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PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting

(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 6:04 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Roll call, please.
MR. BLANK: Mayor Woodward?
MAYOR WOODWARD: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Here.
MR. BLANK: Ms. Blank?
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT.)
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: Parks, Buildings, Grounds, Street Commissioner, Ron Hickox?
MR. HICKOX: Here.
MR. BLANK: Board of Public Affairs?
MR. PETERSON: Here.
MR. BLANK: Engineer, Chris Kogelnik?
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Councilwoman Blank has asked to be excused today. She is attending a funeral for a family member.
MR. LIMING: I'll make that motion to excuse her.
MR. BOND: I'll second it.
MAYOR WOODWARD: We have a second. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

I had to think about it. I'm not used to having so many people with me. So, 5, ayes; 0, nays.
Can I get a motion for the adoption of the agenda?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second?

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MR. CAMPBELL: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Terry. This is going to take me a little while. Do you want me to just do all in favor for this one? Okay. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

No opposition, so that motion is passed.
Can I get a motion for disposal of the minutes?
MR. BOND: So moved.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MR. BLANK: You need to separate—
MAYOR WOODWARD: So, summarize—
MR. BLANK: No. You have to say the date.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Oh, okay. Sorry. The disposal of the minutes for the regular meeting December 18, 2023.
MR. BOND: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion from Bond.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second from Liming. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

So, 5, ayes; 0, nays. That is passed.
I need a motion for payment of the—there are no bills?
MR. BLANK: I don't know why—
MAYOR WOODWARD: Skip it?
Mayor's report. This is going to be lengthy. Tonight, I am going to recommend Duane Richmond for hire for the Road Department. We will need to do that tonight. Duane is a very skilled equipment operator. He is an asset to the Road Department.
Also, as part of this report today, I am going to do my state-of-the-Village report, which will be lengthy. I've asked some of the department heads to help me with some of the highlights from the year.
So, the Village this year hosted a very successful community picnic in October, which, I believe, another one is planned for May of this year.
The Christmas tree lighting event in November was well attended.
The process has been started with the Trumbull County Land Bank to have several dilapidated structures demolished.
Our Zoning Department is making an effort to keep the website up to date with information and has offered to promote local businesses on the website. If anyone has a small business that they'd like to promote, contact Kellie or Debbie and get that on the website.
In May, we put a half percent income tax increase on the ballot, which passed. That allowed Chief Eastham to hire

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nine full-time firefighter/EMS personnel, putting three on each shift. They also retained some part-time employees, too.

In October, they also took possession of a new ambulance, which was paid for with CARES Act money from a previous year.

Our Police Department started our first K-9 program in May, which has been a great asset to the community so far.

They finished fitting several of the police cruisers that were purchased in previous years, put them into service. They had to wait on pieces and parts, which took a little bit longer, but they're done now.

Our School Resource Officer was provided with a new DARE car with a new decal design. You can see that sitting over in the school parking lot most days.

Tasers and body cameras were purchased for each officer and in-car video systems were purchased.

We had new roofs installed on the Police Department building and the Administration building.

Our SRO Officer, Harrison, continues to do DARE programs in our schools. He's also taught some of the Government students in class called "What is a Peace Officer?" So, this program is teaching students how to interact with police officers should they get pulled over, which is really nice for young people.

We held our annual Shop-With-A-Cop program and \$9,750 was provided in assistance to Lordstown students and families in the form of Christmas shopping with the younger kids, gift cards for Eastwood Mall for some of the older students and Butcher Block gift cards for the families.

The food drive was held and provided food for 23 families for Thanksgiving and 25 families for Christmas.

The Road Department has also been busy. They completed a couple of culvert projects. They held a scrap tire collection in June, which we received help from Trumbull/Geauga Solid Waste District. So, this is a good opportunity for any of the residents to get their old tires disposed of.

Memorial Day parade was held in May.

The road crew assisted with the festival and the 5K run.

They've helped during cross country and track meets in the parks and soccer, baseball, softball games. They continue to keep our cemeteries mowed. Now we're getting ready to go into snow and ice season, so they have the trucks ready to go, which I'm sure they'll be needed soon.

So, those are just some of the highlights of things that have been going on this year. It's just important to me because we hear so many negative things. I just want to bring forward some of the positive things and be sure that everybody knows that their tax dollars are being spent in a good way, too.

The only other thing is I gave Council members their committee assignments. Hopefully, those are to your liking. And that's all I have.

A Clerk's report?

MR. BLANK:

I just wanted to state that I only put capital improvement money in—I forget what it was, Brent, that you were getting,

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and Ron for the Hewitt-Gifford. So, there is money for some projects, but it's in the general. So, we'll have to go through Finance to get it transferred out.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Any questions for Bill?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Solicitor's report?

SOLICITOR RIES: No report, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Questions for Matt?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Treasurer's report?

MR. EBLING: No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Anybody have any questions for George?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Board of Trustees of Public Affairs Report?

MR. PETERSON: Yes. Our next regular meeting is January 16th before the meeting.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Before the Council meeting?

MR. PETERSON: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Chris?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Village Engineer's report?

MR. KOGELNIK: Evening, Mayor. Happy New Year to the Council, as well. I passed out my paper report to everybody there. The one thing that we're going to be working on the next couple weeks is submitting those applications to ODOD that I had told everybody about. At the tail end of last month, we submitted the applications for capital budgets. So, this kind of follows suit. The ODOT applications will be the remaining amount that we haven't applied for on the 24-inch future waterline, as well as the Hallock-Young connector waterline. So, that's what we're going to be working on. I provided Cindy Slusarczyk, Water Clerk, with what we need to make those applications.
I'm going to be out of town, but I'm going to have people working on those applications while I'm not here. Apart from that, we're continuing on with the TEC site plan review. We still have some things with regard to the Warren waterline that we still need to complete that review. So, we're working on that.
I also included with my report the five-year forecast as far as an idea of what the priorities are. Priorities shift from year to year sometimes. So, I'm encouraging at least the Utilities Committee members and also the Board of Public Affairs to meet and discuss what priorities you have for water and sanitary sewer, storm sewer and even roadway. And then let me know because we need to help you with the funding applications.
That's all I have. Do you have any questions?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Special reports. Police Chief Brent Milhoan?

CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mayor and members of Council. I've submitted my monthly report for December of 2023 via email this afternoon. If you have any questions, I'll attempt to answer them.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Anybody have any questions for Brent?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Fire Chief Travis Eastham?

CHIEF EASTHAM: Yes, Mayor. We did finish the year out with 1,063 calls, which was about 200 more than last year. We're seeing an up tick of about 100 to 200 every year. This year we bumped an extra 200, so that's where we're at. That's all.

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

MR. BORDNER: Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie Bordner?
Thank you, Mayor. We provided the 2023 year-end reports to you and Council as follows: The overall zoning permits that have been issued and then we broke that down into the 2023 sign permits that were issued and the 2023 new single-family dwelling permits. We also included in the packet a list of certificates of occupancy that were issued this past year.

Also, the 2023 year-end Planning Commission reports, which recaps what was on the agenda for each of those meetings for the past year. We also included the zoning violations, which we work by initially sending out either a letter to the property owner or business or contact them by email if we have that information or by telephone number before we issue any formal zoning violations. You'll see what some of those issues were on them. Then we also have a list of 2023 subdivisions and consolidations of parcels that were completed. And the zoning fines that were charged and collected in 2023.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you, Kellie. Does anybody have any questions for Kellie?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Parks, Grounds, Buildings, Street Superintendent, Ron Hickox?

MR. HICKOX: Thank you. Welcome, Mayor. Happy New Year to everyone. Since our last meeting, the second turbine was moved for the new power plant from the Ohio Commerce Center to the location with no issues that I'm aware of. It went rather smooth.

The roofing projects on the two buildings, this and the police station, are completed except for the metal flashing that was damaged in shipment for the police station. When that comes in, that will finish that. There is a warranty examination from Carlisle, the manufacturer of the product. So, that's—we're on hold until this flashing arrives. It should be soon.

We removed two trees that were hazardous from our right-of-ways.

We were dispatched two times for snow and ice.

We've been doing pothole repairs and drainage repairs at various locations.

And two new hires from November started and they're learning their snow and ice routes, and they've been an asset so far.

That's all I have.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you, Ron. Anybody have any questions for Ron?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Correspondence, Bill?

MR. BLANK: Matt has two.

SOLICITOR RIES: I have two pieces of correspondence I'm going to read. The first one is dated December 28, 2023. It's from James Gates. "Dear Lordstown Village Council: I ask that this letter be read aloud at the next Council meeting scheduled for January 3, 2024, as follows: I am writing to express my support for the Ordinance taking a temporary moratorium on the granting of new permits for companies operating truck terminals or trucking operations within the Village of Lordstown. I have heard many Lordstown residents complain about oversized or semi trucks operating on residential roads restricted to trucks disrupting their peace, security and pursuit of happiness. I believe this moratorium would allow the Village to investigate trucking violations and disruptions to residents and time to discuss these issues and others in regards to truck traffic in our village. Sincerely, James Gates." Second piece of correspondence is from Phyllis Chaney, I believe. It's handwritten.

MR. BLANK: Yes.

SOLICITOR RIES: "To the Lordstown Village Council: I am requesting Council to place a moratorium on companies that want to operate truck terminals in the Village until Council can create zoning codes to deal with overweight trucks and to protect Village residents and to help Lordstown and the beautiful country village that it is and to protect residents and especially the farmers present and future in our community. Thank you. Sincerely, Ms. Phyllis Chaney." Those are the only two pieces of correspondence.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public remarks? If somebody has a public remark, raise your hand and I'll call on you and step up to the microphone. State your name and address.

MS. CZOKA: Hi. Laura Czoka, 1211 Hallock-Young Road, Lordstown. Welcome to the new Mayor. Happy New Year to Council. A few Council meetings ago, I requested that we look into repairing the microphones. Do we have an update on that?

MR. MOSELEY: They've been working on that.

MS. CZOKA: I'm sorry?

MR. MOSELEY: They were working on that and Ron got another bid. That's the last I heard.

MR. HICKOX: I have two quotes, and I was waiting for my committee to be assigned, and we would have a meeting and make a decision to get them moving.

MS. CZOKA: Can we do that? Can we make a motion on that or get that rolling somehow?

MR. LIMING: Well, we have to have a meeting.

MR. CAMPBELL: Have to have a committee meeting.

MS. CZOKA: Okay.

MAYOR WOODWARD: They just reviewed those committee appointments today. So they will be having their first committee meetings, I'm assuming, within the next couple weeks—

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MS. CZOKA: Okay.
MAYOR WOODWARD: —and once they do that, Ron can move forward.
MR. HICKOX: The quotes are over a thousand dollars, so we have to go through committee.
MS. CZOKA: Great. Thank you. Thank you for your work—
MR. HICKOX: Sure.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there anybody else?
MR. CZOKA: Keep it in the family. Tom Czoka, 1211 Hallock-Young Road. Just on Saturday—I know the Fire Department and the Road Department Saturday evening they had the road shut down—Hallock-Young Road shut down so the Fire Department could clean up the mud off the road that was drug out onto the road.
First of all, when—what's his name? Steve. When he was here, he said first of all, they're not going to be working on the weekends. Well, this was this Saturday, Holiday weekend. I know the road crew wasn't happy being out there with the roads blocked because I went and talked to the fellow that had the truck in front of my house. And the Fire Department had to be out there hosing down the road for two hours. Traffic had to circle around, nobody knew it was closed.
And I guess my only thing is I'm glad they did it to get the mud off the road, first of all. But the second thing is we should be sending a bill to somebody. We shouldn't just be eating this for no reason. They are responsible for cleaning the roads. Somehow we need to get our money back.
And the other thing is the trucking. Just today tractor trailers coming down Hallock-Young Road and freight trucks coming down Hallock—Young Road going from east to west. I don't understand it. Got to fix it.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there anybody else?
MS. SOFIA: Christine Sofia, 6256 Tod Avenue. I concur with Jim Gates, absolutely, on all this trucking. We need to do something. We need more signage, maybe speed signs that show the speed. I hear Jake brakes. It sounds like my house is going to just explode with truck noise. I don't think this Live Zone is going to do any good for us at all.
I also wondered what is Council's view on people that work for the Village commenting on social media about Village issues. Thank you.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Anybody want to respond?
MR. MOSELEY: I thought they were told they weren't allowed to.
MAYOR WOODWARD: I'm not sure what was done previously.
SOLICITOR RIES: There's a policy in place that addresses it. I don't know it off the top of my head or who put it in place years ago, but I would refer to the social media policy that the Village has.
MS. SOFIA: I've been told both, that you're allowed and you're not allowed. So, that's why I'm wondering.
SOLICITOR RIES: There's a documented social media policy that the Village has. It's publicly available.
MAYOR WOODWARD: We'll look into that. Is there anybody else with public comments? Mark?

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MR. MCGRAIL:

Mark McGrail, 3656 Goldner Lane, Lordstown, Ohio. With regards to this Ordinance on the moratorium, as I said two meetings ago, I support the moratorium. I wish that we had taken some form of action, such as this, prior to rushing head-long into the development of these two electric plants. I think a lot of issues that you're still dealing with today could have been resolved, addressed back then. So, with the moratorium, it gives you a pause.

One of the problems I have with all of this is the gaslighting that you folks have been subjected to. Gaslighting making you to believe that this moratorium is a good idea, getting you to question that belief.

So, for instance, we have been attacked here in this Village for having low taxes. That's a good thing. The point behind that is that what people who say that don't tell you is they think we should be paying more so that we can bring in businesses and give them abatements so that they don't have to pay taxes. In other words, they want the residents to subsidize these developments. That's gaslighting.

Two of our Council members were attacked at the last meeting for the CAUV valuation of their property. First of all, Council has no control over that, whatsoever. I believe that's a state program operated through the county. If people have an issue with that, that's where you need to go, not here. We have been attacked for not handling the taxation of trucking company employees. So, I got ahold of the tax department and asked if anybody has contacted you about that and questioned that? The answer was no. And further to the answer is the person from the tax department listed out that they're following state law and state regulation with regards to taxation of the employees of the trucking companies. So, they're doing it right. The issue is not us doing something wrong. The issue is a lot of these trucking terminals, trucking companies pay little to no taxes. That's the issue, not us.

We have been attacked for not being willing to work with the area, the region for development. If you ever hear anybody talk about development, it's never about what's good for Lordstown. It's always what's good for the region and what's good for the area. I want to see somebody come here and say, "You know what? You should be behind this because this is what's going to happen for Lordstown." I don't care about the region, honestly. I just don't.

So, finally, I support this. I know you have another reading to go after tonight. Hopefully at that reading, you will pass this. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Anybody else have any other comments or remarks?

(NO RESPONSE.)

Are there any Council remarks?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

All right. Committee reports. Since we have new committees now, then—we have Finance, but it will be from last month.

MR. BLANK:

Right. So just go down the other ones.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

So, Mr. Moseley, for Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks?

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MR. MOSELEY: No report.
MAYOR WOODWARD: For Public Safety and Police Department, Lamar Liming?
MR. LIMING: No report.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Safety, Fire and EMS, Terry Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: No report.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Utilities, Robert Bond?
MR. BOND: I have no report this evening, Ms. Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Recreation and Planning, Howard Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: No report tonight.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Anybody have questions for any of these?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All right. Legislation, Bill?
MR. BLANK: From Planning and Zoning and Recreation Department
Committee For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE
PLACING A 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.**
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion?
MR. SHEELY: It's second reading.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second ready, okay.
MR. BLANK: She still has to ask.
MAYOR WOODWARD: So, I just need to say this has had its second reading,
officially?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.
MR. BLANK: From Finance Committee for Emergency Passage, **AN
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CASH
TRANSFER OF INTEREST EARNED IN THE
ENDOWMENT FUNDS INTO THE CEMETERY
FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
MR. MOSELEY: Motion to suspend the rules.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion from Moseley and a second from Liming. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell:
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

MR. LIMING: Motion to adopt.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion to adopt from Liming and a second from Moseley.
Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?

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MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: That has passed. Ordinance 1-2024.
MR. BLANK: Passed 5:0.
MAYOR WOODWARD: What?
MR. BLANK: Passed 5:0.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Passed 5, ayes; 0, nays. Sorry.
MR. BLANK: From Finance Committee for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CASH ADVANCEMENT FROM THE UTILITIES FUND 601.353.55000 CAPITAL OUTLAY ACCOUNT INTO THE UTILITY WATER FUND 601.000.47005 STATE \$ ACCOUNT, TO BE RETROACTIVE TO DECEMBER 28, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion?
MR. MOSELEY: Motion to suspend the rules.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion to suspend by Moseley—
MR. BOND: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: —and then second by Bond. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: 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. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. BOND: So moved.
MR. SHEELY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Moved by Bond; second by Sheely. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.

(VOTE: 5, AYES; 0, NAYS; 0, ABSTAINED.)

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MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. What is it—2-2024.
MR. BOND: 2024.
MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MR. LIMING: Motion to suspend the rules.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion to suspend the rules by Liming and second Moseley.
Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays for emergency. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Moved by Campbell and a second by Moseley. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: 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 for Ordinance 3-2024.
MR. BLANK: From Finance Committee For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS WITHIN VARIOUS FUNDS TO BE RETROACTIVE TO DECEMBER 30, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Are there motions?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MR. LIMING: Second
MAYOR WOODWARD: Moved by Sheely and a second by Liming—
MR. BLANK: To suspend the rules?

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Is this a motion to suspend the rules?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: And roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. CAMPBELL So moved.
MR. BOND: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Moved by Campbell; second by Bond. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: 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. This passed. Ordinance 4-2024.
MR. BLANK: From Finance Committee For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE REVISING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion?
MR. MOSELEY: Motion to suspend.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion to suspend by Moseley. Is there a second?
MR. SHEELY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. BOND: So moved.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Moved by Bond and a second by Liming. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: That passed. Ordinance 5-2024.
Old business. Is there any old business that anybody wishes to discuss?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
New business. We need to hire Duane, so can I get a motion?
MR. SHEELY: I'll make that motion.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely to hire Duane Richmond and a second by Moseley. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

5, ayes, 0, nays.
MR. BOND: I have to make a motion for executive session—
(Brief, off—record discussion.)
MR. SHEELY: I'd like to make a motion for Bob to be Council president.
MAYOR WOODWARD: There's a motion on the floor for Mr. Bond to be Council president. Can I get a second?
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Liming. All in favor?
MR. BLANK: Any other nominations?
MAYOR WOODWARD: Are there any other nominations?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
MR. LIMING: Move to close nominations.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion to close the nominations by Mr. Liming.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. And a roll call—or all in favor?
MR. BLANK: All in favor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All in favor?
MR. BLANK: That's not that important of a job.
(Laughter.)
MR. BOND: Abstain.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: So we have 4, ayes; 1, abstention. Any nays?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
No nays. So that is passed. Congratulations.

MR. BOND: Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Do we want to do any additional public remarks first?

MR. BOND: I need to make a motion for executive session.

MAYOR WOODWARD: You want to do public remarks first?

MR. BOND: Yeah, go ahead.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Are there any additional public remarks?

MS. WATSON: Danielle Watson, 2056 New Drive. Last couple Council meetings—Jackie, you were here as well—I have really been pushing for natural gas to the residents who don't have it. I would like to ask Council and Mrs. Mayor if you guys would consider getting a committee together to get something in the works in case we ever do have the opportunity to apply for this funding if it's ever available again so that we can get the remaining residents natural gas, the ones that don't have it. That's all.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Would that fall under Utilities Committee? We could add that to the Utility Committee agenda?

MR. BLANK: I don't know if you can add it to the agenda. They can discuss it—

MAYOR WOODWARD: They can discuss it, okay. Is there any additional public remarks?
(NO RESPONSE.)

MR. LIMING: Should we hire Mr. Hickox?

MR. BLANK: Yes.

MR. MOSELEY: That's her call—

MR. LIMING: That's your appointment—

MR. BLANK: That has to be done today.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, we need to appoint Mr. Hickox to his position as the Street Commissioner.

MR. LIMING: I'll make that motion.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: A second by Mr. Bond. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

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

5, ayes; 0, nays. Congratulations.

MR. HICKOX: Thank you.

MR. SHEELY: You get to hang around another year.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Am I missing anything?

MR. BOND: You ready for me, then?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Sure.

MR. BOND: I'd like to make a motion for an executive session covering the Mark McGrail court action, inviting all of Council and the Mayor. Will there be any action after this?

SOLICITOR RIES: Just to reopen the meeting and to adjourn. That will be it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Can I get a second?

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MR. SHEELY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

**(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE
THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:40 P.M.)**

**(THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:52 P.M.
MOTION BY LIMING TO ADJOURN; SECOND BY BOND. ALL AYE.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:53 P.M.)**

_____, Mayor

_____, Clerk

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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