtime or anything like that.

MS. BLANK: His overtime is what, call outs?

MR. PETERSON: Correct. And he doesn't receive any money for that.

MS. BLANK: But who tracks that to know he's the one going out and not his workers?

MR. PETERSON: I believe that would probably be our responsibility. But I could ask him for the record.

MS. BLANK: That's fine. I just wondered.

MAYOR WOODWARD: What other changes were made in here? The clothing allowance.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, the clothing allowance was adjusted to what everybody else got. And the license fee—and, Matt, correct me if I'm wrong—there was no other change.

SOLICITOR RIES: There were two other corrections. One was about the schooling just to make sure—and this was at my suggestion—they're paid when they're required to travel to school just to make sure they're compliant with wage and hour laws. I don't believe it was as clear in the prior Ordinance and it was leading to some differences. Legally, they're required to be paid. If they're being told by the Village during the regular workday they have to travel somewhere for school, the Village legally has to pay them for that time. And then there was some other changes to make them comply with the other terms of the Master Ordinance. I also

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made a revision to the FMLA provision just to make sure that was compliant with the other Ordinances, as well. Regarding, specifically, the block versus intermittent leave, which we discussed on other Ordinances.

MAYOR WOODWARD: One of the things that has been brought to my attention regarding the salaries and the fact that the BPA wants to set their own salary and hourly rates for the employees is that the BPA has recently asked Council for money for projects, but yet you want to continue to increase the wages of the employees for the BPA. That was a major concern. So—

MR. PETERSON: And I understand that, but we don't—

MAYOR WOODWARD: —are you going to increase water rates as a result of these wages?

MR. PETERSON: Not to my knowledge at this time. Right now we're bringing in enough money, from what Cindy told me.

MAYOR WOODWARD: To cover these wages?

MR. PETERSON: Correct.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. I just wanted to clarify that to give them a better view of that.

MR. LIMING: But it goes back to can we go against what the BPA wishes?

SOLICITOR RIES: Ultimately, the Village can set the rates of compensation for employees who work in the Water Department under the BPA. I had this discussion with the BPA and several Council members. I prepared a legal opinion several years ago on this issue. The Ohio Revised Code basically defers anything not specifically addressed under the code section for the BPA to the legislative authority of the municipality. And there's a specific case dealing with this where the court found that the legislative authority determines the rates for those employees, ultimately.

MR. SHEELY: Well I'm not in agreement with that Section 2.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is Council able to make changes to this as they want before voting on it tonight or should this—

MR. LIMING: We can go first reading on it.

SOLICITOR RIES: You could do first reading. You could not pass it. If you don't pass it, it goes back to the—I mean, the way this has panned out, the BPA hasn't passed a Resolution on this. It was under the old Ordinance, right, Chris? You guys don't have a Resolution for this, right?

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, we did pass a Resolution.

SOLICITOR RIES: Okay.

MAYOR WOODWARD: They did.

MR. PETERSON: We passed a Resolution for Council's consideration.

SOLICITOR RIES: Okay. If you guys decide not to approve it, it goes back to the BPA to come up with a different rate, basically, subject to Council review.

MR. SHEELY: Well, everybody else got three percent. That's all I can tell you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any other questions that they need answered.

SOLICITOR RIES: Chris, are you sure the BPA passed this in a Resolution? I think they passed the previous one. There was an Ordinance passed by Council in December. There has been an Ordinance and a Resolution passed, but this has been modified. I think the BPA passed their Resolution with the different amounts and it was passed by Council in

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December.

MR. PETERSON: No, we had a special meeting and passed the Resolution with the changes last Monday.

MAYOR WOODWARD: He wasn't there.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, you weren't there.

SOLICITOR RIES: So, I'm not going crazy.

MAYOR WOODWARD: No.

MR. PETERSON: No.

SOLICITOR RIES: Glad to know that.

(Laughter.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, regarding this piece of legislation, are there any motions tonight?

SOLICITOR RIES: My only suggestion is rather than have this go for three readings, it's up to Council, but if you don't think this is going to pass, the sooner the better so the BPA knows so they can go back to the drawing board on this. That's my recommendation.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, does anybody want to make a motion to send this back to the BPA?

MR. SHEELY: I'll make that motion.

MAYOR WOODWARD: There's a motion by Sheely.

MR. MOSELEY: I'll second it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Mr. Moseley. Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?

MS. BLANK: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried to send this piece of legislation back to BPA—

MR. PETERSON: I'll let them know.

MAYOR WOODWARD: —for their review. The next one that I have. We have two more pieces of legislation. Bill.

MR. BLANK: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN TO ACCEPT THE BID OF KIRILLA CONTRACTORS, INC., IN CONNECTION TO THE METER VAULT REHABILITATION AND THE AIR RELEASE VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there—

MS. BLANK: I'll make that motion.

MAYOR WOODWARD: A motion to suspend the rules?

MS. BLANK: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Motion to suspend by Blank.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Liming. Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

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MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. LIMING: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.
MR. SHEELY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

(VOTE: 5, AYE 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 2-2025.
MR. BLANK: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING WORK AUTHORIZATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,083.82 FOR CT CONSULTANTS, INC., TO PERFORM WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE VALVE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE EXISTING 24-INCH TRANSMISSION WATERLINE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to suspend the rules?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

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MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. LIMING: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.
MR. CAMPBELL: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Campbell. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: No.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

(VOTE: 4, AYE; 1, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 4, ayes; 1, nay. Motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 3-2025.
MR. BORDNER: Mayor, I'm so sorry to interrupt. But the first Ordinance that you passed, you guys passed at 1-2025.
MAYOR WOODWARD: That's correct. Because last meeting we had two pieces of legislation but neither one passed, so we needed to go back to one. The one piece of legislation at the last meeting was —
CHIEF EASTHAM: But No. 3 was 1 also, 25-1. The one that was sent back. The one you sent back was also labeled No. 1 in the headline of it. It says Ordinance 25-1.
MR. BLANK: That was BPA's Resolution, 2025—1.
MR. LIMING: The first thing we passed tonight.
MAYOR WOODWARD: The first thing we passed tonight should be 1-2025.
MR. BLANK: Yeah, it shouldn't have been three.
MAYOR WOODWARD: It shouldn't have been three because we didn't pass any prior legislation this year.
MS. BORDNER: So, then this second one you passed is three now?
MAYOR WOODWARD: The second one for Kirilla contractors, awarding that, is 2-2025. And then the Ordinance approving the work authorization for CT Consultants is 3-2025.
MS. BORDNER: All right. Thank you. I'm so sorry.
MR. BLANK: No, Kellie. I'm glad you caught that. She caught it right before the meeting.
MAYOR WOODWARD: It was confusing.
MS. BORDNER: I just wanted to make sure.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes, thank you.
CHIEF MILHOAN: We saw the number on the side, and that's usually what they start with so we weren't sure.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Right. Bill and I had that discussion before the meeting because we did not actually pass any legislation at the first meeting this year. So we had to start at No. 1.
Okay, moving on to old business. Is there any old business?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
New business. Lamar?

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MR. LIMING: Yes, Mayor. I'd like to make a motion that we give Martin the authority to purchase 1,000 tons of salt costing \$82 a ton, not to exceed 1,000. Then when he gets it bought, we'll bring legislation retro on that.

MR. NELDER: Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: There's a motion by Mr. Liming.

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Mr. Sheely. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried.

MR. SHEELY: Don't we have to discuss the GoDaddy for Brent?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yep, we have—I'm trying to get through my notes here.

MS. BLANK: We have resignations.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes. Can I have a motion to approve the Clerk to renew the GoDaddy contract, not to exceed \$7,000 for three years.

MR. MOSELEY: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Liming. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried.
Tonight we have some resignations from the Fire Department. I'd like to entertain a motion to accept the resignation of Jack Quimby from the Lordstown Fire Department. This will be effective February 5, 2025. And, also, to accept the resignation of Jace Melick and Richard Rider, effective immediately. We'll do that one first. Is there a motion to accept these resignations?

MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Campbell.

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. Any questions or concerns?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL)

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried.
I need to entertain a motion to appoint Peyton Giggs as a Junior Firefighter, effective today, January 21, 2025.

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MR. BLANK: Who is it?
MAYOR WOODWARD: Peyton, P-e-y-t-o-n.
MR. LIMING: I'll make that motion.
CHIEF EASTHAM: Gibbs, G-i-b-b-s.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Oh, it's spelled wrong. It's spelled Giggs.
CHIEF EASTHAM: Did I spell it wrong?
MAYOR WOODWARD: Yeah.
CHIEF EASTHAM: Sorry. My bad.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Gibbs?
CHIEF EASTHAM: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: G-i-b-b-s?
CHIEF EASTHAM: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. I'm sorry, was there a motion?
MR. LIMING: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.
MR. CAMPBELL: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Campbell. Any questions?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried.
The next thing I have is I'd like to entertain a motion to accept the resignation from Councilman Terry Campbell, effective January 31, 2025.
MS. BLANK: I'll make that motion.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Blank. Is there a second?
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
MR. SHEELY: Should have went three readings on this, Terry.
(Laughter.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: Terry, do you abstain? Are you abstaining?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

(VOTE: 4, AYE; 0, NAY; 1, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Terry abstained. So, we have 4, ayes; 1, abstention. The motion is carried. Terry, we will be sorry to see you go. Thank you for your time on Council.
MR. CAMPBELL: You're quite welcome.
MR. SHEELY: Terry, it was my pleasure to work with you, bud.
MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you. I've been here and lived in this Village since I was 18 years old, worked multiple jobs. I love living here but at this age of 75 going on 76, I thought it was just time to take a little break. So, I thank everybody for all their help and everything they've done to help me.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you, Terry.
MR. LIMING: Thank you.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there any additional new business?

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(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Is there any additional public remarks?

MR. FUCHILLA:

Nobody has to answer me.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

State your name and address.

MR. FUCHILLA:

Mike Fuchilla, 7400 Highland Avenue, S.W. When you call out the Water Department, you're getting quality guys to do the job out there, same with the Fire, same with the Police. The only thing different is we're holding two extra licenses that none of the rest have to hold. So, you're saying we're the same as the Road guys while we're holding two other licenses. We're having a hard enough time to get people to come in and to work let alone to get them licenses. And you guys are bickering about \$2 more for the licenses? That's crazy.

What's going to happen when the hydrants aren't working or there's a water break and we don't have enough manpower to handle it because we don't have the people? You guys coming out? I don't see you coming out. I don't see any of you guys out there when we're out there freezing our butts off. Sorry for being disrespectful. I've seen Chris out there. I've seen Martin out there with us. I've seen some of the Road guys. Haven't seen you guys out there. You weren't out there when I was out there freezing and getting wet. What is the difference for \$2?

I hope you guys think about this because you're going to lose people. You're not going to have a Water Department. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Are there any additional public remarks?

MR. MCGRAIL:

Mark McGrail, 3656 Goldner Lane, Lordstown, Ohio. Terry, thank you for your many years of service to our Village.

MR. CAMPBELL:

Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Is there any other public comments?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Hearing none, is there a motion for adjournment?

MR. MOSELEY:

So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Motion by Moseley.

MR. LIMING:

Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Second by Liming. All in favor?

COUNCIL:

Aye.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

All opposed?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Motion is carried. Meeting adjourned.

(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M.)

_____, Mayor

_____, Clerk

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STATE OF OHIO)
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COUNTY OF TRUMBULL)

I, Sharon K. Vigorito, a Notary Public, within and for the State of Ohio, do certify that the foregoing meeting before the Lordstown Village Council was written in the presence of witnesses and by me transcribed. I further certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript to the best of my abilities.

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