

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**Lordstown Village Council Public Hearing**  
**(WHEREAS, the public hearing before the Lordstown Village Council**  
**commenced on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. and**  
**proceedings were as follows:)**  
**January 5, 2026**  
**5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.**  
Council Approval 1/20/26

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 5th of January, 2026.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. I'd like to call the public hearing to order. Roll call please.

CLERK BLANK: Mayor Woodward.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Here.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.

MR. BOND: Here.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. McGrail.

MR. McGRAIL: Present.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.

MR. LIMING: Here.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.

MR. MOSELEY: Here.

CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.

MS. BLANK: Here.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Radtka.

MR. RADTKA: Present.

CLERK BLANK: Solicitor Matt Ries.

ATTY. RIES: Here.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Can I have a motion for adoption of the agenda?

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. Reading of Public Notice. Lordstown Village Council will conduct a public hearing on January 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lordstown Village Administration Building Council Chambers, 1455 Salt Springs Road S.W., Lordstown, Ohio 44481 for discussion of the following legislation:

An ordinance placing a temporary moratorium not to exceed one hundred and eighty (180) days on the granting/issuing of any new permits, as well as the receipt and processing of applications for permits, for data centers within the corporate limits of the Village of Lordstown and declaring an emergency. The purpose of this meeting is to allow written and/or oral input from the public regarding the above. By order of Lordstown Village Council, William L. Blank, Clerk. Mayor's Comments. I do not have any comments on this tonight. Council Comments, are there any? All right. Hearing none, we'll move on to Public Comments. Are there any? Okay, go ahead.

MS. CZOKA:

I'll start. Hi, Laurie Czoka. 1211 Hallock Young Road. And I'm here in support of the moratorium. I think all of you know where I stand on the data centers for the reasons, I think everyone in this room knows: The excessive noise, the excessive lighting, the excessive use of water, the increase in the utility rates. Even our engineer at one point had agreed that Lordstown cannot support a data center at this time. So, I am in support of the moratorium, and if I can vote for the ban tonight, I would vote for it. But I'm asking you to please remember the residents are here, I think most of them are in support of the moratorium. So please remember that you're working for the residents. You've got our best interests at heart, and I hope you continue to remember that. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Okay. Thank you. Is there anybody else?

MR. ALDERMAN:

I'll speak if nobody else wants to.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Sure.

MR. ALDERMAN:

My name's Jeff Alderman. I live at 2832 Newton Falls Bailey Road. I am in support of a moratorium and a ban for a data center or any other business that wants to come in and take, not just data centers. I'm in support of this not only for my own community but for all communities. I'm happy to see that a lot of communities nationwide are starting to stand up and speak out and fight against this kind of stuff. Bristolville, L.L.C., that is the company that's trying to come in and build this current project, this current data center. It's a front. It's a facade to mask a company's true intentions and to shield themselves from any negative repercussions. It's corporate business, that's the way it works. It was nice that they named their company Bristolville, which is a fellow community not more than 10 minutes away. Kind of makes us think that's some good old local boys coming in to develop. That's pretty deceitful. Bristolville, L.L.C. will exist during the buildup phase of this data center; and once it's finished the L.L.C. will be dissolved and the foreign entity responsible for all this will take over, and it will probably be done by a shell company.

Again, it's -- their foreign investors coming in that are wanting to do this. This isn't Americans trying to better other Americans. If you guys are all for selling your country out to a foreign entity, you might want to re-evaluate your stance. I spent 20 years in the military serving my country. I didn't come back home to this. So that's why I'm standing up against it. Bristolville, L.L.C. was trying to sneak their way into our community and that didn't work. They've offered to buy their way in with mere pennies, and honestly, we don't need anything from them. A low estimate valuation of this project is \$3 billion, most likely higher than that. Other data center projects have gone up to \$15 billion, \$30 billion. Anything short of \$30 million -- say they offer us -- \$30 million is only 1 percent of what this project's valued at. That's what they think of you all. I believe they offered \$10 million at one point to finish the upgrades on the water and the sewer lines. This entity will use up our water to cool their infrastructure, to prevent corrosion, mineral build-up and freezing within this expensive and fragile cooling system, they'll add toxic chemicals to that water. Think about your cooling system in your vehicle. It's not water, it's anti-freeze. They're not gonna spend billions and billions of dollars on their infrastructure structure and run straight water through it, it's not gonna happen. Any water graciously returned to our natural water systems will be polluted. The price of that water for residents will go up. You're paying more for nasty water. Water pressures will probably go down. We may even be told to ration our own water use during certain times of the year. I lived in Las Vegas for a number of years. I know exactly what it's like to go through water rationing. I've lived all over the world, I've experienced living in multiple different communities, so I'm not coming at this one-sided. This company will pay next to nothing for that same water. Electricity rates have already doubled; nothing has improved or changed for the consumers. We now pay more for the same service. Our electric rate doubled this year. I was paying 4.5, I'm paying 9 now, which I had to search and search and search for that rate. I think the average is 11.5. Nothing has changed with my usage. I haven't got better service. Those two power plants, yeah, we're paying for those also and not receiving a single benefit. My power still goes out just like before. I'm close -- we're all close to major sources of energy, none of us get any price breaks. The strain on the grid will be multiplied infinitely with the addition of a data center. Residents would no longer be a priority during outages. The power company will be required to make sure that data center stays open. You guys will be a second thought; I'll be a second thought.

We'll pay the cost for building this monstrosity with higher utility rates and again, this company will pay next to nothing. You think they're gonna come in and pay for building this structure themselves? They won't, it will be passed on to other people. That's the way corporations work. Taxes, they won't pay any. They'll be abatements and secret handshakes and promises. My property value will go down; my tax rate won't. We as a community have already said no. Our elected officials put in place to represent us have said no on our behalf and hopefully theirs too. I really hope that when we say no again then that is the end of it. You guys take no and go peacefully amongst your merry way. If you don't take no, we'll fight. Maybe not in the courtroom. But I get it, I understand. English isn't the first language for the people or company you are shielding. So, for them I say **speaking a foreign language phrase** which is Taiwanese Mandarin for not welcome. That's all I have to say.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Thank you.

MS. BLANK:

And thank you for your service.

MR. WOODWARD:

My name's Dave J. Woodward, Sr. My wife and I moved from Mahoning County a little over a year-and-a-half ago because we like Lordstown, I do work here. And we're invested, we bought our house, we're putting a lot of money investing in our house because we're going to retire here, we have grandchildren here. I'm not happy with this moving in here because I was up in New Albany to visit my son, and I see what is going on with -- in New Albany with the data center. It's not good. It's not good. I'm really hoping -- because I'm worried about my property values, so I'm really hoping this doesn't happen. And I'm just -- I hope the Board keeps doing -- again, we left our house in Struthers because we wanted to move out here. We love this area, we love the Village, how you people take care of everything in this Village. And we're really heartbroken about this corporation trying to move in here and disrupt our way of life. I'm 65 years old. I want to try to work two more years, and my wife and I are hoping to live here until our 80s and 90s on our piece of property that we're putting a lot of money into. It's right up the road here. And we're proud of it and we're proud of the Village we live in. Like I say, we've been here under two years and we've been welcomed here, and we're really hoping this Council says no. Thank you very much.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Thank you. Anybody else?

MR. CZOKA:

Tom Czoka. 1211 Hallock Young Road. I just want to -- you know, they were -- the last meeting their lawyer was here along with an engineering firm that they hired out of Pittsburgh, and they were here to answer all the questions that we had concerning this. Well let me tell you, we asked probably eight or ten questions, and we were lucky to get the answers for two.

They didn't know the answers, or they didn't want to give us the answers because they don't know what they don't -- they don't know what this is gonna be. You know, they -- if it was a legitimate deal they would come in with a concept drawing, what it is, be proud of what there was. But this thing is so sneaky and so underhanded, and they can't answer the basic simple questions of how this thing is gonna operate. And I think we just need to turn it away until we can get some answers, if we get the right ones. That's all I got.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. Is there anybody else? This letter, was this supposed to be read --

MS. BORDNER: At Council, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: At Council. I'll wait then. Is there any other public comments? I want to make sure that everybody has a chance. All right.

MS. FILIPOVICH: Cassandra Filipovich. 2820 Lyntz Townline Road. I want to take this a different way. The last time you guys put the ban on, I'm sure somebody sent you the AI of all of you with the Mayor talking and you all pulling your phones up. That was so simple for them to do because of AI. We're putting this technology out there, we're expanding it. Is that something that we want to invest in, invest our property? I mean, how many times do you look at kids and say they're on their phones too much their electronics, they need to go outside and play. So don't invest in it, invest in your residents. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. All right. One more time, is there anybody else? Okay. Hearing none, can I have a motion for adjournment?

MR. MOSELEY: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley.

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. Meeting is adjourned.

**(The meeting adjourns at 5:45 p.m.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

C E R T I F I C A T E  
STATE OF OHIO        )  
TRUMBULL COUNTY     )  SS.

I, Deborah I. Lavelle, a Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing meeting before the Lordstown Village Council was written by me in the presence of the Members and transcribed by me using computer-aided transcription according to the stenotype notes taken at the time the said meeting took place.

I do further certify that I am not a relative, counsel or attorney of any Member, or otherwise interested in the event of this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Niles, Ohio on this 9th day of January, 2026.

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DEBORAH I. LAVELLE, Notary Public  
My Commission expires 4/15/2027