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PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting

**(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Monday, March 17, 2025, 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?
MR. BOND: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT.)
Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?
MR. BOWEN: 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: Here.
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 Lamar? He is out of town.
MR. BOND: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.
MR. SHEELY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. 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. The motion is carried.
Is there a motion for adoption of the agenda?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely.
MS. BLANK: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.

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

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried.
Is there a motion for disposal of the minutes for the regular
Council meeting March 3, 2025?

MR. MOSELEY: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley.

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. Is there any questions on the minutes,
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.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried.
Is there a motion for payment of the bills?

MR. BOND: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.

MS. BLANK: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. Is there any questions on 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. The motion is carried.
Mayor's report. I would just like to send my deepest
sympathies to the Drewek family as they, and we, mourn the
loss of Ted. He was with our department for a lot of years.
And his services are tomorrow.
Wednesday last week I was asked to speak at the Regional
Chamber breakfast for Newton Falls/Lordstown/North
Jackson. It was their good morning breakfast. One of the
things that I decided to make note of is the hardships that
Lordstown faces due to the exponential growth of businesses
in the last ten years and the struggle on the infrastructure, the
roads and all those things that people don't realize if they
don't live here.
So, afterward, I had a lot of people come up to me and offer
assistance. Somebody from ODOT was there and a
representative from Dave Joyce's office and a few others. I
just think it's important for others to understand that there are
pros and cons of big businesses coming to Lordstown. So, I
just wanted to make note of that.
The other thing we have tonight is we do have one person up
for a police hire. And I would like for everybody to remain

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seated after we adjourn the meeting so I can give him his oath. Then after that, you can all enjoy the cookies on the back table. That is all that I have.

MR. BLANK: I have no report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Did I ask?

(Laughter.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: I love giving you a hard time.

MR. BLANK: I know. I don't know if you want to keep doing that.

(Laughter.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. There is no Clerk's report. Solicitor's report?

SOLICITOR RIES: No report, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Treasurer's report?

MR. EBLING: No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Board of Trustees of Public Affairs report?

MR. PETERSON: Yes, Mayor. Our regular meeting is tomorrow at 4 p.m.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Village Engineer's report?

MR. KOGELNIK: Mayor, I did not submit a written report. But we have several BPA-related items we're working on. One of which is we're going to try to get two projects submitted online through Congressman Joyce's office by the 20th. So, we've also submitted to, I think, Cindy Slusarczyk the Ohio EPA WSRLA nominations for those two projects. So, they kind of work hand in hand. We're going to be busy on that though. Take any questions if you have any.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions?

MS. BLANK: Is one the water booster station?

MR. KOGELNIK: Pardon me?

MS. BLANK: Is that one of the big items we're going to be discussing, the water booster station tomorrow?

MR. KOGELNIK: Tomorrow, yes, at the BPA meeting.

MS. BLANK: All right. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Any other questions?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Special reports. Police Chief Brent Milhoan?

CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mayor. We just ask for Council's approval for the appointment of Nicholas Jones, who is sitting in front of me tonight. Once his—assuming that he's appointed tonight—once we get the results from his medical exam, he'll be starting right away.

The only other thing I have is I'd like to thank Fire Chief Travis Eastham and members of the Fire Department. They came over today and installed the black sash on our building in honor of Ted Drewek, who passed away. That's all I have.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I have one question for you. The two that were appointed last time, did they both start?

CHIEF MILHOAN: Mendenhall started already; Robinson starts tomorrow.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Tomorrow, okay. Does anybody have any questions for the Chief?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Next, Fire Chief Travis Eastham?

CHIEF EASTHAM: No report tonight, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Travis?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie Bordner?

MS. BORDNER: No report.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have questions for Kellie?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Parks, Grounds, Buildings, Street Superintendent, Martin Nelder?

MR. NELDER: Yes, Mayor. The high school PTO has emailed me, and they want to have another 5K race at the park on May 31st, a Saturday. They said it starts early in the morning and it would be done by noon. I ask Council for their approval for them to use the park.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. May 31st.

MR. NELDER: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. We will bring that up shortly. Does anybody have any questions for Martin?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, we'll move on. Is there any correspondence?

MR. BLANK: No correspondence, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you, Bill. Public remarks? Does anybody have anything they wish to share? Go ahead, Judi. Go ahead up there and state your name and your address.

MS. GENSBURG: Okay, so I haven't heard anything from what I proposed last time. Maybe it's a good thing because I have a correction.

COURT REPORTER: Excuse me. Can I have your name and address, please.

MS. GENSBURG: Oh, I'm so sorry.

COURT REPORTER: That's okay.

MS. GENSBURG: I'm Judi Gensburg. I live at 1206 Ina Drive, Lordstown.

COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

MS. GENSBURG: So, on the front cover page there you'll see I highlighted a little added thing. I was asked after I presented last week, why does the Village want the end of Ina Drive so badly? Why am I here? So, I left off that date 2011/2012 there and that's where the Village sewers went in on Ina Drive and the Clarks, neighbors on the adjacent east end, trespassed over our property without permission to tie in. So, that was the whole reason how all of this got started. So I'm just going to talk a little bit about that particular thing.
And I think besides Mr. Bond and Mr. Liming, all of you are new to this situation, so I think it's good that I do explain this. When the Village was crossing the property to tie into the sewers to the neighbors at the end, I got a call from the residents at the end asking if the Village had my permission to cross our property. And, approaching Mayor Hill, he told me I had to prove I owned this property. "We are not going over it, we're going under." Really? Whatever. Everyone else tied into the street where their driveway entered. So, folks have a driveway entering up on Hallock-Young, that is the Clark family. But since it was a shorter distance going through my property, that was why they were tying in on Ina Drive. The Village could have asked permission or got an easement before proceeding. They did neither.
Residents, imagine your back neighbor needs a tie in and to reach a shorter distance, they dig up your yard to service them only to be told by the Mayor you have to prove you own the property. This could happen to you, too.
So, on behalf of all the residents on Ina Drive and our family, I proceeded with litigation to prove our ownership. When I finally found the person who put the turnaround in in

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1996, I called the Mayor to inform him of my findings and I asked him if we could settle this out of court because it's costing us both a lot of money. He would not agree and because I made this mistake of informing him of my findings, Attorney Ries did everything in his power to prevent these findings from entering into court. His argument was what was one more testimony to the fact that Mr. Giovonne did not want the road to go to the end and also why did it take so long for me to find this guy to give more testimony? The Magistrate agreed and I was never allowed to enter all the facts that I presented to you two weeks ago. I thought surely if we appeal, I would be able to bring these findings in, but I found out after the fact, that we were not permitted to enter them in there either. I certainly would not have wasted more money through the appeals. I would have taken a different direction as I'm going to do now. In the appeals court, Attorney Ries was asked, "What was the interest the Village had at the end of the street?" His answer was, "The Village put the road in and has maintained it ever since." He knew he was making false statements. Clerk, Mr. Blank, informed me that the Village has paid out over \$20,000 for lawyer fees. I would say the attorney got quite wealthy from this. And since the burden of proof was put on me by our Mayor, I had to incur many more fees than just paying our lawyers, like, surveyors, court costs, paying two stenographers, which is over \$4,500 just for that alone to get true records back, to the tune of \$46,500. That is what I have spent over the years. Let that soak in for a minute. That's a lot.

In conclusion, there are a couple solutions. Attorney Ries, you need to remove yourself from the situation if you would since you are the reason I am here today. So the Village wants to claim our property as theirs to avoid trespassing charges. Council, you can pay the small amount I've asked for, \$4,660. We are asking for reimbursement of the building of the turnaround. Or we can go round 2 and who knows how much more of the taxpayers' money will be wasted. This is peanuts compared to what I've spent on this matter. If I can get a mistrial, I will also try to recover the large amount of money Mayor Hill has caused me to spend, plus the current expenses in trespassing settlement. The best solution would be, of course, to just pay this and let's all be done with this.

Mr. Bond, I remember when you were running for Council and I discussed this situation briefly with you about Ina Drive. You stated that you could do nothing unless you got into office. You wanted to know if you could count on my vote. You got my vote. So, now I'm asking you since you have all the true facts, can I count on your vote? As well as everyone else on Council, you got my vote. Can I count on your vote?

Does everybody understand the why now as to why I'm here? And are there any questions for me?

SOLICITOR RIES:
MAYOR WOODWARD:

You want me comment?
If you want to.

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SOLICITOR RIES: I'll say the same thing that I said before. These issues were all briefed in front of the court. The Magistrate ruled in favor of the Village. You guys took it up with the Judge. The Judge ruled in favor of the Village. Then you guys took it up in front of three Judges at the Court of Appeals, and they ruled in favor of the Village. So, I mean, these issues have been addressed. Your lawyer did everything that he could. I didn't misrepresent anything. I presented the evidence that was there, and the courts agreed with us.

MS. GENSBURG: You prevented the evidence from getting in and you know you did that because Mayor Hill said the reason I had Mr. Lutz coming in was not because we were going to have—that my dad would say he didn't want it to go to the end. You knew that he put the turnaround in in '96 and it never ever was brought out in the first trial that Lordstown claimed ever of building the street that that's what she agreed on and that's what you said in the Appellate Court. So, I'm not happy with you at all.

And I would like to say one other thing. As Council is representing the folks in Lordstown, if somebody calls you, can you please return the call? That's terrible when you don't call back when somebody has an issue. I don't care what it is.

So, I just need to know which way you're going to go on this and how I'm going to pursue it further because I can get a mistrial because you guys took that land when that land was in Probate Court. It wasn't out of Probate yet. How do you take land that's in Probate Court? It's a mystery to me. So, it's a mistrial. And if that's where you want to head, we can go round 2, spend more money. Mr. Blank will have to write out more checks. It's up to you, but I would like to have an answer. And thank you for letting me clarify to the public why I'm here.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there anybody else with public comments? Tom. State your name and address.

MR. CZOKA: Tom Czoka, 1211 Hallock-Young Road. Last meeting on March 3rd, I brought up the trucks that were putting tracks in the yard, turning around. The very next day, March 4th, there was a fellow come out from the construction company, swept the road, fixed part of my front yard. I don't know who to thank, whether it was Chris or whether it was Martin or the Mayor. But I was surprised the very next day they were out there. He raked it up and stuff and they said they'd be back when the project was over and put in some dirt and some grass seed and fix it right, but they made an attempt. I appreciate that. So I don't know who did it, but thank you.

MR. KOGELNIK: It was Martin.

MR. CZOKA: Martin did it?

MR. NELDER: Chris and me.

MR. CZOKA: Okay. It worked because they were there.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay, Danielle.

MS. WATSON: Danielle Watson, 2056 New Drive. I did not expect a full house tonight. I did not know that there was going to be a police appointment. So, before I make the comments and concerns that I have, I ask you, Mayor, since this is your meeting to run, please not let anyone interrupt me. I do have

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proof of what I'm about to say. Please just let me have the adequate time that I'm supposed to have to get through this.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Five.

MS. WATSON: So, I would like to bring to all of Council's attention and the Mayor's attention about the side job going on at Ultium Cells. I'm assuming most of you are aware that there's a side job going on. The problem with this side job—and I will say this is my opinion and after I'm done explaining, 99 percent of the people will agree of what I assume this is.

So, Ultium Cells did not come to our Police Department. Someone from our Police Department went to Ultium Cells, basically, with his hat in hand asking for side jobs. There is an agreement upon Ultium Cells and this person in our Police Department, who is in this room right now, that our officers are not allowed to serve minor misdemeanor warrants at Ultium Cells while this is going on. That is a huge problem. Our officers all took an oath and in their oath is to do the warrants that the judge has signed. I don't care if it's minor misdemeanor, felonies, whatever have you. You are to serve them warrants or you are not upholding your oath of office. To me, that is a bribe. That is bribery and that is corrupt as can possibly be. You cannot say here's \$70 an hour, turn a blind eye to these minor misdemeanors. That is no different than if an officer pulled somebody over for speeding, running a red light, running a stop sign and that said speeder or violator handed that officer \$70 and said turn a blind eye. That officer would not be a police officer ever again.

I would like to know—and, like, I have this on recording. And I know that there's somebody sitting up here that also has the same recording. And I would like to know what Council plans to do with this when it does come out because that officer should be placed on administrative leave pending an investigation because you can't do those things. You're turning good officers into bad officers, corrupt officers, immoral officers. It's wrong.

I don't know if you want me to play the recording I have because I do have it. It is a video/audio recording. Solicitor, do you have any—

SOLICITOR RIES: I'm not telling you what you can and can't do.

MAYOR WOODWARD: If you want to, that is up to you but the discussion of disciplinary action for an employee would have to be held in executive session. So, you can play it and we can listen but we're not going to be able to comment.

MS. WATSON: Okay, that is fine. This thing ain't working. Can I use this one?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Sure.

(AUDIO RECORDING PLAYED FROM CELL PHONE)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 1: "Sometime in the morning if possible. "

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: "Okay."

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 1: "Did you go to court—"

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: "Did you get our email?"

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 1: "About what?"

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: "I was driving through Ultium Cells and my thing picked up a misdemeanor warrant, but people keep telling me that we're not supposed to try and serve

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'em."
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 1: "Well, what's it for?"
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: "Just a traffic offense."
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 1: "Yeah, we're not—they're not pulling people out. Because it's a pain in the ass to find people—like, it's not like just like me going there and grabbing this person. We're trying to reserve—for, like, misdemeanor stuff—because they don't have to bring them to us. I mean, at the end of the day, they don't have to do it."
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: "Okay."
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 1: "So, we're just kind of—we have an agreement with them that we're just grabbing people out of there on, like, felony or if it's a domestic or something we'll—you know, they understand that. But just, like, on traffic stuff—somebody entered a traffic warrant?"
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: "Yeah, I think—"
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 1: "Where was it out of?"
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: "Honestly, I didn't even look too much into it. I just wanted to confirm it first before—"

(AUDIO LOOPS AND STARTS OVER)

MS. WATSON: Oh, that is just replaying. So, I also want to remind every single elected official in this room and every single appointed official in this room, you all, as well, took oaths to your office. And them oaths say you must uphold the Ohio Constitution and the United States Constitution. Nowhere in either one of them does it say that this is okay. This is a criminal act. This is bribery.
I still don't understand how a member of our Police Department could go to Ultium with hat in hand saying we will provide you protection, lower numbers for our officers to have to come here. We'll provide this for you and be here. When it was originally only supposed to be, what, three or four hours a day? Now it's turning into eight-hour shifts at \$70 an hour. That's almost like what the Mob did. We'll provide you protection. You pay us money and we'll turn a blind eye to things. We can't have this here. That's not how things work in this Village. And I believe that any one of you sitting up here, including you, sir, and Mr. Blank, any one of you can make a call to the FBI. Because if you Google—because Uncle Google knows everything—if you Google what to do with a corrupt officer or corruption going on or bribery within a police department, the very first thing that pops up is the FBI. And if we have things like this going on, what else is going to be uncovered? Because I'm sure, like all of you, we're in a small town. You hear things all the time. You can't prove it. But this right here should be enough proof for all of you sitting up here.
So, I thank you for allowing me the time to speak. And I would really appreciate it if somebody in this room would please do something about this. Thank you.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there any other public comments at this time?
(NO RESPONSE.)
We will move on. Council remarks?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Committee reports. Finance, Robert Bond?

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MR. BOND: Mayor, we have no specific report, no legislation either from the Finance Committee tonight.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you.
Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, did Lamar have anything? You guys didn't have a meeting, okay.

MR. SHEELY: No.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay, so there should be no report.
Public Safety and Police Department, Jamie Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY: I don't have any report tonight.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Public Safety, Fire and EMS, Howard Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: I have no report tonight, Ms. Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Utilities, Ernie Bowen?

MR. BOWEN: No report, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Planning and Zoning, Jessica Blank?

MS. BLANK: Nothing to report, just we're going to try to have a meeting sometime next week once Councilman Liming returns.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. We'll move on to legislation.

MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 6-2025 FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 1,200 TONS OF SALT FROM KUSH CREATIVE OUTDOORS, P.O. BOX 360486, STRONGSVILLE, OHIO 44136, FOR THE 2025 WINTER SEASON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to suspend the rules?

MS. BLANK: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Blank.

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?

MR. BOWEN: 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. The motion is carried to suspend the rules.
Is there a motion to adopt?

MR. BOND: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.

MR. BOWEN: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bowen. I'll have to learn your voice. Is there any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 12-2025. Next, please.
MR. BLANK: From Streets, Sidewalks, Public Parks, Building, Grounds, and General Improvement Committee for emergency passage, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 21-2024 CREATING TEMPORARY, SEASONAL, PART-TIME SUMMER POSITIONS WITHIN THE STREET, PARKS AND BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN FOR THE 2025 SEASON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to suspend the rules?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely.
MR. BOWEN: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bowen. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?
MS. BLANK: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Blank. Is there a second?
MR. SHEELY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
We had said that there would be up to ten hired with this. Just wanted to reiterate that. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?

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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 adopt Ordinance 13-2025.
Is there any old business?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, we'll move on to new business. Need a motion to hire Nicholas Jones, with the effective date—well, that would be pending his medical results, for the Police Department.
MR. BOND: I'll make that motion.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.
MR. SHEELY: I'll second it.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. Any 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.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried.
Is there a motion to confirm an RFQ committee, consisting of: Mayor; President of BPA, Chris Peterson; Solicitor; President of Council, Bob Bond; and the Chairman of the Utility Committee, Ernie Bowen?
MR. BOND: What will their duties be? Just as a new committee.
MAYOR WOODWARD: This committee would be created to go through the RFQs to grade them and approve one of them.
MR. KOGELNIK: Correct.
MAYOR WOODWARD: This is the RFQs for—which would it be—
MS. BLANK: Water districts?
MAYOR WOODWARD: —and the booster station.
MR. PETERSON: The 24-inch booster station.
MR. BOND: I'll make that motion.
MS. BLANK: That moving along fast?
MAYOR WOODWARD: Do you want to keep this same committee though if there's other—do you want this to be, like, perpetual for 2025.
MR. PETERSON: I would say so, yeah. If that's okay with you.
MR. BOND: We'll need to change Council rules if it's going to be an ongoing committee.
SOLICITOR RIES: Right. The committees are designated by the rules. If you guys make the motion tonight to approve it, I'll then go ahead and amend the rules for the next meeting to create that committee.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Was there a motion?
MR. BOWEN: I'll second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond; second by Bowen. Is there any other discussion?
MS. BLANK: No, just get it done.
(Laughter.)

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you for the vote of confidence. 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—there was no one opposed, right? Okay. I lost track with all the motions. All right. The motion is carried. Thank you for that.
Is there a motion to approve the high school PTO having a race on May 31st at the park?
MS. BLANK: I'll make that motion.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Blank.
MR. MOSELEY: I'll second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. Any 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.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried.
MR. BOND: Let me read this. I'd like to make a motion for executive session to discuss investigation and discipline on a Village employee, inviting the Mayor, all of Council, Solicitor, and Captain Bordonaro. There will possibly be action taken afterwards.
MAYOR WOODWARD: There is a motion by Mr. Bond. Is there a second?
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?
MR. BOWEN: 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. The motion is carried.
We will do that.
MS. BLANK: Do the appointment first?
MR. BOND: Additional public remarks.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Well, I'm trying to think of what order to do this one. Is there any additional public remarks?
(NO RESPONSE.)

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MR. MOSELEY: I think we need to have another executive session for Ms. Gensburg's complaint. Invite Bill, all of Council, Mr. Ries.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay, so a second executive session tonight.

SOLICITOR RIES: That would be imminent court action because she is threatening to file a second court action. So, imminent court action would be the language for it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So there's a motion by Moseley. Is there a second?

MS. BLANK: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. 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. Bowen?

MR. BOWEN: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried for a second executive session.
Since we can't adjourn yet, I will just go ahead and do the oath of office.

(Off record — Mayor Woodward swore in Officer Nicholas Jones at 6:40 p.m. and Council went into the first executive session at 6:45 p.m.)

(The following was recorded after executive session and was transcribed by the court reporter.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you for waiting, everybody. Council reconvened at 6:57 p.m. with five members of Council present. Is there a motion?

MR. BOND: Yes, I'd like to make a motion to authorize our Solicitor to contact Judi Gensburg to state Council's rejection of any settlement offer.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. There is a motion by Mr. Bond. Is there a second?

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. 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. The motion is carried.
All right. We are going to convene back in executive session for the second part. And who is going into this one? Council, Mayor, Solicitor, at first, right? Okay. All right.

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(WHEREAS, Council convened into the second executive session at 7:00 p.m.
Council reconvened after the second executive session at 8:16 p.m.,
with five members of Council present.)

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bond; second by Bowen.

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

Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

**(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE THE
VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL
ADJOURNED AT 8:17 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