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**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
**1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio**  
**January 14, 2021**  
**3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Michael Sullivan, Vice-President  
Mr. Thomas Dietz, Board Member  
Mr. Darren Biggs, Supt. of Utilities  
Ms. Cinthia Slusarczyk, Clerk  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Bill Blank, Village Clerk

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio on this 14th of January, 2021.

MR. SULLIVAN: Please stand for the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Do you want me to do roll call?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Kevin Campbell.

(No response.)

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Thomas Dietz.

MR. DIETZ: Here.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Michael Sullivan.

MR. SULLIVAN: Here.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Darren Biggs.

MR. BIGGS: Here.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Cinthia Slusarczyk, present. Chris Kogelnik was not asked to attend.

MR. DIETZ: I'll make a motion to excuse Kevin on personal reasons.

MR. SULLIVAN: I second the motion.

MR. DIETZ: All in favor?

MR. SULLIVAN: All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All respond aye.)

MR. SULLIVAN: Those opposed?

(No response.)

MR. SULLIVAN: Ayes have it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. New Business. First is a Resolution of the Board of Public Affairs of the Village of Lordstown recommending that the Village of Lordstown acquire a non-exclusive easement from Lordstown EV Corporation, a Delaware corporation, successor-in-interest to Lordstown Motors Corp., a Delaware corporation, to construct, operate, maintain, repair, replace and remove pipeline to transport sanitary sewer waste from Ultium Cells, LLC's property.

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MR. DIETZ: Yeah, do you want to read the whole thing first?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No. That's the first piece of legislation you have.

MR. DIETZ: I'll make a motion that we have the Village Clerk do that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You'll just make a motion to accept the resolution as stated.

MR. DIETZ: Okay. I'll accept -- make a motion to accept the resolution as stated.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second that. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All respond aye.)

MR. SULLIVAN: Those opposed?

(No response).

MR. SULLIVAN: The ayes have it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That will become Resolution 2020-1.

MR. SULLIVAN: What is it?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: 2021-1.

**2. A Resolution of the Board of Public Affairs of the Village of Lordstown recommending that the Village of Lordstown acquire a non-exclusive easement from Ultium Cells, LLC, a Delaware corporation, to construct, operate, maintain, repair, replace and remove pipeline to transport sanitary sewer waste from Ultium Cells, LLC's property.**

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The second piece of legislation is a Resolution of the Board of Public Affairs of the Village of Lordstown recommending that the Village of Lordstown acquire a non-exclusive easement from Ultium Cells, LLC, a Delaware corporation, to construct, operate, maintain, repair, replace and remove pipeline to transport sanitary sewer waste from Ultium Cells, LLC's property.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll make a motion that we accept.

MR. DIETZ: I'll second then.

MR. SULLIVAN: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All respond aye.)

MR. SULLIVAN: The ayes have it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: This becomes Resolution 2021-2.

MR. SULLIVAN: Go ahead, Cindy.

**3. A Resolution of the Board of Public Affairs of the Village of Lordstown recommending that the Village of Lordstown acquire a non-exclusive easement from Ultium Cells, LLC, a Delaware corporation, to construct, operate, maintain, repair, replace and remove pipeline to transport potable water from the Village system to and across Ultium Cells, LLC's property.**

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Third piece of legislation is a Resolution of the Board of Public Affairs of the Village of Lordstown recommending that the Village of Lordstown acquire a non-exclusive easement from Ultium Cells, LLC, a Delaware corporation, to construct, operate, maintain, repair, replace and remove pipeline to transport potable water from the Village system to and across Ultium Cells, LLC's property.

MR. DIETZ: I'll make a motion.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second it. All those in favor

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signify by saying aye.

(All respond aye.)

MR. SULLIVAN: Those opposed?

(No response.)

MR. SULLIVAN: The ayes have it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: This becomes Resolution 2021-3.

MR. SULLIVAN: Go ahead.

4. A Resolution of the Board of Public Affairs of the Village of Lordstown recommending that the Village of Lordstown acquire a parcel of land from Tri-Mor, Ltd. to construct an elevated water storage tank to serve Ultium Cells, LLC and the Village Board of Public Affairs.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Fourth piece of legislation is a Resolution of the Board of Public Affairs of the Village of Lordstown recommending that the Village of Lordstown acquire a parcel of land from Tri-Mor, Ltd. to construct an elevated water storage tank to serve Ultium Cells, LLC and the Village Board of Public Affairs.

MR. DIETZ: I'll make a motion for that legislation.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second it. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All respond aye.)

MR. SULLIVAN: Those opposed?

(No response.)

MR. SULLIVAN: The ayes have it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That becomes Resolution 2021-4.

5. A Resolution of the Board of Public Affairs of the Village of Lordstown recommending that the Village of Lordstown acquire a permanent non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress from Tri-Mor, Ltd. to construct an elevated water storage tank to serve Ultium Cells, LLC and the Village Board of Public Affairs.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The fifth piece of legislation is a Resolution of the Board of Public Affairs of the Village of Lordstown recommending that the Village of Lordstown acquire a permanent non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress from Tri-More, Ltd. to construct an elevated water storage tank to serve Ultium Cells, LLC and the Village Board of Public Affairs.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll make a motion to accept.

MR. DIETZ: I'll second that.

MR. SULLIVAN: All those in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. SULLIVAN: Those opposed?

(No response.)

MR. SULLIVAN: The ayes have it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: This becomes Resolution 2021-5.

6. A Resolution recommending that the Council of the Village of Lordstown accept the bid of J.S. Bova Excavating for the State Route 45 corridor improvements, waterline improvements, Phase 1 project.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The sixth piece of legislation tonight is a Resolution recommending that the Council of the Village of Lordstown accept the bid of J.S. Bova Excavating for the State Route

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45 corridor improvements, waterline improvements, Phase 1 project.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll make a motion we accept.

MR. DIETZ: I'll second it.

MR. SULLIVAN: All those in favor signify by saying aye.  
(All respond aye.)

MS. SLUSARCZYK: This becomes Resolution 2021-6.

**7. A Resolution amending and restating Resolution No. 2018-6 to increase sanitary sewer rates and charges for consumers of the east side sewer system within and outside the Village of Lordstown and declaring an emergency.**

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The last piece of legislation tonight is a Resolution amending and restating Resolution No. 2018-6 to increase sanitary sewer rates and charges for consumers of the east side sewer system within and outside the Village of Lordstown and declaring an emergency.

MR. SULLIVAN: I don't understand why -- how this ties into anything.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't understand your question. How does it tie into --

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah. The Ultim or whatever, the other motions.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It does not. This is in response from the letter that was issued from the City of Warren dated December 28 stating that on February 1 our rate will increase to \$6.54 a thousand gallons.

MR. SULLIVAN: On the west side?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No, for the east side.

MR. DIETZ: East side sewers.

MR. SULLIVAN: And what are they gonna do with the east side?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: This is for the east side. This is between the Village of Lordstown and the City of Warren. The west side is between Trumbull County and the City of Warren.

MR. SULLIVAN: I understand. So we're going from --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: From \$5 a thousand.

MR. SULLIVAN: From \$5 a thousand to \$6.66?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: If they, in fact, raise the rate to \$6.54, it will only be 12 cents more that you'll bring in. This is to just get it kicked off until we see what the final rate increase will end up if we can get some negotiations with the City of Warren. We did meet with them earlier today. We've got to send a letter to the City of Warren asking them to work with us on the rates and to hold off on imposing that rate.

MR. SULLIVAN: And they didn't send anything why they are going up a dollar sixty-six a thousand?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: They did. It's because the agreement that we had they state expired December 31 of 2020.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, I understand that. But --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So we have no rate. That rate that they're imposing is the outside user rate, and with no contract specifying a rate to us it would default to that rate.

MR. DIETZ: Also Mike, I think we're trying to bring it up to what the --

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MR. BLANK: The west side is.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, I understand that. But I don't think it's right, you know. And every time we get something that comes into the Village, they find a way to go to the County instead of the west side -- I mean the east side.

MR. BLANK: Well if they put that rate on you're gonna pay the rate; and like she said, you'll make 12 cents a thousand.

MR. SULLIVAN: All right.

MR. DIETZ: I'll make a motion to accept that resolution, raising the east side sewer rate up to six --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Actually I would just prefer that you state you accept it as stated because there's multiple rates in there. There's inside rates, outside rates, Lordstown Energy Center rates.

**MR. DIETZ: I'll change my motion to accept it the way it is written.**

**MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second.**

**MS. SLUSARCZYK: This becomes Resolution 2021-7.**

#### **8. Personnel**

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The next thing on the agenda is Personnel, which I believe our Superintendent has requested executive session so you can interview candidates.

**MR. SULLIVAN: I'll make a motion for executive session so we can interview candidates.**

**MR. DIETZ: I'll second it.**

MR. BLANK: I have something first, if I can. Mine won't take that long.

MR. BIGGS: I have something too if you want to hold off on that. Do you want to take care of yours before you go? Can we do that before we go executive, let Bill -- and I got one thing while you're here, Bill.

MR. BLANK: You want me to hear?

MR. BIGGS: Just one thing and we'll do Bill.

MR. BLANK: Mike and Tom, I talked to Kevin. Cindy was making \$16.78 an hour, okay. And I would hope you guys know she does more than just her everyday operations up there.

MR. SULLIVAN: Oh, I certainly understand.

MR. BLANK: Well, she's been hounding me for probably a year-and-a-half.

MR. SULLIVAN: And so have I.

MR. BLANK: And I said I'm not having a bunch of assistant clerks up there. I seen how much she's done in the last six months, and I got a conscience and I can't leave it there. So I want to put her as clerk assistant, and that will -- that's a \$1.63 an hour increase.

MR. SULLIVAN: So you want us to make a motion for that?

MR. BLANK: Well, I'd like you -- yeah -- to get in your minutes because I have a piece of legislation coming in Tuesday. But I want your blessing in the minutes. And also we sit down, we interviewed three people for the part-time clerk's position; and two were Lordstown and one was from Berlin. And we would like to hire 2Becky Conn for 24 hours a week for Cindy to train.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, as long as you two are comfortable.

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MR. BLANK: Because when Debbie --

MR. SULLIVAN: At our last meeting we talked about that, and there was a problem, or may not be, I don't know; but it was said that you said that when the new one comes in she can't be on the computer or have her own desk or --

MR. BLANK: I didn't say that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No, I said she needs her own computer and that's -- I even have that on there to ask to purchase.

MR. BLANK: We asked for, and she's gonna get, her computer. It's more benefit to you guys than to me because when Debbie leaves my plan is to move Cindy over there, this girl take over Cindy's job; and then when I leave most likely Cindy will be in my seat. So we're only doing this so down the road there's a good, you know, transition when --

MR. DIETZ: I'd ask you question but we're on tape so --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It will allow her to come in. And with me going out on the 5th for surgery if -- the faster we can get her in here, that will give me about two weeks of training that I can get her to do the regular daily things to assist in the office while I am gone.

MR. DIETZ: I'll make a resolution to do what Bill wants to do on raising Cindy's pay.

MR. SULLIVAN: \$1.64?

MR. BLANK: Pardon.

MR. DIETZ: \$2.64.

MR. BLANK: It's \$1.63. All clerk assistants are making the same rate, \$18.41 an hour. That's Denise, Kathy and Debbie.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay.

MR. BLANK: But she's got a pretty big responsibility.

MR. SULLIVAN: Do you want that motion to -- that you'll be the same as an assistant clerk?

MR. BLANK: Well, she will be assistant clerk. Just make a motion to accept her being assistant clerk for the Water and Sewer Department.

**MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. Make a motion that Cindy becomes assistant clerk for the Water Department. Second, Tom?**

**MR. DIETZ: I'll second that.**

**MR. SULLIVAN: All those -- any questions? Seeing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.**

**(All respond aye.)**

MR. BLANK: And then I need one for Becky Conn for --

MR. SULLIVAN: Is she Lordstown?

MR. BLANK: Yes, she is.

**MR. DIETZ: I'll make a motion that we hire Becky Conn.**

**MR. SULLIVAN: And I'll second that motion.**

**MR. BLANK: For part-time.**

MR. DIETZ: For part-time for Cindy to teach her her job for when she goes off for surgery.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: This will be a permanent part-time position.

MR. DIETZ: Permanent part-time.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah. She's not gonna be up to speed by the time you --

MR. BLANK: No way.

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MS. SLUSARCZYK: They'll be able to get a feel for the office and work her way in. Like I said, I think with two weeks of training the daily things, the daily deposit and that stuff -- right now with all this legislation and stuff that's happening with the projects, then Bill and JoEllen and them will not have to focus on the deposit, they'll be able to put their energies towards all those extra projects. If she needs help they're there, I mean. But I do think with two weeks she'll be quite competent and being able to do that.

MR. SULLIVAN: I think Cindy paid for that raise with what happened in Niles.

MR. BLANK: Oh yes, I agree with that. But that's not my only decision. Actually it's funny because if she only did her water stuff at her desk I wouldn't support that. It's everything she's doing outside of that that she probably shouldn't have to do, but she does. That's the reason I support it.

**MR. DIETZ: All in favor of my motion for Becky Conn?**

**MR. SULLIVAN: Did I say that? All in favor signify by saying aye.**

**(All respond aye.)**

**MR. SULLIVAN: Those opposed?**

**(No response.)**

**MR. SULLIVAN: The ayes have it.**

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So Tom, to be clear, you made the motion to support the permanent part-time employee and Mike, you seconded the motion?

MR. DIETZ: Yeah.

MR. SULLIVAN: (Nods his head affirmatively.)

MR. DIETZ: Mike.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: He shook his head yes.

MR. BLANK: And that pay is \$15.95 an hour.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That is correct.

MR. SULLIVAN: JoEllen's full-time, isn't she?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Darren, did you have things for the record or executive session?

MR. BIGGS: Just one thing I was gonna bring up in my report. And the reason I'll do it now is because Bill's here. The -- we finally got the word that our truck, that TCTC will accept it. I just need something official from you guys now, that's what we're finding out about. Because of the break and whatever we couldn't get a hold of anybody. Are you guys still on board with donating it to TCTC then?

MR. DIETZ: Yes.

MR. BIGGS: That's what I needed. The reason I did it while Bill was here because he's doing the paperwork for it.

**MR. DIETZ: I'll make a motion that we donate the Water Department truck to TCTC.**

**MR. SULLIVAN: I second it. But I do have a question on that.**

MR. BIGGS: Sure.

MR. SULLIVAN: When we wanted to donate the scrap to the Boy Scouts Dutton said no way, you can't do it.

MR. BIGGS: That's what Paul said. You're looking at \$8,000 compared to \$300 also.

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MR. BLANK: That's money. You can't give it to them for cash for a group.

MR. SULLIVAN: We were gonna give him the stuff that he had --

MR. BLANK: But it was cash that was bought by taxpayers. This thing here is -- the difference is we have Lordstown students going to TCTC and this is to work on the vehicles and learn the mechanics and all that.

MR. SULLIVAN: I don't have a problem with it. I just don't want to --

MR. BIGGS: No. What Mike's saying is it depends what day you ask Mr. Dutton. That's what he's getting at. But that was a huge difference in money too. Also, the school is gonna give us a receipt for basically a scrap price, which was our other alternative, and for a tax write-off also. The only reason I said it while you were here so you knew in case you need anything else because Bill is going to take care of all the paperwork for us. As long as we get -- do you need anything, Cindy, actually in writing before we can get rid of it?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I think -- do we need a resolution for Tuesday's meeting for them to donate the truck?

MR. BLANK: Yeah. We had today it for the other.

MR. BIGGS: So then you can officially approve it then, but we can get everything in motion so that it's ready to go. That was my only thing while Bill was still here because he's gonna help us out.

MR. SULLIVAN: I think the next one we should get a --

MR. BLANK: Cindy, you might have to type the resolution up. Take the old one we have for the car.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: They provided me the information on the vehicle for tonight.

MR. BLANK: The VIN number and everything. Okay. We'll get that when we get --

MR. SULLIVAN: Did you have something else too before the --

MR. BIGGS: No, no, everything else can wait. Bill's gonna help us out with paperwork, so I figured I would just ask you guys now so he was aware.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay, Bill.

**MR. DIETZ: Good night. I made the motion. Do you want to second it, Mike?**

**MR. SULLIVAN: I second it. All in favor of donating the truck to TCTC say aye.**

**(All respond aye.)**

**MR. SULLIVAN: Those opposed?**

**(No response.)**

**MR. SULLIVAN: The ayes have it.**

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Okay. So all we have is the executive session. Do you want to state that after executive session there will be no further business.

MR. SULLIVAN: No, after executive session there will be no further business.

MR. BIGGS: Those things that I need approved, does that need to be handled now then? Okay.

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MS. SLUSARCZYK: No. To go into an executive session I need a motion, and I think that was by Tom.

MR. SULLIVAN: I made the motion.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Mike Sullivan. Second by Dietz. Okay. Roll call. Dietz.

MR. DIETZ: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Sullivan.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: All right. You're inviting all in attendance? Darren, did you want Sam to be in the executive session?

MR. BIGGS: We were gonna call him down anyhow.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I'm just clarifying for the record because we have to list who's invited into the executive session.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, we're inviting all of the candidates that Darren felt that we should interview for the position.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Okay.

MR. BIGGS: Correct.

**(The meeting goes into executive session at 3:55 p.m.)**

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 Board of Public Affairs 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 25th day of January, 2021.

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DEBORAH I. LAVELLE, Notary Public  
My Commission expires 4/16/2022

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Sullivan: Motion to adjourn

Mr. Dietz: Second

Mr. Sullivan: All in favor?

All: Aye

Submitted:

Approved By:

Cinthia Slusarczyk, clerk

Kevin Campbell, President