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PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting

(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 6:10 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)

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

MAYOR HILL: Roll call, please, Bill.
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. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?
MR. REIDER: Present.
MR. BLANK: Clerk Blank, present.
Solicitor Dutton?
SOLICITOR DUTTON: Present.
MR. BLANK: Police Chief Brent Milhoan?
CHIEF MILHOAN: Here.
MAYOR HILL: Everybody whose name wasn't mentioned, who we would normally have, would be the Treasurer, Fire Chief, Planning and Zoning, Street Commissioner, Board of Public Affairs. They've all been asked not to attend because of the Coronavirus. So, I will ask for a motion to excuse everybody who is normally here.
MR. LIMING: So moved.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming.
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.
Adoption of the agenda.
MR. LIMING: So moved.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming. 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.)

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Motion carried.
Disposal of the minutes of the grievance hearing February 18, 2020, and the regular meeting March 2, 2020.
MR. REIDER: So moved, Mr. Mayor.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Reider. Second?
MR. RADTKA: Second.
MAYOR HILL: Second by Radtka. Comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?
MR. BOND: Aye.
MR. RADTKA: Aye.
MR. REIDER: Aye.
MR. LIMING: Aye. (Abstain — Grievance Hearing.)
MR. SHEELY: Aye. (Abstain — Council Meeting.)
MR. CAMPBELL: Aye.
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
MR. SHEELY: Abstain from the Council meeting.
MR. LIMING: I abstain from the Grievance Hearing.

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

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

MAYOR HILL: Motion carried with two abstentions.
Motion for payment of the bills?
MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Campbell. Second?
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR HILL: 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.
Mayor's report. Hopefully things will get settled down within the next couple months. But the way things are going, you know, we may have to adjust our schedules and the way we're looking at things. We'll keep the dialogue going between us. We'll be having a department head meeting here later on this week just to touch base and see what we can do to try to make it easier on ourselves and residents. And I have some appointments for the Streets and Parks Department that I'd like to have Council's approval under new business.
That's it for the Mayor's report.
Clerk's report?
MR. BLANK: No report, Mayor.
MAYOR HILL: Solicitor's report.
SOLICITOR DUTTON: I have a report. In addition to the Attorney General speaking at 5:00 and then the Governor speaking at 2:00—it's tough to keep up with all this—the Senate today voted—and I think they voted to pass the COVID-19 emergency funding package. And I sent a copy of the article that appeared in the

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New York Times that explains what's in the House Bill, and the President said he would sign that if the Senate passed it. It includes for employees of governments and small businesses that have—all governments and business that have more than 50 employees—so we fit in the definition of government agency, even though we may not have more than 50 employees—an extension of paid sick leave of 14 days, paid sick leave. So whatever sick leave our employees may have, they are eligible for an additional 14 days.

Number two, this also grants the additional three months—it's 13 weeks—of Family Medical Leave, paid. Ordinarily, Family Medical Leave is unpaid. So, we're going to have to look at the details of that. And it also applies to any employee who is eligible for sick leave. So, all full-time employees by law in Ohio, accumulate sick time. And, ordinarily, employees don't get personal leave days if they're not full time or whatever. But, we have a lot of part time—permanent, part-time employees. They're eligible for sick leave, so they would be eligible for this benefit. This benefit is available for the employee who is infected and must be quarantined. The employee is infected and has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and then must go into some kind of a treatment, as well as if there is member of that household who has those conditions.

So, we may have an employee who has not been tested positive but his spouse or her spouse and maybe a child or someone else living in that household, maybe a parent as a dependent. So, Bill, you're going to have to check with whom you would normally check on payroll issues—or have Debbie do it. I would imagine the Auditor of State will have some guidance on this.

Now, how are we going to be reimbursed? Private employers are being given a tax credit. In other words, if they incur a cost, an out-of-pocket cost for additional sick leave, they can take a credit against the income taxes that they would pay. Some companies don't pay income tax, so they would eat it. I don't know how governments are going to do that. There may be additional block grants to come to, like, Ohio that they would include local government funding or something.

But, the legislation was voted on by the Senate today. I would imagine the President won't sign it until tomorrow. So, trying to interpret the fine print or the nuances of this, we aren't capable of doing that. But, if an employee says, "What happens if I get sick?" You really can't tell them but you certainly can tell them that the federal government is providing some kind of extended sick time. Paul, wouldn't they have to take those two to three weeks off in a row? I mean, you can't call in Wednesday and say you think you got it, come back Thursday, take Friday off. Shouldn't it be—

MR. BLANK:

SOLICITOR DUTTON:

First of all, if somebody says I think I got it. You're supposed to say stay home. You're not supposed to say come to work and let's talk about it. The whole purpose of this is to keep people from communicating—

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MR. BLANK: I understand that, but you're going to pay somebody that's not even tested to see if it's positive—if someone in their family is, I understand that.

SOLICITOR DUTTON: I'm telling you what the law is going to be after the President signs it. I don't know the interpretations of it and the nuances and the regulations. But, I'm just saying this is what the law is. If someone calls you up and says—and I realize that you could be suspicious about this—but if someone says we're living at home and my wife came home and she said that her coworker tested positive. So that fits the definition. You tell that guy because if they live in the same household, husband and wife, they are communicating.

MR. BLANK: I agree with that.

SOLICITOR DUTTON: That's the only way we're going to stop an epidemic. If I learn more, I'll certainly let you know. But you'll probably read about this in the paper tomorrow.

MAYOR HILL: Any questions for Paul?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
The rest of the page, everybody has been excused.
Do we have any correspondence this evening?

MR. BLANK: Yes.

SOLICITOR DUTTON: Yes, we do. I've been asked to read a letter. "Dear Mayor Hill and Members of Village Council: The Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend that Lordstown Village Council approve the following zone change requests: A zone change from I-1 (Industrial) to B-1 (General Business) for a 1.5893-acre section of the proposed new 6.467-acre parcel currently owned by Local Union 1112 Building Corporation situated at 2121 Salt Springs Road in Lordstown, Ohio." That would be Case No. 01-2020. The second one, "A Zone Change from R-1 (Residential) to B-1 (General Business) for a 65.339-acre section of an existing 68.977-acre parcel owned by Alan R. Tura, situated at 6878 Tod Avenue, Lordstown, Ohio, being Parcel Number. 45-904662." That will be Case No. 02-2020. This comes from Denise Dugan, Assistant Planning and Zoning Administrator.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you, Paul. Are there any public remarks?
(NO RESPONSE.)

MR. BLANK: Mayor, we're just going to sit on that one?

MAYOR HILL: Yeah. We'll sit on that one for a little bit.

MR. BLANK: Thank you.

MAYOR HILL: No public remarks. Council remarks?

MR. RADTKA: Yes, Mr. Mayor. The only thing on this insurance through Tom Uher. He said if anybody has any questions, he would be available tonight if anybody wants to call him to discuss it. So, I just wanted to pass that along.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. Any other Council remarks?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Committee reports. Finance, Mr. Radtka?

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

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

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MR. CAMPBELL: The only thing I have is what you already mentioned. Dale gave me the summer help that needs put on.

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

MR. BOND: No report tonight.

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

MR. REIDER: No report, Mr. Mayor.

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

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

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

MR. LIMING: Just that the Rec. Program is shut down. I'd imagine until further notice. The school is not open. It's not going to be running.

MAYOR HILL: I did talk with Marty. Marty said she was probably going to put the Fishing Derby and the Community Picnic on hold and see how that's going to go. Right now she's still looking forward to go with Fun Days. But she's wanting to see how things go. So, everything could be up in the air on that one. Any questions for Lamar?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Any old business?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
New business. From the Streets and Parks, I'd like to have Council approve Dominic D'Amico, Seth Mansell, Benjamin Sinn, Martin Nelder, David Smith and Jared Bosley. I'll entertain a motion to have those six put on for the Parks and Streets Department.

MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Mr. Campbell. Second?

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Mr. Liming. Comments or questions on the motion? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?

MR. SHEELY: Aye.

MR. BOND: Aye.

MR. CAMPBELL: Aye.

MR. RADTKA: Aye.

MR. LIMING: Aye.

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

MR. REIDER: Mr. Mayor—

MAYOR HILL: Yes. One abstention. Are you going to abstain?

MR. REIDER: I have to abstain.

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

MAYOR HILL: Motion still carried with one abstention.
Any other new business?

SOLICITOR DUTTON: Arno, you better discuss the consensus of Council about the income tax filing date.

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MAYOR HILL: Oh, yes. In talking with Paul, in case the President extends the filing date for income tax from the 15th of April, if the state gets extended, we'll get extended. Unless there's a problem with that from Council. If it does, let's say it goes to the end of the month or May 15th, or whatever, does anybody on Council, if they extend the state and federal, have a problem with us extending ours?
(NO ONE ON COUNCIL OBJECTED.)

Anything else?

MR. RADTKA: Want to do this?

MAYOR HILL: Motion to remove the three honorary Chevrolet UAW signs?

MR. LIMING: I'll make that motion.

MAYOR HILL: Motion by Mr. Liming. Second?

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Mr. Bond. 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.

I knew that was appointed by Resolution, so, Bill, you could take care of that.

Any other new business? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Any additional public comments? (NO RESPONSE.) Any comments? (NO RESPONSE.) Motion to adjourn?

MR. RADTKA: So moved, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka. 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. Meeting adjourned.

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

_____, Mayor

_____, Clerk

STATE OF OHIO)

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COUNTY OF TRUMBULL)

For Approval

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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, 2022