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PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting

(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6:05 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Bill, roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mayor Woodward?
MAYOR WOODWARD: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT.)
Ms. 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: 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: Board of Public Affairs?
MR. PETERSON: Present.
MR. BLANK: Engineer, Chris Kogelnik?
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Mr. Liming has asked to be excused this evening. He is out of town. Can I get a motion to excuse Mr. Liming?
MR. BOND: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.
MR. CAMPBELL: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Campbell. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

Adoption of the agenda. Can I get a motion to adopt the agenda?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. Any questions?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

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

6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is passed.
Disposal of the minutes for the regular Council meeting
March 4, 2024. Can I get a motion for that?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. Any questions?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL).
All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

I said "6, ayes; 0, nays" earlier. I meant "5, ayes; 0, nays" for
the last one.
And 5, ayes; 0, nays for this one. My apologies.
Payment of the bills. Does anybody have any questions
about the bills?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Can I get a motion for payment of the bills?
MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Campbell.
MS. BLANK: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried.
Mayor's report. I want to go back for a moment and mention
the quarter auction that was held. I missed that at the last
meeting. That was held on March 2. It was a great event.
I've attended, I think, all of them since they started having
them some years ago before Covid. Each year it gets better
and better. It was well organized; the food was good; lots of
goodies; lots of things to be had. The vendors had great
products. I might have won a few things, which made my
kids happy. So, it was a nice, family-friendly event that was
well attended, and I hope to see this event in future years to
come.
Tonight, I will be asking Council to approve some new hires
for Planning and Zoning, a full-time assistant administrator;
and for the Clerk's Department, a full-time accounts payable
position.

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Roads and Parks Department is in need of summer help, so we want to start getting that ramped up for them. We do have legislation for that tonight.
The other thing that I'm going to want to discuss tonight will be the Hallock-Young/Highland intersection. I'll be bringing that up under new business.

Clerk's report?
MR. BLANK: No report.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Bill?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Solicitor's report?
SOLICITOR RIES: No report, Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Matt?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Treasurer's report?
MR. EBLING: No report.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for George?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Board of Trustees of Public Affairs report?
MR. PETERSON: Yes, Mayor. We have our regular meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. We are still working on setting up the meeting with MVSD for Thursday, March 21.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Chris?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Village Engineer's report?
MR. KOGELNIK: I have no report this evening, Mayor. Thank you.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Chris?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Special reports. Police Chief Brent Milhoan?
CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mayor. Just so everybody is aware, this Saturday at 11:00, here at the Admin Building, will be the second annual Easter Egg Hunt for the Police and Fire Association. So, we're hoping for a good turnout. Last year was our first year, and it was well attended. We're hopeful that we'll have good weather and be able to have another event this year.
The only other thing I have is prior to the meeting, I passed out to you, Mayor, and to all members of Council a packet that has to do with the Ohio Collaborative. I just wanted to give you an update on where things are at.
On Wednesday, March 6, Tom Vaughn, who is a retired Police Chief from Millersburg, Ohio, who now works for the collaborative, came out and spent half the day with myself and Captain Bordonaro and went over the items of the collaborative.
You can see in that packet that I handed out, there are a total of six groups and each group has two or three standards. The standards are listed on the left side as to what it is. For example, the first page, Group 1, is the use of force and recruitment and hiring standards. Then Group 2 all the way through Group 6.
Tom looked at what we've accomplished so far, looked at our policies and a number of other items. I had expressed to him our desire to be able to apply for the body camera grant that Governor Dewine has funded the last few years. His suggestion was that since we've got a lot of work accomplished thus far, he suggested that we go ahead and

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complete Groups 1, 2 and 4. You'll see Group 2 does have to do with body cameras. So, his suggestion is that we not wait and do all six of the groups because it's very time-consuming. He suggested that we do Group 1, 2 and 4. And then once those items are accomplished, what the collaborative does is they send a peer out to review everything after we send everything out to the State. They send somebody out actually to our department. They go over everything with us. My understanding is it takes about a day. At that point, that's when we would become certified. So, his recommendation is, again, that we complete Groups 1, 2 and 4 so we would be eligible to apply for the body camera grant and then go back and finish Groups 3, 5 and 6. All that being said, there is an indication—a strong indication that the collaborative will continue to add groups every year. Again, each group could have two or three standards. It's unknown how many groups they'll end up having. I heard a number of 19 was talked about. The other thing that's important to remember is once you become certified, it's a yearly recertification. So, it's not a one-and-done type of thing. I can tell you that we've had pretty much all of these policies that relate to the standards that are currently part of the collaborative. It's just that we haven't gone through the process. I didn't want anybody to think that we've been operating without any of these policies. We've had these policies and had them in effect for a long time. But it's a matter of quantifying them with the State. So, that's our process. I wanted to let you know that's where we're at. We have accomplished a lot of work thus far. And, based on Tom's recommendation, that makes sense to me. So, I'm confident that we should be able to at least get Groups 1, 2 and 4 done and then we'll continue to work as time allows us on the other groups and eventually get through all of them. So, just wanted to update all of you on that and give you that information. That's all I have, Mayor.

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

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Fire Chief Travis Eastham?

CHIEF EASTHAM: No report tonight, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Anybody have any questions for Travis?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie Bordner?

MS. BORDNER: Thank you, Mayor. I put in all of your boxes a sheet that looks like this (indicating). It is the 2023 CRA review company information. Thought it would be a little bit easier for everyone to see what we're working on with Matalco, Ultium Cells, M&M Industries. In particular, it shows you the jobs that were pledged and what they are currently. It also shows the payroll from last year and the payroll from this year. I also provided this information to our Tax Department because if they are reporting this to us for the CRA for the abatement review, it certainly should be something that they're reporting to our Tax Department. And we may have to discuss that in the future because I'm

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not entirely sure that that is actually what's happening. I would also ask for support on the first two pieces of legislation. I'm asking that you all give that emergency consideration on both of those tonight, please, because these need to get to the county. Both the Oakview and Woodridge street dedication and acceptance has been something that we've been working on for quite a while for those extra footages, and we really need to get this to the county and get this done for the property owners that are relying upon that. So, I would ask that be given emergency consideration. And I also ask for your support in the appointment of Dustin Hajnosz for Assistant Planning and Zoning Administrator tonight.

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

Correspondence?

MR. BLANK: No correspondence, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public remarks. If anybody from the public wants to share something, go ahead and state your name and address.

MS. CZOKA: Good evening. Laura Czoka, 1211 Hallock-Young Road. First of all, I want to thank everyone for the use of the microphones. I can hear. So, thank you so much for that. Secondly, I'm happy to hear that you've got a plan for Hallock-Young intersection and Highland. We've had many close calls on them. I'm not one who gets out and about a lot. I'm not traveling through that intersection every day, but I've had close calls there. Just being aware of everything, all the residents that are on Facebook in regard to the stop sign being disregarded. So, I'm happy to hear that report about that this evening.

And I'd like to know about the microphones. Is this the system that records?

MR. KOPP: Yes.

MS. CZOKA: Huh?

MR. KOPP: Yes.

MS. CZOKA: So, we are recording?

MR. KOPP: You are recording now.

MS. CZOKA: Okay, so we're recording all of the minutes every time.

Okay. Well, thank you so much. That takes care of the caucus issue. But thank you so much.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you, Laura. Does anybody else have anything?
(NO RESPONSE.)

Council remarks? Anybody on Council have anything they wish to share at this time?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Committee reports. Finance, Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: I have no report this evening, Ms. Mayor.

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

Parks, Buildings, Grounds, Lamar is not here.

MR. BLANK: Surprise.

(Laughter)

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, I would just like to share for Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Lamar is not here, but I do have something to share here and that is that the four baseball fields at the Village Park are going to be

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raked and dragged, rolled and redone, basically. We're going to be adding some infield mix and hopefully getting those back up to par here soon. So, look for that to be done in the near future. And that's all that I have for that unless, Martin, did you have anything else?

MR. NELDER: We got a new drinking fountain for the park. We're going to be installing that as soon as the weather cooperates.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes, there is a new ADA compliant drinking fountain being installed. And that one will go by—

MR. NELDER: The ball fields.

MAYOR WOODWARD: By the ball fields. Anything else, Martin?

MR. NELDER: I had a contractor out looking at the back bathroom where the wall is all cracked. He recommended us to take that section of the wall down. I think we're going to have to get an engineer to help draw up that plan.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. We can address that with the committee. All right. Thank you.

MR. MOSELEY: Public Safety and Police Department, Jamie Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY: No report, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Anybody have any questions for Jamie?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

MR. SHEELY: Public Safety, Fire and EMS, Howard Sheely?

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

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

MR. CAMPBELL: Public Utilities, Terry Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Anybody have any questions for Terry?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

MS. BLANK: Recreation and Planning, Jessica Blank?

MS. BLANK: No report tonight.

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

MR. BLANK: Legislation, Bill?

MR. BLANK: From Planning Commission, **AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING AND ACCEPTING THE EXTENDED PART OF OAKVIEW DRIVE IDENTIFIED IN OAKVIEW PLAT NO. 2, AS A PUBLIC STREET WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN, FOR PUBLIC USE AND MAINTENANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Are there any motions?

MR. SHEELY: Motion to suspend the rules.

MAYOR WOODWARD: There is a motion to suspend the rules by Sheely.

MR. MOSELEY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Moseley. Any questions?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

MR. BLANK: Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Ms. Blank.

MS. BLANK: Yes.

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MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. BOND: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.
MR. CAMPBELL: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Campbell. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Ms. Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion to adopt has been carried.
Next one.
MR. BLANK: I'm sorry. I didn't hear you. Did you give the Ordinance number?
MAYOR WOODWARD: Thanks, Bill.
MR. BLANK: Well, I didn't hear you, so I didn't know if you said it.
MAYOR WOODWARD: I did not.
MR. BLANK: Okay. 19—
MAYOR WOODWARD: 19-2024.
MR. BLANK: Thank you.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Got ahead of myself. Next one, Bill.
MR. BLANK: From Planning Commission, **AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING AND ACCEPTING THE PART OF WOODRIDGE WAY WHICH EXTENDS INTO WOODRIDGE ESTATES PLAT NO. 2 AS SHOWN IN VOLUME 55, PAGE 22 OF TRUMBULL COUNTY RECORDS AS A PUBLIC STREET WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN, FOR PUBLIC USE AND MAINTENANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there any motion on that?
MR. BOND: Motion for emergency consideration.
MAYOR WOODWARD: There is a motion to suspend the rules by Bond.
MS. BLANK: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Blank. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Ms. Blank?

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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. Motion to suspend the rules is passed. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Campbell.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Moseley. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Ms. Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: 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, 20-2024.
MR. BLANK: From Streets, Sidewalks, Public Parks, Buildings, Grounds, and General Improvement Committee, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 8-2023 CREATING TEMPORARY, SEASONAL, PART-TIME SUMMER POSITIONS WITHIN THE STREET, PARKS AND BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN FOR THE 2024 SEASON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion?
MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: For—to suspend the rules?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. So, there is a motion to suspend the rules by Campbell.
MS. BLANK: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: There is a second by Blank. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Ms. Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes.

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MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion to suspend has passed. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MR. BOND: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely and a second by Bond. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Ms. Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion to adopt, 21-2024.
Does anybody have any old business that they wish to discuss?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, new business. Does anybody have any new business?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
For the Clerk's office, I need to entertain a motion to hire Dianna Nutt for the full-time position for Accounts Payable, starting April 1, 2024.
MR. CAMPBELL: I'll make a motion on that.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. There is a motion by Campbell.
MS. BLANK: I'll second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Blank. 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.)

5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried.
Also, I have for the Planning and Zoning office, I need to entertain a motion to approve Dustin—
MR. SHEELY: I'll make that motion.
MAYOR WOODWARD: I wasn't even finished.
MR. SHEELY: I'm sorry.
MS. BLANK: It's okay, Howard.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right, Dustin, how do you say your last name?
MR. HAJNOSZ: Hajnosz (phonetic).

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Dustin Hajnosz as a full-time Assistant Planning and Zoning Administrator, starting Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Can I get a motion on this one?

MR. SHEELY: I'll make this motion.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Oh, Mr. Sheely has made a motion.

MS. BLANK: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: And Ms. Blank has second it. 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.)

5, ayes; 0, nays. This has passed. Congratulations, Dustin.

MR. HAJNOSZ: Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: For the Road and Parks Department, I need to entertain a motion to approve advertising for a full-time laborer/machine operator. I'd like to post the vacancy immediately and run it for three to five days. Resumes to be accepted until April 5th. This is obviously for the vacancy that was just created on the Road Department. Can I get a motion for that?

MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: A motion by Campbell.

MS. BLANK: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: A second by Blank. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Anybody Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

5, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried.

What else? The intersection of Hallock-Young and Highland Avenue. So, I just wanted to see if anybody here on Council, while we are in session, has anything that they wanted to bring up about this intersection or any comments that anybody wants to make or any suggestions that anybody has for this intersection.

MR. MOSELEY: I got something to say. I don't know if you—if you're going to get that traffic study done, I don't know that that's going to change anything. People run lights, drive through those all the time. I mean, I know these people are upset because there was a wreck down there, but you're not going to stop that. I mean, it happens all the time, you know. If it's not there, it's somewhere else. These people are mad and they're carrying on, but it is what it is. I mean, there's not much you're going to do about it.

If you put up stop signs and make it a four-way stop, okay, everybody is used to doing that. So, that's a whole other problem. They're going to be slamming the brakes on and they're going to be running that side then.

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- MAYOR WOODWARD: Brent, what was the cause—or do we know for the first one last week, what was the cause?
- CHIEF MILHOAN: The crash last week that you're referring to, the driver that was traveling on Hallock-Young, according to witnesses and the other driver, that driver did stop on Hallock-Young as they were supposed to. And then proceeded through the intersection not seeing the driver on Highland. So, in that particular case, it wasn't a situation where they didn't stop. They did stop but then they proceeded through not seeing the other driver.
The crash today, according the driver that caused the crash, he or she was looking at their GPS on their phone and didn't see the stop sign. So, it's a little different situation, the same outcome. You have a crash, but a little different way that it happened.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. So, in both instances, it wasn't a matter of the intersection could have been better, the intersection could have been—if a four-way stop was there, something better would have happened?
- CHIEF MILHOAN: Correct.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Both instances, the drivers failed to drive their vehicle properly.
- CHIEF MILHOAN: Correct. First driver stopped. They did not see the other car. The second driver didn't stop, obviously was distracted by a phone.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Matt, did you—you had said that there was a need for the traffic study or not a need, what you said was that Council just needed to approve any changes made.
- SOLICITOR RIES: Yeah, under our Codified Ordinances because of the locations of the intersections we're discussing, that is solely within the discretion of Council if they want to add stop signs. I saw nothing in our Codified Ordinances that require a traffic study. Now, sometimes if you're dealing with the state—you know, if you're getting money from the state or the federal government, then those can be required, ODOT can require them. But based on where these are located, I didn't see anything that would require traffic studies. It's solely with the discretion of Council with the exception, that, I mean, obviously these stop signs would have to be ODOT approved.
- MR. BOND: Now my question, if that was a county road, does that have any bearing on—
- SOLICITOR RIES: No.
- MR. SHEELY: Chief, do you think that would help?
- CHIEF MILHOAN: I don't think there's a right answer here, Howard.
- MR. SHEELY: Well, then they're going to—
- MS. BLANK: I mean, if they can't stop for two-ways, they're not going to stop for four-ways. There's people that run that intersection by Brent's house all the time. There's people by my parent's house who run Anchor Motor Freights that hit people, which are even bigger vehicles that I'd be concerned about. I mean, I live on that road. I walk my dogs down that road. And I barely walk because people fly. It's not people out of the town because they actually stop for me and go slow. So, I don't think a four-way—
- CHIEF MILHOAN: Mayor, can I say something?

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MS. BLANK: —will fix that.

CHIEF MILHOAN: And I agree with what Ms. Blank said. I think if you look at what some of the communities are doing—or some of the communities—a big talk right now is roundabouts. And I'm not suggesting a roundabout down there, so I want to be clear. There's a reason why they're putting in roundabouts. Because statistically, they're safer. I think Kenny Metz, one of our officers, said best, when you have cross traffic coming at each other, sometimes you have bad things happen. Whether—for a variety of reasons: Unfamiliar with the road or not paying attention because of cell phones or other distractions. I mean, there's a reason they call them accidents. And we want to do everything we can to avoid them. I think we all would agree to that. But to get back to Howard's question, I think if you make it a four-way, there's a potential for what Jamie talked about where people that lived out here for all these years have gotten used to Highland Avenue not being a four-way. You're going to have people run that stop sign. A red light, I mean, I don't know, I think regardless of what we do collectively as, you know, a safety department, police, fire, council, the mayor, there's a potential for crashes to still happen. It's cross traffic coming at each other. It's always a possibility.

MR. BOND: Well, I think the Village has reacted in the past and put up that caution light there and different things. There's a blinker on top of the stop sign there. I mean, we've tried.

CHIEF MILHOAN: We have. And at one time, Mr. Bond, we actually had—the Mayor reminded me of this—we actually had a flashing LED that went around the octagon of the stop sign, which, obviously, that helps. It's not there now because I believe it was stolen.

MR. BOND: We've got similar problems with people that are going to work with Yerke-Young Road and Highland.

MS. BLANK: Yes.

MR. BOND: I see it. They just come right around the bend—

CHIEF MILHOAN: Sure.

MS. BLANK: A rolling stop.

MR. BOND: A lot of this—I see it myself—down at Highland and Salt Springs—

CHIEF MILHOAN: Sure, as do I.

MR. BOND: Yes—

CHIEF MILHOAN: I can tell you that we have increased our patrols in that area. I can tell you that we've stopped a number of cars and given a number of citations. Our message to these drivers has been—if they work at some of the—I'll say the three major plants that we have in town now—our message is, hey, spread the word. You know, if you haven't read the paper or saw the news, we're going to focus in this area. But you've got to remember, we have other intersections.

MS. BLANK: Yeah.

MR. BOND: I'm sure the word will get around that they're being watched and that. And these tickets carry two points on their license, correct?

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- CHIEF MILHOAN: They do. They have the potential for two points. But you're right, no matter what intersection you look at, and I live at one. If you really get specific and you look at who stops—and if you look at the definition of stop, that means no moving parts. There's a lot of rolling at a lot of stops. And, you know, the officers have discretion as to who they write, who they don't write; who they pull over, who they don't pull over. But the majority of people, I will say, don't technically come to a complete stop at any intersection. So, I think the key here, one of the keys, is us, as drivers, we have to drive defensively. And I know when I travel that intersection you're talking about, whether I'm going north or south on Highland, and it's easier going one direction, but I try to look down both ways of Hallock-Young judging the speed of the car coming towards that intersection to anticipate that they're not going to stop. And sometimes you can tell by the speed that they're going, they're not going to stop. It's harder to do when you're going south than it is when you're going north. It's clearer to see. But I think we need to get back to driving defensively. And we're all guilty of that. We get caught up in the busyness of the day. I think it's something we need to think about.
- MR. CAMPBELL: Let me just say this being a police officer all the years I was here, in today's world, nobody drives perfectly. You ought to hear the number of accidents. I have a new, updated scanner at home that listens to the state, Mahoning, Trumbull and Ashtabula. Some of the stuff they get into is unreal. It's just like the other day when the guy got out of the car on Elm Road and left his keys in his car and it running. They guy stole the car and took off. The State Patrol chased that thing for I forget how many more miles until the next day they found it in the lake in Niles. So, in today's world, you just got to be careful no matter where you're going. You really do.
- MR. BLANK: Mayor, I'd just like to say one thing. I agree with everything Brent said. When I go down there, I slow down in case somebody blows that I won't get killed. I don't keep going 45 down there. I slow down. People got to slow down and drive defensively like you said. If you go down to Brunstetter, you know, to Main Street, do you know how many times people blow stop signs there? I don't just go because I'm there first. You have to watch and see because people blow right through there even though you're sitting there. It's the way it is. You're not going to stop accidents.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Should we suffice to say that nobody wants to make any motions to change anything this evening?
- MR. CAMPBELL: No, not today.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Then we will move on. Thank you all for that. Does anybody else have new business that they want to add?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Additional public remarks? Go ahead.
- MR. CZOKA: Tom Czoka, 1211 Hallock-Young Road. Let's just go back real quick. Chief, you're the one that has the most information on that intersection. Can we just do our own little in-house study for the next 60 days to see how many accidents there are? It might not be worth messing with

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down here, you know.

CHIEF MILHOAN: Well, sure. We have the data. I mean, we provided the data not only to the Mayor but we provided it to the news media because—I mean, I'll be honest with you, I really didn't know how that intersection compared to other intersections.

MR. CZOKA: Right.

CHIEF MILHOAN: So, I picked six other—I'm sorry, five other intersections to compare to see how the numbers line up. Now, you've got to understand those numbers do not include near misses.

MR. CZOKA: Right.

CHIEF MILHOAN: These numbers are strictly property damage, a report was made, there was an injury, or no injury but there was property damage. So they can be a little misguided as far as whether it's a dangerous intersection or not because it does not include near misses.

MR. CZOKA: Right.

CHIEF MILHOAN: But the six intersections that we looked at, going back five years, that intersection was fifth out of the six. The intersection that I live at, Salt Springs and Highland, had 12 crashes. That one had ten. Counting today, that's 11. And there's some intersections—I didn't look at Bailey and Palmyra. I didn't look at, you know, Hewitt-Gifford and Palmyra. There's a number of intersections we didn't look at. We can. But if you're asking to go back less years—we went back five years. I mean, nobody told me to do that. I just did it. We can go back one year. We can go back six months. We can do whatever you want. We have the data. Or we can, you know, go from this point forward and say—

MR. CZOKA: Well, that's—

CHIEF MILHOAN: Whatever Council or the Mayor wants to do. I'll give them the numbers that they want, whatever they want.

MR. CZOKA: If we go from here forward, because we've got new traffic with the Ultium plant and everything, the traffic times, everything is different now.

CHIEF MILHOAN: Sure.

MR. CZOKA: We've got a different demographic than we did, say, five years ago.

CHIEF MILHOAN: Sure.

MR. CZOKA: So, I don't know that that information is going to help us as much as here going forward is going to help us.

CHIEF MILHOAN: We have whatever numbers people would like. It's all public information.

MR. CZOKA: So, if we could do that and get a study done and figure out what's going on down there.

CHIEF MILHOAN: Sure.

MR. BLANK: You had 12 at your place? Because that's a four-way stop.

CHIEF MILHOAN: We had 12 crashes at Highland and Salt Springs in the last five years.

MR. BLANK: Four-way stop.

CHIEF MILHOAN: It's a four-way stop. The leading intersection was—

MS. BLANK: Hallock-Young and Bailey—

CHIEF MILHOAN: Hallock-Young and Bailey, and it had 22 and it has a light. But some of those crashes can be—the Mayor and I talked about this—some of those crashes are not cross-traffic crashes. It could be a rear-end crash. They're numbers. They're numbers and we do our best to give you—I mean,

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the numbers are accurate. You have to take all those factors into consideration. They can be related to—and this is rare—but they can be related to the road conditions, but not very often in Lordstown because as you know our roads are very good. Very good. So, there's a lot of factors.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. Is there any additional public comments?
(NO RESPONSE.)

Hearing none, can I get a motion for adjournment?

MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Campbell.

MS. BLANK: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

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

The meeting is adjourned.

**(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE
THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL
ADJOURNED AT 6:42 P.M.)**

_____, Mayor

_____, Clerk

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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