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**Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting**  
**(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced**  
**on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6:25 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)**

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

MAYOR HILL: Bill, roll call, please.  
MR. BLANK: Mayor Hill?  
MAYOR HILL: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
MR. REIDER: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Clerk Blank, present.  
Treasurer, George Ebling?  
MR. EBLING: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Matt Ries?  
ATTY. RIES: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Police Chief Brent Milhoan?  
CHIEF MILHOAN: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Fire Chief Travis Eastham?  
CHIEF EASTHAM: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Planning and Zoning, Economic Development, Kellie  
Bordner?  
MS. BORDNER: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Parks, Buildings, Grounds, Street Commissioner, Ron  
Hickox?  
MR. HICKOX: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Recreation, Marty Gibson?  
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT.)  
Board of Public Affairs?  
MR. PETERSON: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Engineer Chris Kogelnik?  
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT.)  
MAYOR HILL: I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the agenda.  
MR. RADTKA: So moved.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka. Second?  
MR. BOND: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Bond. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in favor?  
COUNCIL: Aye.  
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

**(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)**

Motion carried.  
Entertain a motion for disposal of the minutes of the regular  
meeting April 18, 2022.  
MR. REIDER: So moved, Mr. Mayor.

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MAYOR HILL: Moved by Reider. Second?  
MR. SHEELY: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Sheely. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in favor?  
COUNCIL: Aye.  
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

**(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)**

Motion carried.  
Disposal of the minutes of the regular meeting May 2, 2022.  
MR. LIMING: So moved.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming. Second?  
MR. CAMPBELL: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second Campbell. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in favor?  
COUNCIL: Aye.  
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

**(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)**

Motion carried.  
Disposal of the minutes, special meeting May 12, 2022.  
MR. BOND: So moved.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Sheely. Second?  
MR. REIDER: Second, Mr. Mayor.  
MAYOR HILL: Was that Sheely or Bond?  
MR. BOND: Bond.  
MAYOR HILL: Okay. Bond and Reider. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in favor?  
COUNCIL: Aye.  
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
MR. LIMING: I abstain.

**(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 1, ABSTAINED.)**

MAYOR HILL: Lamar abstains. Motion carried.  
Entertain a motion for payment of the bills.  
MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.  
MR. LIMING: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Campbell; second by Liming. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in favor?  
COUNCIL: Aye.  
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

**(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)**

Motion carried.

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Mayor's report. I will have a junior firefighter to appoint for Chief Eastham and also have two resignations I'd like Council to accept. And, also, three additional summer appointments for the Parks Department submitted by Mr. Hickox. I'd like to say I'm glad to see we have people here in the audience. I know in the newsletter I put in that nobody ever attends meetings.

I would like to say that Facebook isn't your trusted source of news. I have been attacked for the last couple years on several issues. But, it's nice to see everybody here. We do have a public remarks section. When I do ask for public remarks, I ask after I identify you, to come to the end of the dais and give your name and address so we can get it recorded in the minutes correctly. That's it for the Mayor's report.

Is there a Clerk's report?

MR. BLANK: No report.

MAYOR HILL: Solicitor's report?

ATTY. RIES: No report, Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Treasurer's report?

MR. EBLING: No report.

MAYOR HILL: Board of Trustees of Public Affairs report?

MR. PETERSON: The only thing we have is our next regular meeting is June 21st. And, also, I still haven't seen anything, the law on the Solicitor's opinion from that opinion I gave on May 19th. I'd just like to see—

MR. RADTKA: What was that date?

MR. PETERSON: May 19th.

MR. RADTKA: I'll look into it.

MR. PETERSON: Thank you very much.

MAYOR HILL: Engineer is not here this evening.

Special reports. Police Chief Milhoan?

CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mr. Mayor and members of Council, I've submitted my monthly report for May. Answer any questions if you have any.

The only other thing I have is all of you were made aware back at the end of May—I think it was the 25th of May—our full-time dispatcher, Eric Emerine, had submitted a letter of resignation to resign in two months. This morning I sent you another letter that he provided me. Fortunately for us he's changed his mind and he's decided to stay with us, which is, obviously, a good thing. But, with that being said, I know at the last Finance meeting, I advised you that I feel we need to look at hiring a fifth full-time dispatcher. That still hasn't changed. It's good news that Eric is staying. But with the eight hours every week that we rely on our part-time dispatchers to cover, which they haven't been able to lately, which forces our full-timers to work it. With that and the addition of the vacation and personal hours that our full-time dispatchers have, we just can't get those hours covered with our part-timers. We're down to four part-timers and, of the four, they rarely work because they're working somewhere else. So, relying on part-time dispatchers just isn't working anymore. So, again, when things get financially to the point where we can make that move, I think we strongly need to consider putting a fifth dispatcher on. That's all I have, Mr.

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MAYOR HILL: Mayor.  
Questions for Brent?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Fire Chief Eastham?

CHIEF EASTHAM: I do have a report tonight, Mr. Mayor. We did receive a State Fire Marshall's grant for helmets. They didn't give us the full amount, but it's a hundred percent grant with no match. We received \$5,963.61. That's all I have tonight.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Travis?

MR. BOND: Yes, Travis. As the Fire Chief here in Lordstown, do you have any opinion on which water line would be best for the Village?

CHIEF EASTHAM: My opinion on that, like any fire chief, you want water. You need water. You want to feel like you have an endless supply of water, especially with some of the large industry we have. In my opinion, the best thing that I think we could have is water going to a water tower that is feeding our system. To where we can use it throughout the Village, not just throughout one spot. That's one of my concerns I have with going directly to something with water and not having it going to a distribution side of it because there are going to be peak hours; there are going to be peak days. There's going to be slower days where that gives us abundant amounts of water. And, if you're a fire chief, you want water. You know what I mean? I'm just giving my opinion. I would rather see it go to our distribution center where we can distribute throughout the Village.

MR. BOND: If the Warren line goes in, is there any fire protection component to that?

CHIEF EASTHAM: There will be for the complex that it's going to.

MR. BOND: But only for them?

CHIEF EASTHAM: Yeah, I'm sure there could be hydrants put throughout the way but it would only protect where the line is. So, if you imagine, the vast majority of the Village—well, the whole Village—is covered by our water system through our water towers through MVSD. Adding more water to that just gives us more throughout the whole Village. So, as a whole, you're getting more water to more places where you could have potential for fire.

MR. BOND: So MVSD means more universally available.

CHIEF EASTHAM: Exactly.

MR. BOND: Thank you. I hadn't heard anything from you on this.

CHIEF EASTHAM: You're the first one to ask me a question on it.

MAYOR HILL: Any other questions for Travis?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Planning and Zoning Administrator and Director of Economic Development, Kellie?

MS. BORDNER: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Planning Commission meeting is next Monday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. Two items are on the agenda. One is the creation of a parking lot for the Dairy Queen in the southwest corner of the property, which is at the back of the property. This will be used for special events like the car show on Wednesday nights. The second item is the dedication and acceptance of the relocated Hallock-Young roadway. If that is approved through Planning Commission, it will then come to Council and we will be

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asking that it be passed by emergency through Council so that we can get that Hallock-Young Road reopened.

MAYOR HILL: Any questions for Kellie?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Parks, Grounds, Buildings, Street Superintendent, Mr. Hickox?

MR. HICKOX: Thank you, Mayor. I sent everyone an email, forwarded it to them, from the small government funds through Eastgate. We were awarded a \$149,999 small government grant for the replacement of two large culverts, one on Route 45; one on Hallock-Young Road. The total cost is \$241,835, and our portion is \$92,836. What I'd ask Council is permission to proceed with the County Engineer to get the specs drawn up on it so we can go out to bid. The grant will not be available until the middle of July, but we can advertise for bids. We just can't accept it or sign a contract until the middle of July when it goes through the small government council. Also, through the Ohio Public Works Commission, there is a meeting next week. This is for funding for next year for 2023. I requested traffic counts for Hewitt-Gifford Road for a joint venture between us and Warren Township; Lyntz Road from 45 to Muth Road; and Henn Parkway, the whole length of it. Some rough estimates on numbers, which I spoke with the engineer's office and they gave me a number to use for now. It's as good as they've got. For Henn Parkway and Lyntz, our portion of that—if we received the grant, our matching funds portion would be \$140,000 to get those two roads done. To do Hewitt-Gifford Road, our portion would be \$94,000 and Warren Township would also pay \$94,000, and that's if we are awarded the grants. I have also requested traffic counts—and these are for the federal grants that we were made aware of a month or two ago—and this is for Bailey Road from Lyntz to Palmyra and Salt Springs from Highland to the Village limits. And that was an 80/20 match. But I don't have the numbers on that. Chris Kogelnik was working on those for us.

MAYOR HILL: Any questions for Ron?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Thank you.  
Bill, do we have any correspondence this evening?

MR. BLANK: No correspondence.

MAYOR HILL: Public remarks. If you'd like to make a public remark, please come to the end of the dais and give your name and address so we can get it recorded in the minutes correctly. Mark.

MR. MCGRAIL: Mark McGrail, 3656 Goldner Lane, Lordstown, Ohio. I sent an email to you I think Thursday or Friday last week. Two issues. The first issue being the funding for the Lordstown Village Senior Center. We received some money, of course, through the senior citizens' levy in Trumbull County. And we also received some funding in-kind from the schools. That still leaves the senior center about \$9,000 short of the projected budget. I was asking Council if you would be with willing to help us out. One thing I think people need to—or should, not need—should understand is that all funds that we receive go to the people that participate in our programs. In other words, there are no employees. There's no money paid

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to anyone. So, we're not paying employees' salaries; we're not paying hourly wages; we're not paying for income taxes, you know, the rest. Everything that is done there is done on a volunteer basis. So, any money that is expended by Council towards the center will go directly to the citizens of the Village—although we do have some people that come from other townships, but that's part of the rules of the senior levy thing.

The other issue being the pond. The initial information that I received is that the pond would be drained and filled. I will say that, in the meantime, I've also heard that there is a possibility that the Village would remediate the pond at some point. I think what would be important for you all to know is that, although the number of people that use the pond, like the park or any of the other facilities that we have, there are a certain amount of people that do enjoy Central Park, the main park, and at Central Park, the pond. I think it's something worth keeping.

I'd also like you to know that—I can't speak for anybody else—but, myself, personally, I'm willing to get involved, personally, and work in any capacity, whatsoever, need be to get the remediation done. I understand everybody here at the Village, including Mr. Hickox, I'm sure, is very busy all the time. Maybe they could use an extra pair of hands. So, going forward, I would ask that the remediation be seriously considered and, again, my offer of help is sincere. That's all I have for you tonight.

MR. RADTKA:

Mark, I have a question for you. For the SCOPE Center, what kind of funding are you getting now? Do you know the dollar amount you're getting from the county and the school system?

MR. MCGRAIL:

The school system's is based on an estimate because, essentially, they don't charge us. So we had to come up with a number. So, between the treasurer and I, we estimate that if we had to lease a facility of that size, about \$9,000. And then the county provides us, I think it's \$15,744. The operating cost is a little over \$34,000. Even in that—when we were estimating that cost when applying for the money from the county, I tried to be very conservative, you know, just hoping to get something from the county. In reality, to operate a facility like that or a center like that on yearly basis, you're probably looking closer to \$42,000. But, again—I mean, it gets a little complicated, but you get into things like employees and things like that, again, when you go to that number. Did I answer your question?

There was something else I wanted to tell you. I can't remember what it was. We did receive a grant but it was specifically for certain items. It was to be used for certain items. It's not for operation.

MR. RADTKA:

But your annual costs are around \$34,000 a year?

MR. MCGRAIL:

That's what we estimated, yes. In fact, it's probably going to be more than that, but we're going to make it work.

One of the things about funding something like this because this is a startup if you remember. You know, it was formerly owned by SCOPE and then they withdrew. Then we started again with the hope that there was going to be a mini grant



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right away, \$5,000. Then Covid came in and everybody shut down. Then we were allowed to open again and that's when we bid on the thing but there was no initial money. They pulled back the mini grant. We had to wait until we had accrued so many—how it works is you have activities, then you bill the county for the activity. Okay? You understand what I'm saying? So, we have a turnover of dollars now because of that. The issue we're running into it's like the chicken or the egg. We need more programs. We don't have the funding to start that program, you see? So, to get the funding, you have to get the activity up and running, which makes it very difficult. And something like the extra money if we could receive it from the Council would help us in planning new activities. We have people ask us all the time, why aren't you doing this? Why aren't you doing that? Well, a lot of those activities require an up-front cost, which we just can't afford. We did do one thing—Mr. Bond participated in the CPR class. That's something we put out. I would—by the way, I would—one thing I would like to see—and I'm only one person there, by the way. We work more as a committee than Mark runs it. I don't run the senior center. But, from my perspective, something like the senior center should be more community oriented. We have senior activities, but why not get the seniors involved in doing things for Lordstown? But, again, doing those kind of things, there's an up-front cost. That's where the extra money comes in.

MR. LIMING: I have a question. You said every other community supports the senior—

MR. MCGRAIL: In one way or another, yes.

MR. LIMING: What's the dollar amount?

MR. MCGRAIL: I don't know the exact figure, Lamar. Let's put it this way, there's either a financial component that these centers receive or there's an in-kind component. So, for instance, we receive an in-kind from the schools. Other townships, villages provide the center with, you know, a place to meet and things of that nature.

MR. RADTKA: Building, utilities or things along that—

MR. MCGRAIL: Yeah. As far as the ones that receive an actual dollar amount, I don't know. I just know the generalities. Anyway, I don't know if I answered your question, but there it is.

MAYOR HILL: Are there any other public remarks? Yes, Sam.

MR. GASTON: Sam Gaston, 4046 South Leavitt Road. What is the deal on the pond? Why was it drained? I mean, I understand something about costs. It's too much cost. What is the real deal? Because, you know, a lot of our kids are all disappointed already about that.

MAYOR HILL: Sam, in public remarks if Council wants to respond—this is your chance to come in and speak. It's not an interrogation. If they would like to respond, they can respond but they don't have to.

MR. GASTON: Okay.

MAYOR HILL: I'm just letting you know.

MR. GASTON: Well, speaking for the public and a lot of them are here for the same reason. Can you answer it?

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MR. RADTKA: You want to bring that up, Ron, of how we got to where we're at with the pond?

MR. HICKOX: The pond, basically, drained itself. The overflow failed right out by Route 45. There was a clay tile overflow and at some point in time, it looks like it got broken and then just over the years it washed in. When we were just trying to find out what the problem is, the pond drained itself. That's how it came to be drained. Prior to that, I had spoken with Soil and Conservation District and they—

MR. CAMPBELL: That was last year, correct?

MR. HICKOX: Correct, last July, I believe it was. And they were out and they gave us some options on the pond. Mucking it out was one. Even with that, there was the cost of—there was going to have to be aeration because the depth of it wouldn't support—it would just be right back to where it is in no time. Aeration or chemical treatment was another option. And it just got pretty costly real quick without going too far. That's how we ended up where we're at.

MR. CAMPBELL: The cost of the chemicals were just going to start to go up, and we would have to do that every year to keep the pond working.

MR. HICKOX: To keep the vegetation out of it.

MR. GASTON: To keep the fish alive, too.

MR. BLANK: It wasn't very deep.

MAYOR HILL: The only time—

MR. HICKOX: Correct.

MAYOR HILL: —when we got a grant for the fishing derby and we filled the pond. Other than that, there really weren't a whole lot of fish. They may have stayed around, you know, for a while. How we found out how shallow that pond was, a Road Department employee saw his dog chase a bird or something across the pond, swimming, and then he came and walked back across on the way back out. So, that's how we found out how shallow the pond was. What you see, that's all the deeper it was.

MR. HICKOX: Soil and Water also recommended that it would have to be six foot deep to sustain life. And I'm told that there's rock there so we can't go any deeper than what it is.

MR. BLANK: Sam, it all started because we got a couple complaints about cattails and that growing out of the pond. People on Facebook saying it looked like hell. That's what got the ball started.

MAYOR HILL: People complained and they said what are you going to do about the pond? Well, then, naturally, they called me. I passed it on to the committee and talked to Ron. And Ron had Soil and Water and say, you know, what can we do? And Council made, you know, made the call after finding out how much it costs to keep the pond and to dig it. Like Ron said, he says there's rock underneath there. And, you know, I didn't vote. I know Police Chief said he had a resident call him up that was going to come in here and start telling me how horrible it was for me to try to shut the pond down. But I didn't shut it down. I put it in the newsletter because I had gotten several calls to let people know what was going on with the pond. That's why it was in there. But, you know, I didn't vote on it. Somebody was going to come



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be critical of me because I helped shut it down. But after then found out—whoever it was, they're not up here.

MR. BOND: When was the pond initially constructed?

MR. HICKOX: It was done in phases I'm told. I really have no answer.

MR. RADTKA: Hey, Ron. Have you gone down and even test hold it or anything to see—

MR. HICKOX: No—

MR. RADTKA: —what it is?

MR. HICKOX: I just went off the word of the previous employees that worked on it and some local excavators.

MR. RADTKA: Maybe we could do that just to see what it is to see—

MR. HICKOX: Sure.

MR. RADTKA: —if some kind of rehabilitation is even an option.

MR. HICKOX: Okay. Sure.

MAYOR HILL: Kathy?

MRS. HOOD: I was just going to say—

MAYOR HILL: Give your name and address for the minutes.

MRS. HOOD: Okay. Kathy Hood, 561 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown. The pond originally was a lot smaller. I'm 77. The pond was there long before me. It was a lot smaller and deeper when it was Sinclair's. Why not make it smaller and deeper and fill it around so it's not such a big deal like it was originally. It can't be all rock because originally it was there. That's all I have.

MAYOR HILL: Yes, ma'am.

MS. HORVATH: Hi.

MAYOR HILL: Name and address, please.

MS. HORVATH: What did he say?

MR. CAMPBELL: Name and address.

MS. HORVATH: Oh, sure. Mary Horvath on Ellsworth-Bailey Road—200 Ellsworth-Bailey Road. I'm kind of new to this can you tell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Take your time.

MS. HORVATH: I was just hoping that maybe the Council can somewhere find the money for the pond. The pond, when you go by the park and you get to the light and you look over to the park and you used to see a nice pond with the ducks, a homey-type thing. And not to have it, have it taken away from us—more or less. I know it's a money thing—can you all dig up the money for it? I just feel bad because I know that some of the kids like to fish in it. I enjoy going to the park once in a while for the water.

If it's a matter of money, I have an idea. You know, when the police give you a ticket, you take that ticket, any misdemeanor, and you go to Newton Falls Court. Who gets the primary money from the ticket is Newton Falls. They get the court costs. They get part of the fine. And only God knows before it gets to our police department, which is the bottom one, they're the ones that go out and do the work to bring revenue in, not to Lordstown. Policemen are out there—now we have new traffic coming in for the plants and the industry and everything. That's all good, more traffic, more speeding, stop signs. So, Newton Falls is going to make out like a champ and here we sit bottomless pit as far as the pond. So, I thought maybe if somebody would like to look into—you're smiling—well, I thought maybe—I don't know that much about it. Don't ask me nothing about it because

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I'm going to say I don't know—a Mayor's court. Just because, if nothing else, the revenue with just the court costs—I realize it's going to be more, like, hiring people, the Clerk or whatever you would need for the Mayor's court. And it's going to be initially—you're going to have to fork out money initially but for as many tickets, misdemeanor, that maybe there would be enough money if we were to get the court costs, if we were going to get the entire fine money. Then there might be enough money to get the pond back. All this because we want our pond back, please. It's like taking away something that we have had for a long time. Maybe people don't use it as much as the cost. I haven't heard anybody say what it's going to cost for this pond. But I just thought maybe you could even think about it or help us try to figure out how to get the money, not just—you have to have everything organized. I don't know nothing about a Mayor's court of anything. I'm willing to learn if it's going to help the pond. So, that's it.

MR. RADTKA: To answer your question, I was just speaking to a friend of mine in Newton Falls Saturday at his daughter's open house. He had an estimate to put an extension on to an existing pond he has on his property to add another quarter acre. And it was going to be roughly right around \$12,000 to \$13,000 to add a quarter acre to it. And that was leaving dirt on site.

MS. HORVATH: Did you say a quarter inch?

MR. RADTKA: Quarter of an acre.

MS. HORVATH: Oh.

MR. RADTKA: So, to dig a quarter of an acre pond, an extension of what he presently has will be around \$12,000 and that would be leaving the dirt on the premises.

MS. HORVATH: Okay. So, is that good or bad? I don't know. I have no idea.

MR. RADTKA: I don't know how big that pond is—

MS. HORVATH: From what I've—if you dig deep enough, you know, then the fish will live, right? The fish can live and nobody has to go door to door asking if they can fish in their pond. I'm just asking please help us. If you can come up with something that maybe we can do as a community to save the pond, please. Thank you so much for listening.

MAYOR HILL: Bill.

MR. CATLIN: Bill Catlin, 6203 Tod Avenue, Lordstown. And, I, too, would like to see something done with the pond. When I first came out here many times a long time ago, we had the pond and we had things with the pond for kids and everything. I mean, we had that fishing derby and it was full. It's a place where seniors can go. I mean, the pond is something even if nobody's there you can go to a bench and sit and you enjoy it. It's a peaceful place. We've changed from a farming community to an industrial community, and we're losing a lot of things that makes Lordstown great. I think we have to look at it and say, yes, industry is good. I realize it gives us a good tax base. It helps the schools. I realize that, but I think we're losing our senior citizens and our younger children by not having something for them to do. So, I would like to see us try to do something to at least beautify it again instead of having the ugly hole there. I think we need to do more to the park and

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help our seniors and our youth. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL: Okay. Go ahead.

MS. RENNINGER: Michelle Renninger, 6263 Palmyra Road, S.W. I'm just going to kind of read off the email I sent you all today. I started coming to Lordstown in 2018, July. I noticed the park in the center of town is very pretty, very homey, like Mary said. It looked serene and peaceful. I moved here in December, 2018. I have seen families fishing in the pond and folks sitting on the benches and relaxing. I think the residents of this Village are very lucky to have this very beautiful spot. Last year I noticed the pond was getting to look kind of horrible. Trace and I have three ponds on our property, and it was really looking like one of our ponds did look. Our ponds were full of cattails and some other weeds. It can be done without chemicals. This will be our first year that we will be chemical free in our pond. We have added white Amurs to our pond. Those will take care of the cattails and I think they're called phragmites. It's like Pharus grass. I work with Fenders Fish Hatchery in Baltic, Ohio. They've been really supportive and given me a lot of information. Last year we put five pounds of tilapia in our pond. We had some kind of cottony algae underneath the water. It was hip deep. Our pond, if I go in the center of it, it's not very deep. We do have the aerator in it. That has helped tremendously.

Within three or four weeks, those ten tilapia ate all of that algae underneath. And then they were good eating, too. They can't survive in cold water, so at the end of the year, you have to pull them out. I just went down Friday and put another five pounds, got 15 fish this time.

Every spring and every fall, there's bacteria that you can add that will eat the muck. I don't know if you guys know what the muck is. It's dead fish, debris, twigs, leaves and all that stuff. Three weeks after adding the bacteria the first time last year, I couldn't believe the clarity of the water. Now when you go out in the pond there is—some of the muck was calf deep. It was gross. Now there's bare spots in our pond and some of the muck—there's a few spots where it might be, like, level to the top of my foot. But it can be done without chemicals. These people want to push chemicals. You can do it a lot more natural.

MR. RADTKA: You said you sent us an email?

MS. RENNINGER: About 3:00 today.

MR. RADTKA: Does that include that information you just told us?

MS. RENNINGER: Oh, yeah. And like Mr. Fender—Steve Fender down at Fender's Fish Hatchery in Baltic—he's a wealth of information to do it naturally. I'd even volunteer to go down and get the tilapia. You have to get them the last week of May or the first week in June is when he starts getting them in so they can survive in the pond.

MAYOR HILL: I think because our pond was so shallow—and, you know, I didn't know how shallow it was until I heard the story I told you about the dog going across. So, you know, it would have to be dug out. My wife even said she'd like to see the pond.

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MS. RENNINGER: Are there contractors that would volunteer to donate their time to go dig it out? Like I said, I've only lived here for three and a half years, so I'm not familiar with if there's—

MR. CAMPBELL: That was one thing that come up. We didn't have the equipment here in the Road Department to do it. And we might have to look, but if we could get somebody to do it for free, I don't know whether that would work. We'd have to go through the Roads Superintendent to see.

MS. RENNINGER: If you guys can get it patched up and everything, I'd be more than happy to go down and pick up tilapia or Amurs. And Fenders do come to Mahoning and Trumbull Counties in the spring and in the fall to deliver fish.

MAYOR HILL: During our fishing derby, we always apply for a \$500 grant. We have it stocked and we have the kids there. Like I said, nobody really knew how deep the pond was.

MS. RENNINGER: Yeah, well, it definitely needs dug out. It would be nice if ours was dug out, but we've gotten it now there's not a cattail in our pond anymore and none of the Pharus grass. And it's the fish that we put in it.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. Any other public remarks? Hearing none—yes.

MS. HEDGEPATH: Karen Hedgepath, 2588 Lyntz Road. I've lived here for years. I'm probably the oldest person in this room. I worked for the Village for 22 years and I love it here. That pond was here when we moved out here in 1950. I'm sure it was here before that. I would just like see something done with it that we can keep it. It's something that when people drive through our Village, it's something to show that our Village has some personality. And it's been maintained for many years we've had that pond. I would like to say I'd like to see something be done with it. Thank you.

MRS. HOOD: Can I say one more thing?

MAYOR HILL: Sure.

MRS. HOOD: You know, when the police wanted the dog, we all—everybody pitched in and gave for that. Why not do that for the pond? Start a drive to save the pond. Everybody would give probably. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. Any other public remarks?  
(NO RESPONSE.)  
Hearing none, Council remarks.

MR. BOND: What I heard tonight on the pond here is people regarding its a quality of life. I think it's such we should take a look at some of the alternatives.

MAYOR HILL: Any other Council remarks?

MR. SHEELY: I agree. I think we should check into it.

MR. RADTKA: Yeah, if Ron does some test holes and see what it looks like down there.

MR. BOND: If it was here in 1950, it took until now to fill in.

MRS. HOOD: It was here long before 1950.

MR. BOND: It was originally for water for livestock.

MRS. HOOD: Yes. It was Sinclair's farm, so it probably was.

MAYOR HILL: Any other Council remarks?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
I do appreciate all the remarks. If you think of something, we do have a second public remarks at the end of the meeting.  
Committee reports. Finance, Mr. Radtka?

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MR. RADTKA: Yes, Mr. Mayor. Only thing we have tonight is the one piece of legislation we'd like to have support for tax sharing for Anderson-DuBose For the school system. And our next scheduled Finance meeting is the 13th at 1:00 p.m.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Ron?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: No report.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Terry?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Public Safety and Police Department, Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: No report.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Lamar?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Public Safety, Fire and EMS, Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: No report this evening, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Bob?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Public Utilities, Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: No report this evening, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Don?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Recreation and Planning, Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: No report tonight, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Howard?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Bill, first piece of legislation.

MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN TO PAY THE SUM OF \$58,142.55 TO THE LORDSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO THE INCOME TAX SHARING AGREEMENT THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN HAS ENACTED WITH THE LORDSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SHARE INCOME TAXES GENERATED FROM EMPLOYEES OF ANDERSON-DUBOSE, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?

MR. RADTKA: Motion to suspend.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend by Radtka. Second by Liming. Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.



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**(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)**

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to suspend the rules.  
Motion to adopt?  
MR. BOND: So moved.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Bond. Second?  
MR. SHEELY: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Sheely. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Roll call, please.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
MR. REIDER: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?  
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: Yes.

**(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)**

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to adopt. Ordinance 21-2022.  
Is there any old business Council would like to discuss at this time?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Hearing none, new business I'll go first. On the recommendation of Fire Chief Eastham, I'd like to have Austin Tyree appointed as a junior firefighter. Also, accept the resignation of Daisy Free and McKenzie Minor. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.  
MR. LIMING: So moved.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming. Second?  
MR. SHEELY: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Sheely. Comments or questions on the motion? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in favor?  
COUNCIL: Aye.  
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

**(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)**

Motion carried.  
Also, upon the recommendation of the Street Commissioner, he'd like to have Benjamin Sinn, Bruce Pyles, and Daniel Wasko, Jr., appointed to the Parks Department. Benjamin was here last season. Bruce Pyles worked until the season of 2020 and Daniel Wasko, Jr., is a new hire. I'll entertain a motion to put them on for summer employment.  
MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.  
MR. SHEELY: Second.

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MAYOR HILL: Moved by Campbell; second by Sheely. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR HILL: Opposed?

MR. REIDER: Abstain.

MAYOR HILL: Mr. Reider is abstaining for a grandson.  
(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 1, ABSTAINED.)  
Motion carried.

MR. RADTKA: Is there any other new business at this time?  
Yes, Mr. Mayor. I'd like to make a motion to authorize our  
Street Superintendent to go ahead and advertise for the grant  
for the cost for the culvert replacement for Hallock-Young  
Road and State Rt. 45 culvert replacement project.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Motion by Radtka; second by Liming to advertise for culvert  
replacement. Comments?

MR. BLANK: Ron, what are you advertising for?

MR. RADTKA: To give authorization to Mr. Hickox for the—

MR. BLANK: I mean, to advertise for the construction part of it?

MR. RADTKA: Yes. That's what he was asking for.

MR. BLANK: I know. Nothing they can do. Wait until we—

MR. HICKOX: Get the engineering and the specs drawn up so we can  
advertise to bid it.

MR. BLANK: I understand that. Are we going to wait until we get the  
grant money before we bid it out?

MR. HICKOX: The grant money becomes official July 12. We're allowed to  
bid. We just can't sign a contract until after that.

MR. BLANK: I wouldn't be bidding it out until you have the money in your  
hand.

MAYOR HILL: The county engineer is the one that's going to be—

MR. HICKOX: Correct.

MR. RADTKA: The motion will authorize you to get the engineering—

MR. HICKOX: To get the engineering and specifications.

MR. RADTKA: Right, not bid it out.

MR. BLANK: Not to bid it out.

MR. HICKOX: Not until you say.

MR. RADTKA: So the motion is for that, not the bid.

MAYOR HILL: Not to put it out for bid. Other comments or questions?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR HILL: Opposed?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

**(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)**

That motion is carried.

Is there any other new business at this time?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Hearing none, additional public remarks? Mark?

MR. MCGRAIL: Not to beat a dead horse, but to punt. You know, in my  
email to you, I suggested that having some kind of a public  
effort because what we really needed was time. I understand  
all the costs, believe me. I have a friend who—I talked with  
Michelle about the cost of maintaining the pond. I've also

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talked to the Soil and Water people. I talked to the Ohio State Extensions, blah, blah, blah. It's an ongoing process and it costs money. The initial cost is what is going to kick your rear end. We talked about whatever it was, \$12,000? My friend—a contractor who is a friend, we were talking about this. His estimate is about \$20,000 to muck it out, dig it down and everything. I have heard from several residents that Kathy suggested who would be willing to help out. I don't know about \$20,000 worth. I don't know how this would work. If somehow we had some kind of pond committee that would work to raise funds initially to do this. I don't know how that works with money going to the Village. I don't know how that works coordinating with Mr. Hickox's department. It's just a suggestion. But I am aware of how much this does cost. And that's just an estimate by the way.

MR. RADTKA: I think a lot of the cost would be, in our case—usually when someone digs a pond, they dig it because they need the dirt, if you're building a house or something like that. In this case, we've got to truck the dirt. So, that's going to add a lot of expense—

MR. MCGRAIL: And in speaking with this gentleman, that's exactly what he said. Depending on how far the dirt has to be moved, it could raise the cost. I'm just talking about a bottom—line figure. It could be more.

MR. REIDER: And a lot of it is just muck.

MR. LIMING: It is and that has to dry out.

MR. MCGRAIL: After listening to some of the comments, I do realize how much it costs. And I understand that's a significant amount of money for the Village to take on. I get that. But there has to be a way that we can do this as a group, as a Village. The email and my comments tonight are just food for thought for you guys. I know the way I am, somebody says something to me and right away I don't have any opinion or thought about it. But then later on I think you know what, we could do this maybe or we could do that. So, if you guys come up with something, I know you'd have the support of a significant amount of people in the Village.

MR. RADTKA: I don't think anyone—I don't want to speak for all of Council—is against the pond or wants to see it gone.

MR. MCGRAIL: No, I understand.

MR. RADTKA: It comes down to what we are able to spend—

MR. MCGRAIL: If I gave you that impression—I didn't mean to give that impression that you wanted to get rid of the pond. I understand that side. Okay. Thanks.

MR. RADTKA: Thank you, Mark.

MAYOR HILL: Any other public remarks?

(NO RESPONSE.)

I will say I'm really surprised. Our roadside mowers were down for a while and I thought I'd be hearing a lot about the roadsides not getting mowed. But, you know, it's just like anything else, I know the committee has stated and from Mr. Hickox to, you know, possibly looking about getting another roadside mower because we do mow a lot of roads. I will tell you that we're about 13 months out before we can even look at one. The way the economy is going they won't even give

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us a price.

MR. HICKOX: With that, our mower was down for one week and I swear we got a month behind.

MAYOR HILL: Is it back up and running again?

MR. HICKOX: Yes. It's up and running.

MAYOR HILL: Just to let you know we are mowing the roadsides.

Any other public remarks?

MR. RADTKA: The only thing I got real quick, Mr. Mayor. In our mailbox we received a drug-free workplace webinar. Just wanted to make sure everybody has and sees it because we'll have to get that done for the ladies upstairs.

MAYOR HILL: It's nice to see a full audience. I appreciate everybody coming here this evening. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming. Second?

MR. REIDER: Second, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Reider. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR HILL: Opposed?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

Motion carried.

**(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE  
THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL  
ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.)**

\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

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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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