

VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE COUNCIL
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio
November 17, 2025
6:20 p.m. to 7:58 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Ms. Jaclyn Woodward, Mayor
- Mr. William Blank, Clerk
- Mr. George Ebling, Treasurer
- Mr. Ernie Bowen, Councilman
- Ms. Jessica Blank, Councilwoman
- Mr. Robert Bond, Councilman
- Mr. Lamar Liming, Councilman
- Mr. Jamie Moseley, Councilman
- Mr. Howard Sheely, Councilman

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio on this 17th of November 2025.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Please stand and join me for the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

LORD'S PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- MAYOR WOODWARD: Roll call please.
- CLERK BLANK: Mayor Woodward.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Here.
- CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
- MR. BOND: Here.
- CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
- MR. LIMING: Here.
- CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
- MS. BLANK: Here.
- CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.
- MR. BOWEN: Here.
- CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
- MR. SHEELY: Here.
- CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
- MR. MOSELEY: Here.
- CLERK BLANK: Clerk Blank, present. Treasurer George Ebling.
- MR. EBLING: Here.
- CLERK BLANK: Solicitor Matt Ries.
- ATTY. RIES: Here.
- CLERK BLANK: Police Chief Brent Milhoan.
- CHIEF MILHOAN: Present.
- CLERK BLANK: Fire Chief Travis Eastham.
- CHIEF EASTHAM: Present.
- CLERK BLANK: Planning and Zoning Administrator Kellie Bordner.
- MS. BORDNER: Present.
- CLERK BLANK: Street Commissioner Martin Nelder.
- MR. NELDER: Present.
- CLERK BLANK: Board of Public Affairs.
(No Response.)
- CLERK BLANK: Engineer Chris Kogelnik.

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MR. KOGELNIK: Present.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to excuse Chris Peterson? He had an emergency at work.

MR. SHEELY: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely. Is there a second?

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: That motion is carried. Is there a motion for adoption of the agenda?

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.

MR. BOWEN: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bowen. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried. Is there a motion for the disposal of the minutes for the regular Council meeting November 3, 2025?

MR. MOSELEY: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley.

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried. Is there a motion for payment of the bills?

MR. SHEELY: So moved.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely and a second by Liming. Any discussion about the bills? All in favor?
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried. Mayor's Report. Just a reminder again that the lighting ceremony will be on November 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the fire station, at the park beside the fire station. If you can bring non-perishable food items for the police department to collect. Is there gonna be a box inside or outside?

CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: There will be a box there for collection of those items. We are going to be closing the administration building on Wednesday because there is a planned water line fix that day. So, the administration building will be without water, we are gonna close the building that day, I just want everybody to know that. Community food pantries, there is a lot of community food pantries going on right now. Check Facebook, I know that I posted a couple lists there. I might be able to get Dustin to post the list online. There's a lot of pantries out in the county too that are supplying Lordstown. And we ask that, you know, if you have items to give to the backpack program, the community pantry is in front of the old schoolhouse, that you drop those items off there; and of

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course, if you are in need of items please take them.
That is all that I have. Clerk's Report.

CLERK BLANK: I do have a little report, Mayor. Anyway, we have an increase of \$1.7 million over the same time last year for income tax. \$810,000 was from the contractors for TEC, and then we had like \$3 million from Ultium, which we're gonna lose probably a million next year while they're shut down so --

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

CLERK BLANK: That's my yearly report, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: What are you gonna do with all that money, Bill? Okay. Solicitor's Report.

ATTY. RIES: I think everybody is aware there was a mandamus action filed against the Village by the data center last Wednesday, so we need to respond to that. I just got an order from the Supreme Court that they want our response by 3:00 p.m. on this Friday, so I would ask if we can go into executive session for pending court action to discuss next steps. That's all I have.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Does anybody have any questions for Matt right now? Treasurer's Report.

MR. EBLING: No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: For the Board of Trustees of Public Affairs Report, Chris let me know that the next BPA meeting is November 19 at 4:00 p.m. Village Engineer's Report.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, Mayor. I distributed the written report to you all. One thing that has come to a close is the Trumbull Energy Center plan review with regard to the RUMA. And Mayor, I gave you that copy of the ordinance because I don't know if you were involved or privy to the ordinance. So, the RUMA is an agreement between the Village and the developer for the developer to pay for damages that were caused by his heavy hauls. And there was extensive hauling for Trumbull Energy Center all the way from Kunkel Road and taking the back roads around the west side of town and to TEC's site. But they -- Edwards did really good, and the only real measurable damage occurred on Henn Parkway on the concrete curbing, and that's evident in the report that I gave to you. So, they're required to pay for replacing that, and I'll get to that in a moment. So, the next one is Lyntz Road. Lyntz Road is being graded right now for funding, and it didn't make the cut for OPWC locally in our district, but it will go to small governments. And so, what I'm telling you is to look out for an e-mail from OPWC because what we're gonna need to do is cure the existing application and re-package it to send it out to the State. Potentially if this goes well, you could ask for a bit more grant by doing that. So, we need to know when they need those re-packaged, and let me know if you get an e-mail from OPWC. And then Henn Parkway, we're coordinating right now with the property owner to hopefully try and establish an easement across their property, and/or one of the better alternatives would be to continue the drainage into their conservancy area and to carve out a maintenance agreement into that area. If that works, then that's the best for probably everybody. But what we need to do is continue our coordination with them and we just can't do all of that at

time zero right now, it's gonna take them some time to get back to us. Now with that said, potentially we get this study done over winter and then we conclude that with a design, and we submit an application to OPWC leveraging your LEC RUMA money with OPWC and also TEC's payment for the curbing and get the road resurfacing for Henn Parkway done and also the storm water drainage done. So that's -- that would be a good exercise in leveraging funding to get that all taken care of. Then the next project that I apprised the Street Committee last Thursday about was on State Route 45, the shoulder repairs. Through ODOT there is a program called HSIP, Highway Safety Improvements Program, and the Village could apply for the abbreviated program for up to \$600,000. We don't think that you could probably apply for all of that 600, but it would be a good first ask. Now the improvements back two or three years ago when we estimated replacing the shoulders cost approximately \$1.1 million. So, one approach that we reviewed with the Street Committee last week was we would create an application through HSIP for a small portion, 20 to 30 percent -- who knows, maybe 40 -- and then also ask for a grant through OPWC 20 percent. That would probably be doable if the Village would pay for the remainder. So that's our approach to doing that. So, we would have to do one side of the road at a time, you wouldn't be able to get it all paid for all at once. And this is -- and we would go after HSIP for the next year for the other side. So that's what's on your agenda, I believe, for a work authorization for us for the amount of \$2,300 to prepare the application. So, with all this said, I feel good that, you know, you got three roadway projects, three roadway improvements, all have external funding that were being applied for, that's being aggressive. That's what we're talking about. I don't have anything else with regard to roadway, but we did get a letter last week from MVSD stating they'll grant approval for the connection of the future water line to their treatment plant, but they could not fund the -- you know, the extension of that line on their own property. So, BPA meets on Wednesday, they'll have to deliberate over that. And there's definitely gonna be a meeting with MVSD coming up. Any questions for me?

CLERK BLANK: Chris, I had one. So, we're looking at about \$500,000 of our money for that up there on 45?

MR. KOGELNIK: I can't say for sure right now, Bill. But right now, if each -- if each side costs \$600,000, you know, probably looking -- yeah, you're probably around there. And I just -- I really can't guarantee you the percentages right now without going through the exercise of doing the applications.

CLERK BLANK: I mean, what you brought up it seemed like it would be like \$500,000. Now how come we have to do the other side of the road? I know the one side's is messed up.

MR. KOGELNIK: The east side is in the worse condition.

CLERK BLANK: Right. So, what happened to the west side?

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, the west side, it's also not designed to be a travel lane so it's eventually gonna fail.

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CLERK BLANK: I don't understand why the taxpayers are on the hook for that. I don't get that. That was created from Ultium Cells. Why are we paying the bill? I mean, I'm not getting on you, but I don't understand why we always write checks every time there's a screw up.

MR. MOSELEY: Yeah, why doesn't ODOT pay for that?

CLERK BLANK: Because they don't want to.

MR. KOGELNIK: ODOT does not pay for that portion of the road. Now ODOT will pay for the resurfacing of the road but not the full pavement repair. That's with any community.

MR. MOSELEY: Who put the road in?

CLERK BLANK: Who put the turn lanes in?

MR. MOSELEY: They widened it and ODOT probably did that.

CLERK BLANK: Who put the turn lanes?

MR. KOGELNIK: ODOT did. Your fight is not with me. I'm just here --

CLERK BLANK: We don't want it with you.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'm here to give you options on how to fix what's there right now.

MR. MOSELEY: Tell them just to pave it then.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'd love to. Unfortunately --

MR. MOSELEY: Just pave it and pave it and pave it.

MR. KOGELNIK: You're dealing with a road like that right now on Lyntz Road kind of. So that's what's on your agenda tonight for approval, and we'll proceed right after that. Also, we did find a grant opportunity for the BPA two weeks ago, we submitted that to them; and I believe they approved it and that is for a planning grant. And through that you're able to get the master water plan updated and, you know, that was generated in 2020. So, a lot of things have happened with regard to the water system, and more things probably will happen, and so we need a good road map to follow for that. Hopefully what this does though, when you create a plan, you're setting forth a course of action that you can make application for external funding. That's one thing that the planning does. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Special Reports. Police Chief Brent Milhoan.

CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mayor. This Saturday we'll be distributing our Thanksgiving food to our Village residents from 10:00 to noon. And then we'll also be doing one for Christmas time when it gets closer to Christmas, so we're still taking donations. This afternoon I received a call from Darren Biggs, who's our Water Department superintendent. He informed me about the water valve repair on Salt Springs Road that will take place this Wednesday. If you noticed on Salt Springs Road up by Tod, just east of Tod on Salt Springs, there's a wet area there, you'll see the water come up on the pavement. That's where the valve is that they're going to replace. He asked if I would send out a message on our Code Red notification system to the Village. Obviously, we only wanted to send the message to the residents it would affect instead of sending it to everyone. So, I told him that I would. He told me that the shut-off of the water would start at 8:30 on Wednesday and hopes to be done by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. And it would affect those customers that live on Salt Springs Road from 1107, which is the old Peterson's True Value, heading west up to the center of town on Tod Avenue, but it

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would also include all the apartments there on the corner of Salt Springs and Virginia, and then all the residents that are back in Country Estates, Virginia, Julia, Rachel, Mary, across Lydia, Elizabeth, and then also Oakview Drive and Woodridge Way. So, when I went on the Code Red to send out a message today, I found out I wasn't able to log on. I found out their entire system was down when I called their 800 number. They did set up a temporary notification system, but it's quite cumbersome. And the lady that I spoke to on the phone today, she asked me if I would call back tomorrow morning at 7:00 and she would try to assist me in sending that message out. So, our goal is to try to get the message out tomorrow at 9:00 in the morning to the residents that it affects. She did tell me on the phone today there's a possibility I may have to send it to all residents. If that is the case, I will make sure the message indicates the customers that it affects. So, I just want to make you aware that we're working on it, but their entire system is down so we hope to get something out tomorrow. We will get something on our Facebook page, and that travels fairly quickly through the Village, so we'll try to get that information out that way as well. Do you have any questions?

- MAYOR WOODWARD: No. Thank you. Fire Chief Travis Eastham.
- CHIEF EASTHAM: No report tonight.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Planning and Zoning Administrator Kellie Bordner.
- MS. BORDNER: Yes, Mayor, thank you. We have a BZA, Board of Zoning Appeals, hearing on Wednesday November 19, which is this coming Wednesday, at 5:30 p.m.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Does anybody have any questions for Kellie? Parks/Grounds/Buildings/Streets Superintendent Martin Nelder.
- MR. NELDER: Yes, Mayor. The only thing I have is the park guys are finishing up the Christmas lights and testing them this week for Friday night for the Christmas lighting. And also, the Road Department started trimming the trees on the roadside back for the salt trucks so we're not hitting anybody's trees. That's all I have.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. Anybody have any questions for Martin? Correspondence.
- CLERK BLANK: No correspondence, Mayor.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Remarks. Anybody? All right. We have a quiet crowd tonight. Council Remarks. Committee Reports. Finance, Robert Bond.
- MR. BOND: I have no report this evening, Madam Mayor.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Lamar Liming.
- MR. LIMING: No report.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Do you want the motion passed tonight for the --
- MR. LIMING: Yes.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: So, there is gonna be a motion for a work authorization for Verdantas under New Business. That came from your meeting.
- MR. LIMING: Yeah, \$2,300.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: We'll bring that up then. Public Safety and Police Department, Jamie Moseley.
- MR. MOSELEY: I would just like to get them two pieces of legislation passed tonight for the police department.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Public Safety, Fire and EMS, Howard Sheely.
MR. SHEELY: No report tonight, Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Utilities, Ernie Bowen.
MR. BOWEN: No report, Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Planning and Zoning, Jessica Blank.
MS. BLANK: Nothing really tonight. We don't have our calendar for December yet for Mobile Market. They already came at the beginning of this month, so --

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Legislation.
CLERK BLANK: **From Public Safety and the Police Department Committee for emergency passage. An ordinance accepting the quote of Total Response by Powerphone for additional workstation license/software maintenance and declaring an emergency.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Is there a motion to suspend the rules?
MR. BOWEN: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bowen.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Six ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?

MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely, second by Liming. Any discussion?
Roll call.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Six ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 59-2025.

CLERK BLANK: **From Public Safety and the Police Department Committee for emergency passage. An ordinance accepting the quote of Sundance Systems, Inc. to install a new Sundance computer-aided dispatch-bridge/records management system/mobile data terminals system and declaring an emergency.**

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

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MS. BLANK: So moved.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: A motion by Blank and a second by Liming. Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Six ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. BOWEN: So moved.
MR. BOND: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: A motion by Bowen, second by Bond. Any discussion?
Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Six ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 60-2025. Is there any Old Business tonight? Hearing none, under New Business can I have a motion to approve the work authorization for Verdantas for \$2,300 for the preparation and submittal of the HSIP funding application?
MR. LIMING: I will make that motion.
MR. BOWEN: I'll second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: A motion by Liming and a second by Bowen. Any discussion? All in favor?
(All respond aye.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: That motion is carried. Is there a motion to approve me signing this agreement with Buckeye Energy Brokers? It's an agreement for the natural gas aggregation services. Can I have a motion?
MR. MOSELEY: So moved.
MS. BLANK: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: A motion by Moseley and a second by Blank. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried. Thanks guys.
MS. BLANK: They made you work for it.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Like hanging me out to dry.
And then you did this motion for executive session.
Were you making that motion?

MR. BOND: Well, I can.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I didn't have one prepared but --

ATTY. RIES: So, it would be for to discuss pending court action and
Council, Mayor, Miss Bordner and myself.

MR. BOND: Do you want the engineer there?

ATTY. RIES: Sure.

MR. MOSELEY: Not Bill?

ATTY. RIES: Pardon?

MR. BOND: Bill should be there too.

ATTY. RIES: Okay. All right.

MR. BOND: So, it's Council, the Engineer, and Bill and Kellie.

MAYOR WOODWARD: And Mayor and Solicitor.

ATTY. RIES: And myself.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Did we get them all? All right. There is a motion for
executive session pending the court -- or regarding the
pending court action.

MR. BOND: One other thing. Will there be action taken after that
tonight?

ATTY. RIES: There might be. There might be. I'm gonna -- we'll have
to talk about that. There might be.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, there is possible action afterwards.

MR. LIMING: I will second the motion.

MAYOR WOODWARD: And Mr. Bond has made the motion and Mr. Liming is
seconding that motion. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Oh wait, sorry. Roll call.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.

MR. BOND: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.

MR. BOWEN: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.

MR. LIMING: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.

MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.

MS. BLANK: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Six ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried. Is there any
other new business tonight? Okay. Any public
remarks? Okay. All right. We are going to move into
executive session.

(Council goes into executive session at 6:45 p.m.)

(Council comes out of executive session)

(A Motion was made by Ms. Blank to hire the law firm Mazanec, Raskin and Ryder to represent the Village regarding the lawsuit, with a second by Mr. Moseley. All voted in favor, Mr. Sheely had left the meeting. Motion is carried.)

(A Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bowen, with a second by Mr. Moseley. All voted in favor, Mr. Sheely had left the meeting. Motion is carried.)

(Council adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.)

Mayor

Clerk

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C E R T I F I C A T E
STATE OF OHIO)
TRUMBULL COUNTY) SS.

I, Deborah I. Lavelle, a Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing meeting before the Lordstown Village Council was written by me in the presence of the Members and transcribed by me using computer-aided transcription according to the stenotype notes taken at the time the said meeting took place.

I do further certify that I am not a relative, counsel or attorney of any Member, or otherwise interested in the event of this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Niles, Ohio on this 24th day of November 2025.

DEBORAH I. LAVELLE, Notary Public
My Commission expires 4/15/2027