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PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting

(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Monday, July 1, 2024, 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 Bob? He is out of town.
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely and a 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.
Adoption of the agenda. Is there a motion to adopt the agenda?
MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Campbell.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Liming. Any questions?

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

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried.
Disposal of the minutes for the regular Council meeting June 3, 2024; the public hearing, June 17, 2024; and the regular Council meeting for June 17, 2024.

MR. LIMING: I'll make that motion.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Sheely. Are there any questions about the minutes?

(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 carried.
Payment of the bills. Is there a motion for payment of the bills?

MS. BLANK: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Blank.

MR. CAMPBELL: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Campbell. Are there any questions about 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 us carried.
Mayor's report. I just wanted to talk about the Mobile Market just for a second. It was here on June 25th. I'm sure Kellie has more details to share about it. I stopped by. It was great. I really enjoyed it. I hope to see more people there the next time we have it come to town. It was a great opportunity for us. I'd like to thank Bill and Kellie both for making that happen for us.

Clerk's report?

MR. BLANK: I have no report, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Bill?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Solicitor's report?

SOLICITOR RIES: No report, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Any questions for Matt?

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(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Treasurer's report?
MR. EBLING: No report.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Questions for George?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Board of Trustees of Public Affairs report?
MR. PETERSON: Yes, Mayor. Our next meeting will be July 16 at 4 p.m. here.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Chris?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Village Engineer's report?
MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, Mayor. I distributed my written report. I'll keep it short. Real quick is we've got the report just about finalized for the Village's Water and Sewer Department building and public restroom building. The evaluation or assessment should be forthcoming.
Up until this Wednesday, we probably are going to see the heavy hauls for Edwards Hauling coming from Ohio Commerce Center down to the TEC site. So, we will be on that project. We don't know exactly which day it's going to be. They told us up until this coming Wednesday.
OPWC's applications, those pre-apps, they're due August 29th. It's my understanding that the Village Road Department is working with the County Engineer to submit an application for at least one or two local resurfacing roads. That's all that I know of for OPWC this year for the Village. If there are any others, let us know.
This past month, we spent quite a bit of time on potential scope revisions for the new State Route 45 water booster station relocation. Those recommendations and scope changes will be presented to the BPA for their review and approval.
That's all I have. Do you have any questions for me?
MR. LIMING: The heavy haul route is still the existing one? They haven't changed that?
MR. KOGELNIK: Correct.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Are there any other questions?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
MR. KOGELNIK: Thank you.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you, Chris.
Special reports. Police Chief Brent Milhoan?
CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mayor. Just to elaborate on what engineer Chris Kogelnik said, we have been in contact on a regular basis with Larry from Edwards Rigging and Moving. And Chris is right, we don't know an exact date at this time when those next over-sized loads will start. Right now, Larry's—we just had a conversation with him today—his best guess—and it's a slim possibility—they could do one move on Wednesday. They'll only work a half a day on Wednesday because of the holiday being on Thursday. But it's more likely that the loads will probably start Friday or maybe Saturday. Once we know for sure when the loads will take off, we will send out a message on CodeRed so the residents are aware of it. But, right now, Chris is right. It's still up in the air. And we have been told that they're going to continue with the RUMA route as of right now. There was talk about possibly going

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straight down 45, but we were told that that's not going to happen as of right now.

The other thing is I submitted my monthly report for June this afternoon. If you have any questions, I'll attempt to answer them.

Finally, I'd like to publicly congratulate Dispatcher Ted Harrell. His last day of work was Friday, June 28. He had a total of 26 years of service as a dispatcher. Most of those years was with the Newton Falls Police Department; then he moved to the Warren City Police Department as a dispatcher; then Trumbull County 911; and then we had him for almost two years. In addition to that, he served, I believe, it was 32 years in the military. So, he had a life of service. I just wanted to mention that.

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

Fire Chief Travis Eastham?

CHIEF EASTHAM: No report tonight.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Questions for Travis?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie Bordner?

MS. BORDNER: Just to piggyback off of what you said, Mayor, about the Mobile Market. In addition to Mr. Blank, I would also like to thank Jessica Blank and Dustin Hajnosz for all their work in getting the word out. I very much appreciated their help. The word that we have on that is that it was well enough attended for them to come back. We are waiting on an actual van that is from Trumbull County and so they don't have that in service yet. So, our contact with Action indicated that she hoped that it would be ready for August. And then it's my understanding that this would be a monthly thing. So, if we can just get on their schedule, we'll be able to do this on a monthly basis. And I don't believe that stops through the winter, but we will get more information as that van comes into service and we can get on the schedule. But it was very well attended. We had mostly positive remarks, and I was grateful for that. So, thank you for that.

I also wanted to let you know that we will be asking for sealed bids for the demolition of 8933 State Route 45. So, when we get through that process, we'll have a deadline. I think that we established a deadline of July 19, I believe it was, to call for those sealed bids. Dustin is going to be reaching out to several different excavating companies or demolition companies and if they're interested, they can submit sealed bids. And then we will have a committee meeting through the Zoning Committee and see which one is the best bid and lowest and most responsive. And then we will come to Council and ask for that to be approved.

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

Parks, Grounds, Buildings, Street Superintendent, Martin Nelder?

MR. NELDER: Yes. At the park, we're getting ready to lay out the soccer fields. We got the goals up. Baseball fields, baseball is wrapping up pretty much for the summer.

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We started today on paving some of the sidewalks, the paved sidewalks by the ball fields. We dug them up and in the process of patching them.

Also, the dangerous intersection on Highland and Hallock-Young, we removed some weeds and a huge stump that was blocking some vision by Prokop's house. Brent, the Chief, emailed me pictures and showed me some of the problem areas. So, that helped out a lot. We were able to get that stump so it clears the vision better.

And then the last thing, I wrote a letter to the Council asking to appoint Steve Gill to foreman.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes, I got that. So, he's asking to have Steve Gill appointed to the foreman for the Parks Department, effective July 2. So when we get to new business, if somebody could make that motion.

Also, after talking with Matt, Martin also wants to have Scott Kovacic appointed full time for the Road Department job opening. This would be subject to the BPA approving the transfer. So, we're going to put that on tonight also for vote. We're going to ask for Council's support on those.

MR. NELDER: Thank you.

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

MS. BLANK: Does he have to resign from BPA though? Is that how it works?

SOLICITOR RIES: He works for the BPA right now, so—

MS. BLANK: Right.

SOLICITOR RIES: —at the next meeting, they're going to have to vote to approve or not approve it, so I think Council's vote should be to approve the hiring subject to the BPA since he's with the BPA right now. So, he wouldn't effectively resign until the BPA votes on it. It's just a matter of when the next BPA meeting is to vote on it.

MS. BLANK: I looked through it and I didn't know how transfers worked.

MR. BLANK: It's the 16th.

MS. BLANK: So then when he gets technically hired through the Road Department, does he have to go through the background check and—

SOLICITOR RIES: That's already been done. It's just kind of unique because he already works under—it's not just a department to department transfer. It's under a different board within the Village.

MS. BLANK: Right.

SOLICITOR RIES: He should stay employed with the BPA until their next meeting. But then he would know, depending on how Council votes tonight, so he's not resigning and leaving himself hanging.

MR. BLANK: I have a question on the ball fields. I was up there. The one ball field isn't done. Aren't they doing all four?

MAYOR WOODWARD: The ball fields, which one? Well, he came back and he sprayed—

MR. BLANK: The one, Martin. The one still has all the grass in the infield.

MR. NELDER: Yeah, that's the one he sprayed and the grass—

MR. BLANK: The first one on the left when you're walking up. I mean, is he going to finish that off this year or no?

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MR. NELDER: No, he did all he is going to do. He came back and sprayed them for us.

MR. BLANK: I thought you were getting all four fields.

MR. GILL: All four fields did get done.

MR. NELDER: Yeah, the grass just came back.

MR. GILL: It just needs rototilled.

MR. BLANK: There's a lot of grass.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So the way he explained it was that was ungerminated seed that came after he sprayed and did the work—

MR. BLANK: You mean, before the weeds came up, the field looked nice?

MR. GILL: Oh, yeah.

MR. NELDER: Yeah.

MR. BLANK: Okay.

MR. NELDER: But, yeah, until the grass came back.

MR. BLANK: That has nothing to do with you.

MR. NELDER: Oh, I know.

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

MR. BLANK: No correspondence, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public remarks. Anybody have anything that they wish to share? Step up to the microphone.
(NO RESPONSE.)
Council remarks? Council have anything they wish to share?

MR. CAMPBELL: I'd just like to say one thing. As hard as it is to get employees nowadays, I've always believed since I've worked here, to try to hire as many employees as we can from the Village of Lordstown. And I think that's important. So, whatever happens here, I'm a hundred percent in favor of hiring Scott to be on the Road Department because he has a CDL. It's hard to find people to hire that have CDLs and so forth. So, I'm just in favor of hiring him. That's just my opinion.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you, Terry. Anybody else have anything that you want to share?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, committee reports. From Finance, Bob's not here. Does anybody else from Finance have anything?

MR. BLANK: I explained the two pieces from Finance.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right.
Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Lamar Liming?

MR. LIMING: No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Questions for Lamar?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Public Safety and Police Department, Jamie Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY: I'd just like to see that third Ordinance get passed tonight so they get that camera going for the police.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Questions for Jamie?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Public Safety, Fire, EMS, Howard Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes. Chief Eastham contacted me and said that he was having trouble with the pumper tanker.

CHIEF EASTHAM: The tanker.

MR. SHEELY: It needs some work done to the sum of \$3,700. That way we can keep it on the road. I'm just letting everybody know.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Do you want to put that on under new business?
MR. SHEELY: No. I'm just making it as my report. Just making everybody aware of it. That way if it shows up, you know, he contacted me, and I told him to go ahead.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. I didn't know if Council needed to approve anything.
MR. BLANK: If it's an emergency, the committee chairman can approve it.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Sounds good. Thank you.
Public Utilities, Terry Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: No report.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Questions for Terry?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Planning and Zoning, Jessica Blank?

MS. BLANK: No, just also to everything you said thanks to Clerk Blank and Kellie and Dustin for all your hard work. I also attended and it was really nice and everyone had positive things to say. Appreciate you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Questions for Jessica?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, move on to legislation.

MR. BLANK: From Planning Commission, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE ZONING MAP TO RECLASSIFY APPROXIMATELY 832,000 SQUARE FEET (19.1 ACRES) OR REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY BHGH PROPERTIES, LLC, BEING PARCEL NO. 45-189203, FROM COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY BUSINESS (B-2) TO INDUSTRIAL (I-1).**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Are there any motions on this?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, I declare this has had its second reading.

MR. BLANK: From Finance Committee for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$3,862.04 FROM THE UNCLAIMED MONEY FUND INTO THE GENERAL FUND, THE UTILITY DEPOSIT TRUST FUND, AND THE TAX FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to suspend the rules?
MR. MOSELEY: So moved.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley; and a second by Liming. 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.
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. SHEELY: So moved.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely.
MS. BLANK: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. Is there any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
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.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to adopt Ordinance 40-2024. Next one.
MR. BLANK: From Public Safety and the Police Department Committee for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE QUOTE FROM AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., 17800 NORTH 85TH STREET, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85255, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FLEET 3 ADVANCED IN-CAR CAMERA, INCLUDING HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, SERVICES AND WARRANTIES, SUCH QUOTE BEING THE MOST RESPONSIVE, LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to suspend the rules?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MS. BLANK: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely; second by Blank. 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: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: 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. CAMPBELL: So moved.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Campbell; second by Liming. Is there any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?

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

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to adopt Ordinance 41-2024.
 Is there any old business?
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
 Hearing none, new business?
 MR. LIMING: I'd like to make a motion to appoint Steven Gill to the foreman of the Parks Department job, effective—
 MAYOR WOODWARD: July 2.
 MR. LIMING: July 2.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: There's a motion by Liming.
 MS. BLANK: Second.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. Any discussion?
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
 All in favor?
 COUNCIL: Aye.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Opposed?
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried.
 I'd like somebody to entertain a motion to have Scott Kovacic appointed full time for the Road Department job opening pending BPA approving the transfer.
 MR. CAMPBELL: I'll make a motion for that.
 MR. BLANK: Hold on. You got a start date?
 (Brief discussion on start date.)
 MR. BLANK: Darren said something about the 22nd.
 MR. KOVACIC: We agreed to do it in two weeks. I'll give them two weeks' notice. That's fine.
 MR. BLANK: The 22nd good?
 MR. KOVACIC: That would be the 22nd.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: So we'll add to that motion that the effective date will be July 22.
 MR. LIMING: I'll second that motion.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: So, there was a motion by Mr. Campbell and a second by Mr. Liming.
 Any questions or 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.)

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MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried. I'd like to congratulate Steven and Scott, pending approval.
 Is there any other new business?
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
 Hearing none, is there any additional public remarks?
 (NO RESPONSE.)
 Hearing none, can I have a motion for adjournment.
 MS. BLANK: I'll make the motion.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Blank.
 MR. MOSELEY: Second.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. All in favor?
 COUNCIL: Aye.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: All Opposed?
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

Motion is carried. Meeting adjourned.

(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:25 P.M.)

_____, Mayor

_____, Clerk

STATE OF OHIO)
)
 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.

 Sharon K. Vigorito, Notary Public
 My commission Expires May 9, 2027