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PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting (WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:02 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?

MR. LIMING: Here.

MR. BLANK: 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?

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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: Here.

MR. BLANK: Engineer Chris Kogelnik?

MR. KOGELNIK: Present.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Can I have a motion for the adoption of the
agenda?

MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Moved by Campbell and a second by Liming.

Any questions? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays.

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Is there a motion for disposal of the minutes for the regular Council meeting February 20, 2024?

MR. SHEELY: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely.

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. Any questions? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried.

Payment of the bills.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll make a motion for the bills.

MAYOR WOODWARD: There is a motion by Campbell.

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. Any questions? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried.

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Mayor's report. I would like to send out my deepest sympathies to the Hickox family for the passing of our Street Commissioner, Ron. We are just absolutely shocked that this has happened to our Village. And with that, I will be asking Council to approve for his position to be advertised to fill.

Also, tonight I'm going to be asking Council to join a RETAIN program through Mercy Health.

And that's all I have.

Solicitor's report?

MR. BLANK: I don't have a report, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I'm sorry. What? I'm sorry.

MR. BLANK: Don't worry about me.

MR. LIMING: Don't worry. We're not worried.

(Laughter)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Sorry. Clerk's report?

MR. BLANK: No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Solicitor's report?

SOLICITOR RIES: No report, Mayor.

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

Moving on. Treasurer's report?

MR. EBLING: No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for George?

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(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Board of Trustees of Public Affairs report?

MR. PETERSON: Our next regular meeting will be March 19th at 4 p.m.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Chris?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Village Engineer's report?

MR. KOGELNIK: I've distributed my written report, Mayor. This past week, had a couple questions come from Council regarding potential cost for resurfacing some local roads and even we talked about one of the federal aid routes, Salt Springs Road. So, I've given some estimated costs to them.

I don't have anything else. We are waiting for funding decisions for the future 24-inch waterline. That's about it. Does Council have any questions for me? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Special reports. Police Chief Brent Milhoan?

CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mayor. I've submitted my monthly report for February. If you have any questions, I'll try to answer them.

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

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Fire Chief Travis Eastham?

CHIEF EASTHAM: No report tonight.

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

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie Bordner?

MS. BORDNER: Yes, Mayor. We have a Planning Commission meeting on March 11th at 6:30. It will be for the dedication acceptance of some small road extensions on Woodridge Way and Oakview.

Additionally, we did the annual CRA abatement review for Matalco, Ultium and M&M Industries. We're still waiting to hear back on some information from M&M Industries, but Ultium and Matalco were good to go.

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

Correspondence?

MR. BLANK: No correspondence, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public remarks. If anybody has anything that they wish to share, step up to the microphone. State your name and address.

MR. CZOKA: Tom Czoka, 1211 Hallock-Young Road. My question, primarily, is for Brent Milhoan, but anybody can answer if they want.

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I believe it was October when we approved all the money for the upgrades to the body cameras and in-car cameras for the police. We talked about grant money and they said one of the reasons why it was difficult to get grant money was because we weren't certified in our Police Department. At that time, I think Brent said you were going to work on getting certified. Now it's March and that was October. I just wonder how it's coming and what's going on with it.

CHIEF MILHOAN: We actually have a meeting Wednesday of this week with a gentleman from the Ohio Collaborative. The State of Ohio has a number of retired police chiefs that travel around the state and assist departments in getting in compliance with the Ohio Collaborative. So, we believe we have most of our ducks in a row. But he's coming on Wednesday to meet with us and see where we're at and make any suggestions that he might have for us so we can move forward with the certification.

MR. CZOKA: Okay. Good. Thank you.

CHIEF MILHOAN: You're welcome.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Anybody else? (NO RESPONSE.)

Moving on. Council remarks? Does anybody have anything? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Committee reports. Finance, Robert Bond?

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

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

Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Lamar Liming?

MR. LIMING: No report other than I'd like to say how devastating Mr. Hickox's loss was. Martin has stepped up and taken over that and I appreciate him doing that. All them guys at the Street Department need to be commended for doing their jobs and going ahead with things. Thank you. That's it.

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

Public Safety and Police Department, Jamie Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY: No report.

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

Public Safety, Fire and EMS, Howard Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: I have no report tonight, Ms. Mayor. But I do agree with Lamar about the loss of Ron and these guys stepping up and everything.

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

Public Utilities, Terry Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: No report.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Terry?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Recreation and Planning, Jessica Blank?

MS. BLANK: No report tonight.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Jessica?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

We have no legislation tonight.

Do we have any old business that anybody wishes to discuss? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Hearing none, we'll move on to new business. I'd like to entertain a motion to post the Road Superintendent job into the paper or out to the public.

MR. BOND: I'll make that motion.

MR. LIMING: I'll second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond and a second by Liming. Does anybody have any questions about that? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion has passed.

MR. LIMING: When is that going to get posted?

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MR. BLANK: Tomorrow.

MR. LIMING: Tomorrow, all right.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I'd also like to entertain a motion for the Village to allow me to join the RETAIN Program. This is a program through Mercy Health. And what they do is if the employee falls ill or has an injury outside the workplace, they provide care and help for the employee and they help to bring them back to work faster. They do help to provide things for the employee to make that transition back to work a little bit easier. And I think that this would be a good opportunity for some of our employees should they sustain an injury outside the workplace that Workers' Comp doesn't cover. This could be something that could help them. So, I would like for somebody to entertain a motion that we can join this RETAIN Program through Mercy Health.

MR. BOND: Question on that.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Sure.

MR. BOND: Now, how does this work paperwork-wise? I think somebody was concerned about that.

MAYOR WOODWARD: From what I understand, the only thing that we need to do to join is just submit a form that we join the program. But, as far as paperwork goes, that is something for Mercy Health to do with the employee. The only thing that the

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Village would need to take care of is approving if there is some sort of device, a desk, a chair, a stool, a new ergonomic keyboard or something like that, we would just need to approve use of that in their work space. Other than that, there shouldn't be any other paperwork that I'm aware of.

MR. BOND: From what I see reading this, there's no cost to the Village?

MAYOR WOODWARD: This is at no cost to the Village, and there is no cost to the employees either to join this program. It's completely optional for them to use if they do sustain an injury.

MR. SHEELY: I'll make that motion.

MAYOR WOODWARD: We have a motion by Sheely.

MR. BOND: I'll second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Bond. Does anybody have any other questions? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried.

Does anybody else have any other new business? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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All right. Is there any additional public remarks? (NO RESPONSE.)

Can I get a motion for adjournment?

MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Campbell.

MR. MOSELEY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Meeting is adjourned.

(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:13 P.M.)

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.

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