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**PROCEEDINGS**

**Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting**

**(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 6:06 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)**

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

MAYOR HILL: Bill, roll call, please.  
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. Moseley?  
MR. MOSELEY: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Clerk Blank, present.  
Treasurer, George Ebling?  
MR. EBLING: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Solicitor Matt Ries?  
SOLICITOR RIES: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Police Chief Brent Milhoan?  
CHIEF MILHOAN: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Fire Chief Travis Eastham?  
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT.)  
Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie Bordner?  
MS. BORDNER: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Parks, Buildings, Grounds, Street Commissioner, Ron Hickox?  
MR. HICKOX: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Board of Public Affairs?  
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT.)  
MR. BLANK: Engineer Chris Kogelnik?  
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.  
MAYOR HILL: Entertain a motion to excuse Fire Chief Eastham. He told me he'd be unavailable. And Chris Peterson gave me a call late this afternoon and said he was unavailable, also.  
MR. LIMING: So moved.  
MR. BOND: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming; 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.  
Entertain a motion for adoption of the agenda.  
MR. RADTKA: So moved.

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MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka. Second?  
MR. SHEELY: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka; 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.)**

Motion carried.  
Entertain a motion for disposal of the minutes, regular  
Council meeting of November 6, 2023.

MR. LIMING: So moved.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming. Second?  
MR. CAMPBELL: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Campbell. 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.  
Entertain a motion for payment of the bills.

MR. SHEELY: So moved.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Sheely. Second?  
MR. CAMPBELL: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Campbell. 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. All I have to say is I'd like to congratulate  
Jackie for winning the election.

MS. WOODWARD: Thank you.  
MAYOR HILL: We've already met and hopefully we'll have a nice, smooth  
transition.

That's it for the Mayor's report. Is there a Clerk's report?

MR. BLANK: No report, Mayor.  
MAYOR HILL: Solicitor's report?  
SOLICITOR RIES: No report, Mayor.  
MAYOR HILL: Treasurer's report?  
MR. EBLING: No report.  
MAYOR HILL: No one is here from the Board of Trustees of Public Affairs.

Village Engineer's report?

MR. KOGELNIK: Mayor, I gave a report to the BPA and relevant to Council,  
there's two funding opportunities coming up for the Village.  
One is through the capital budget, and now the capital budget

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is open for utilities and, also, some building work. So, you have that to decide on.

And then, also, coming up there is a funding opportunity for water and sanitary sewer through ODOD. That one may require some additional legislation. That's a new funding opportunity we don't know all the details about. But I may be asking for legislation during the month of December. Both of these opportunity due dates are coming up the middle of December for capital budget and then the middle of January for ODOD. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:

Thank you. Any questions for Chris?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Special reports. Police Chief Milhoan?

CHIEF MILHOAN:

Yes, Mr. Mayor. I have no report; however, I would like to make you and members of Council and the public aware that on December 1st, we'll be doing our annual Shop-With-A-Cop. And, also, we will be doing our annual food drive for Thanksgiving and Christmas. I know it's a little late now since it's Thanksgiving this week, but we will be doing one for Christmas, as well.

If there is a need that you are aware of in the Village, please get ahold of either Judy Musser, our dispatcher, or Michelle Mercer or Dave Harrison, our School Resource Officer, and we'll make sure that the family is provided some food. So, that's all I have.

MAYOR HILL:

Thank you. Any questions for Brent?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Travis is excused this evening.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie Bordner?

MS. BORDNER:

No report.

MAYOR HILL:

Questions for Kellie?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Parks, Grounds, Buildings, Street Superintendent, Mr. Hickox?

MR. HICKOX:

Thank you, Mayor. Since our last meeting, our crews have been busy building and installing the Christmas lights. And the lighting ceremony took place last Friday evening, rain or shine.

We've been mowing and mulching leaves in the parks and grounds and that will just about come to an end with this weather.

We did hot mix repairs—hot mix patches, I'm sorry—on various locations from areas where we made repairs during the summer and had to dig up the pavement.

We've patched potholes in various locations.

We did some drainage repairs in various locations.

And the roofing project is coming to an end. They have done the main part of the roofing. They're waiting on their capping material for the edge and a few other odds and ends that they have to take care of. But they had great weather to work and get us along this far.

And I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

MAYOR HILL:

Thank you. Any questions for Ron?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Bill, do we have any correspondence this evening?

MR. BLANK:

No correspondence.

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MAYOR HILL: Public remarks. If you'd like to make a public remark, after I acknowledge you, please get up and give your name and address so we can get it recorded in the minutes correctly. Public remarks? Theresa?

MRS. BIGGS: Do I stay here?

MAYOR HILL: Give your name and address so we can get it recorded in the minutes and—

MRS. BIGGS: Theresa Biggs, 6270 Highland Avenue. I'm not a speaker. If anybody can't hear me, please let me know. I have two questions that I want to set forth to people in Lordstown. I wish there were more people here. The one question is, why was the support to MVSD as our supplier for TEC and then suddenly we changed our mind? I never could figure that out. Number two is how or who is controlling zoning in Lordstown—and I was referring to the 35 acres. I guess we're going to get that taken care of tonight or in the next meeting. But I just want to remind everybody that this TEC it really—it's a hundred percent abatement for 15 years, 120-plus acres of prime real estate for 24 workers. And there's a third electric company that's sniffing around. So, I just want everybody to understand that we made a lot of bad mistakes, made bad decisions, as far as I'm concerned. I'm hoping that we don't make those mistakes again. I'm hoping that we don't even talk to the third electric company, but I think we should insist on transparency this time. I'm going to go back a little bit to the first question I had, why support MVSD and then just fluff them off. Clear back in 2017, talks began between Siderewicz and Warren. I thought that we weren't aware of it, but I read that Lordstown officials had been aware of the talks in Warren. So, we were aware of it—or at least somebody was clear back in 2017. On September 25, 2019, three Ordinances were passed in Warren authorizing Warren to enter into an agreement with Lordstown to furnish water for TEC. Siderewicz admits that he did the negotiations in Warren. March 30th, the Board of Directors of MVSD authorizes the Chief Engineer to advertise for professional design and engineering services. Not only was Arno there, but Arno is on record speaking at the meeting in favor of MVSD. So, they put them in a position to think that they might have this, even though all of this other stuff has gone on. At the same time, a revised water service agreement from March 23rd—now, this Board of Directors' meeting with MVSD that Arno was at was March 30th. At the same time, a revised service agreement from March 23rd was written and executed between the Village of Lordstown and the City of Warren. So, on April 12th, another draft was done, a little bit more detailed with dollar amounts and that, between Lordstown and Warren. On May 12th, MVSD is still sending us paperwork because they had hired an engineer to find out anything they could about how they could go about doing that and what they could offer us and what their engineer found out about how

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to do it. I mean, they were working on this and all this other stuff is going on.

On May 23rd, Lordstown finally sent a letter to MVSD that "this unsolicited proposal only serves to confuse matters and now threatens the TEC project." That's quotes. "Therefore, we request that MVSD rescind its proposal to avoid further confusion." That was signed by Bill and Radtka. To which, MVSD responded to Arno and Radtka that they would, of course, stand down, no problem. But, they did make a response in the Tribune for that May 23rd letter. And this is how I would have responded. I would have been angry. "Before the letter, however, an MVSD official contended that over the course of several meetings and conversations with Lordstown officials this year, not one person asked MVSD to stop." So, shame on all of you, but I think you were under a gag order at that point. That's me speaking. On July 7—

MAYOR HILL: Your time is up, but I'm going to let you go because I will respond.

MRS. BIGGS: Thank you. July 7, 2022, Board of Public Affairs request a review by O'Toole, McLaughlin, Dooley and Pecora, attorneys and counselors, to look at the proposed water supply and purchase agreement. I don't know why they waited so long, but that's water over the hills. This is partial of what came back. "Notably, Solicitor Dutton's February 22, 2019, letter to TEC raised concerns that TEC and Warren were negotiating a water supply agreement without including Lordstown in those discussions. This was especially problematic since the TEC facility and the Warren transmission main would be located within Lordstown. Indeed, the dynamics of this particular project still appeared to exclude Lordstown's interest"—this is 2019—"as most recently explained by the Mayor in his objection to TEC's request for an extension from the Power Siting Board. Mayor Hill noted, 'it is as though this project's development is happening external to the Village's review and oversight.' Perhaps equally concerning is the absence of any competitive proposal." So, even though the Board of Public Affairs—seven different articles I have here—they didn't send a proposal from MVSD. So, they couldn't do apples to apples, but they said that it's "narrowly tailored to benefit TEC"—

MAYOR HILL: Whose opinion is that?

MRS. BIGGS: Whose opinion—

MAYOR HILL: Yeah, whose opinion that says it's narrowly tailored—

MRS. BIGGS: This was done by O'Toole, McLaughlin, Dooley and Pecora, attorneys and—

MAYOR HILL: And who is your source of all this information?

MR. BIGGS: Public record.

MAYOR HILL: You got it from somewhere.

MRS. BIGGS: Public record.

MAYOR HILL: Okay, from where?

MRS. BIGGS: From here—public record.

MAYOR HILL: Okay. I'm just asking.

MRS. BIGGS: Okay. So, anyway, that being said, they seem to think that we should have done a little bit more to get more is what

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they are basically saying that the whole program was set up for TEC, not to give us, the Village of Lordstown, what we should have gotten. If you have any questions, I'll answer them.

MAYOR HILL: You'll answer them if this Council lets you answer because this is public remarks. You can speak and if they have a question, they can come up. We don't even have to answer during public remarks if we don't want to, but I will. Please, go on.

MRS. BIGGS: You don't have to. I've got all the paperwork. I've got anything that anybody wants to see. It's all documented. I'm not making any statements that I don't have papers right here to back me. So, if anybody has any questions, you know who I am, and I'm willing to talk with you. Anybody. Finally, I am going to go into April 19, 2023—I skipped over a lot because I only had five minutes—but Lucarelli said that 35 million dollars will be spent on Warren's infrastructure paid through TEC. All of those projects will be paid through TEC. That's good for them. TEC—Warren says that TEC they will probably get about two million dollars of revenue per year. That's a big deal. It opens up a lot of opportunities for a lot to happen in the Mahoning Valley. That's Lucarelli making his statement in 2023.

So, I'm just—I'm just asking Lordstown—more or less of its history—I'm asking please let's follow more closely. Everybody in Lordstown needs to be involved in this, especially if we start another project. And I'm not blaming anybody in particular. I'm just saying that I think these big companies that come in here smell a small town. We don't know what questions to ask. We didn't pull in the right people to be on our side to ask those questions. So we got stuck with a lot of expenses that we shouldn't have gotten stuck with, ie., money that we spent on engineers and money that we spent on getting a fire truck that could reach something, and getting special chemicals. There's a lot of things that we didn't take into consideration. We should have and I think with the proper people, we would have been instructed to do that.

So, that's my comments.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. I would like to respond to that. When this first came up for TEC—and I'm actually the one who invited Theresa and another gentleman to come here. And I see he's in the audience. Because they seem to be—they're a couple of our people who spend a lot of time on Facebook attacking Village government or myself or Mr. Radtka. When the second power plant first came in, one thing which most people don't realize, Mr. Siderewicz did go to MVSD and he did ask them and at that time they did not have an interest in that. And you can ask Mr. Radtka because Mr. Radtka and I were involved in some of this. We keep seeing, well, Mr. Radtka and Hill are cutting all these special deals. And now we hear how, you know, Lordstown, our rates wouldn't go up or they're going to go up a little bit. I haven't heard one thing about how much money we would have saved—we, as a village—would have saved if we would have gone with MVSD. And I was for MVSD. I did attend

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the meeting. That's the one we wanted. But when Mr. Siderewicz first approached them, they didn't have an interest in that. So he went and he did negotiate another contract with the City of Warren. I did not. I didn't know about it. I'm a part-time Mayor. I don't know everything that goes on in this Village. I told this Council we should get a Village Administrator to cover a lot of this stuff up—not cover it up, but cover it and make sure things are done correctly here. But people say, "Well, Hill and Radtka sold us down the river." I haven't heard any proof. All I've heard is accusations. They say well we had better spent our money. On what? And how much money did we spend? I've heard a lot of accusations. I've heard a lot of assumptions. And it's gotten a little bit old. People say, "Well, people got back room deals." Prove it. We're all up here. Bring your proof forward. There's nothing.

You take a look at all these abatements. When I—I sat and I negotiated and the first power plant, yeah, we went and made a change with the second one. The second one a month after its closing, the Village got \$420,000. Thirteen months after the financial close, we got \$890,000. Twenty five months after the financial close, the Village gets \$890,000. Two million, two hundred thousand. After that, the Village, for the first five years, gets \$295,000 a year; for the second five years, per year, \$395,000; and the fourth set of years, \$440,000. If it weren't for the actions this Village took—yeah, I sat in on the negotiations, but this Council is the one that passed every abatement. I have not—I've promoted the abatements, yes. But this total is \$7,850,000. Find out how much money the schools got. Read the paper and find out these communities were going to get taxes for 37 years for new schools and the property taxes are going to go up. Ours should probably never go up because the school is flush, as the Clerk brought up about insurance, which Mr. McGrail wants.

So, I haven't heard anything other than accusations. "Well, Hill and Radtka did this." Here's another interesting thing when all this was going on—let me get it here. There's a question at a Council meeting. And this is a little dialogue between Mark McGrail and Theresa Biggs. "Mark, I wasn't there but rumor has it that Arno was talking on the phone at the Administration Building so at least three people heard him say they were discussing water rates. Just raise the residents' rates. Reliable source. I won't give you names, but your question is legitimate. He was speaking on speakerphone." Folks, that never happened. This is the sort of fun stuff I've been dealing with for years from the select few keyboard warriors on Facebook.

I haven't done anything I'm ashamed of. Yeah, because I'm sitting in this front seat, I take a beating every once in a while. But people say there's back-room deals, bring it forward.

You know, there's people on there saying, "If I get elected, I'm going to make darn sure that everybody has all the money they need for their departments." People who say that have fought every revenue stream—or almost any large

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revenue stream we've tried to bring in the Village. Yeah, this Village Council and Mayor made a mistake or two, yeah, but not to the extent that some people want to elude to. If you've got proof that we've done something wrong, bring it forward.

And some of the stuff which Theresa had, yeah, it's her opinion. MVSD was first asked to supply the water, then they came in at the last minute at a meeting and sat here at a Council meeting like everybody here is and they said, "We want to make a proposal." It was a day late and a dollar short. Did I want to go with MVSD? Yeah, then I get accused, "Arno came and he made all our water rates go up." Hogwash. We would have gotten maybe a ten or twenty cent per thousand discount off of Meander or Niles because we can't buy our water directly off Meander. They have to be able to produce. And we're still trying to get a second waterline to ensure that our residents always have a clean, reliable water system. We're still making money off of the Warren waterline when it comes in, and we have no maintenance for that line at all.

So, anybody else, I'm done. It's time. Somebody else want to come up and make a couple accusations or make a public comment, after I acknowledge you, please come up and do it. Yes, sir?

MR. GOBLINGER: Kevin Gobliger, 3688 South Leavitt Road. First off, my remarks is, there was a Council meeting when they were asked of Travis Eastham what he thought of which water department—which waterline should be brought in here, and he said that the MVSD should be brought in here. Now, the thing is, is I know that you had let Siderewicz do all this agreeing. Why would he be doing the agreeing for Lordstown?

MAYOR HILL: I didn't let him do that.

MR. GOBLINGER: You just said he did it—

MAYOR HILL: He did it, but I didn't let him do it. He went on his own. I don't—

MR. GOBLINGER: So then who passed it, then—

MAYOR HILL: What?

MR. GOBLINGER: Then who passed it to allow Siderewicz to bring Warren in here?

MAYOR HILL: This Council.

MR. RADTKA: Kevin, the way that went down, the negotiation went down between the BPA President and myself—Kevin Campbell and myself. We negotiated with Mr. Siderewicz and the City of Warren. Everything that was proposed by either party, was ran through BPA members and every Council member. Once things were worked out between BPA's wants, Council's wants, it was agreed upon by BPA. They passed their Resolution through them then the Resolution was brought to Council and it was passed through Council. So, it was the Board members of the BPA that passed the agreement with the City of Warren. Then it came to Council to be approved. Arno didn't vote on it. He only votes if there's a tie between Council.

MR. GOBLINGER: Okay. Then who voted for the tie to bring Warren water in here? There was a tie between you guys that was 3:3 and the



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tie was broke from Arno that brought the Warren City in here—

MAYOR HILL: It was my fault, right, Kevin?

MR. GOBLINGER: Yeah.

MR. RADTKA: I don't remember if it was a tie—

MAYOR HILL: For what? I don't remember if there was a tie. But, Kevin, if I broke the tie, how are you harmed? You cry about water rates—

MR. GOBLINGER: Because we're going to be paying higher water rates because Warren City is not going to be doing anything for us Lordstown residents. All they did was bring that water in for TEC. Okay, the first power plant is atrocious. Okay, you don't live on Goldner Lane, so you don't know—

MAYOR HILL: You don't go either.

MR. GOBLINGER: But I go over there a lot. I go over there a lot and I hear all that noise. I don't even go over there anymore because of the noise. Because let me tell you, it's atrocious. And then you bring this other one in. And the thing is, I was here for the meeting when every Council member voted that all down. Voted that down but yet they go to the Power Siting Board and then, oh, yeah, we'll go ahead and we'll just approve it. You guys had—you could have stopped that but you didn't. You wanted to bring that second one in, too, just like the third one. And you know that that's a fact. You're just a lame duck. That's all it is.

MAYOR HILL: Thanks for coming in, Kevin. Are there any other public—

MR. GOBLINGER: You're the one that asked me to come—

MAYOR HILL: No. I advised you—

MR. GOBLINGER: You're the one that—you didn't put money on me showing—that I wouldn't show up here. So, I'm here—

MAYOR HILL: No, I'm glad you're here.

MR. GOBLINGER: Yeah, well you said—

MAYOR HILL: I'm glad you're here. I don't agree with you—

MR. GOBLINGER: You said you would put money on it that I wouldn't show up today and I'm here, ain't I?

MAYOR HILL: I don't agree with you, but I'm glad you did show up. I wish I had a packed audience every time and people can come here and be productive instead of living on Facebook flapping their jaws.

MR. GOBLINGER: I don't have to flap my jaw—

MR. LIMING: Let's go here.

MAYOR HILL: Are there any other public remarks?

MR. RADTKA: I think Mark had his hand up earlier.

MR. MCGRAIL: No. No. It's a joke.

MAYOR HILL: Council remarks?

MR. BOND: Yes. The reason we're getting the money from the power plant on this PILOT program is their abatement agreement expired because of Covid. It didn't go forward, they come back and wanted it repassed. We wised up some and at that point, we were able to get a PILOT program. Originally, there was no PILOT program. I think it's important that people know that. I think you'll agree with that.

MAYOR HILL: We will. When that expired and Council said we want a better agreement and Bill Blank and Ron Radtka went and negotiated that—

MR. BOND: Right.

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MAYOR HILL: And because of Covid—  
MR. BOND: That's why I said we were able—  
MAYOR HILL: —and everything we were able to get a better agreement.  
MR. RADTKA: Well, we learned a lot —  
MR. BOND: Sure we did.  
MR. RADTKA: —from the first one.  
MR. BOND: And we wised up and after the second one coming and the abatement expired, we had learned something and went forward with it.  
MR. RADTKA: And you know, Bob, on that—  
MR. BOND: I'm defending what we did there. I wanted to make it clear. Now the discount that you referred to, how much would the discount have been from Niles? Cindy, do you know?  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Had we gone with MVSD water?  
MR. BOND: Yes.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: I believe it's 98 cents a thousand gallons for all water purchases.  
MR. BOND: Including what the residents would have gotten?  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes.  
MR. BOND: Okay. That's all I have.  
MAYOR HILL: Any other Council remarks?  
MR. MOSELEY: Yeah, this waterline, I think that needs to go three readings. I don't think we need to pass that tonight.  
MR. RADTKA: Number four?  
MR. MOSELEY: Yeah. I don't think that needs to be an emergency.  
MAYOR HILL: Fine. Whatever pleasure of Council is.  
MR. BOND: Okay.  
MAYOR HILL: Any other Council remarks?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Committee reports. Finance, Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I'd just like to inform everyone our next scheduled Finance meeting is the 27th at 1:00 p.m. And that's all I have this evening.  
MAYOR HILL: Questions for Ron?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Mr. Moseley?  
MR. MOSELEY: No report, Mr. Mayor.  
MAYOR HILL: Questions for Jamie?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Public Safety and Police Department, Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: No report.  
MAYOR HILL: Questions for Lamar?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Public Safety, Fire and EMS, Mr. Campbell?  
MR. CAMPBELL: No report.  
MAYOR HILL: Questions for Terry?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Public Utilities, Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: Yes, something that I should have said under Council remarks. I congratulated Jackie in private. I'd like to do it publicly. I'd also like to congratulate Jessica Blank on being elected to Council and Lamar Liming for being re-elected.  
Thank you.  
MS. BLANK: Thank you.  
MAYOR HILL: Questions for Bob?

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(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Recreation and Planning, Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes. I'd like to thank everybody that was involved with the tree—the lighting ceremony. The lights really look good. I think they look a lot better this year than they have in the past. I guess they got more of them than what they had before.

MR. CAMPBELL: And we had a nice crowd. I was there. The placed was packed.

MR. SHEELY: And I'd like to congratulate all the officials that won, that were elected.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. Any questions for Howard?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Bill, first piece of legislation.

MR. BLANK: From Planning Commission, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE ZONING MAP TO RECLASSIFY THREE (3) PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED ON PRITCHARD OHLTOWN ROAD, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN, OHIO, AND BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL NO. 45-905578, BEING A 2.50-ACRE PARCEL OWNED BY IMPERIAL COMMUNITIES, INC., AN OHIO CORPORATION, BY AND THROUGH RONALD E. RADTKA, PRESIDENT; PARCEL NO. 45-114980, BEING A 2.50-ACRE PARCEL OWNED BY IMPERIAL COMMUNITIES, INC., AN OHIO CORPORATION, BY AND THROUGH RONALD EL. RADTKA, PRESIDENT; AND PARCEL NO. 45-05R579, BEING A 5.002-ACRE PARCEL OWNED BY RONALD E. AND CYNTHIA S. RADTKA, FROM COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY BUSINESS (B-2) TO RESIDENTIAL (R-1).**

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Hearing none, I declare this to have had its first reading.  
Next, please.

MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 IN THE CREDIT AMOUNT OF \$590,960.52 OF CB&I STORAGE TANK SOLUTIONS, LLC, IN CONNECTION WITH THE STATE ROUTE 45 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ELEVATED WATER TANK PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?

MR. SHEELY: Motion to suspend the rules.

MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend the rules by Sheely. Second?

MR. CAMPBELL: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Campbell. Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes .

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

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MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?  
 MR. MOSELEY: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
 MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
 MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to suspend the rules.  
 Motion to adopt?  
 MR. LIMING: So moved.  
 MR. BOND: Second.  
 MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming; second Bond. Comments?  
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
 Roll call.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
 MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
 MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?  
 MR. MOSELEY: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
 MR. LIMING: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?  
 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
 MR. BOND: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to adopt. Ordinance 64-  
 2023. Next, please.  
 MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole for Emergency Passage, **AN  
 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF  
 LORDSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A ROAD USE  
 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT ("RUMA") WITH  
 THE TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF  
 COMMISSIONERS AND CLEAN ENERGY  
 FUTURE—TRUMBULL, LLC, FOR THE PURPOSE  
 OF CONSTRUCTING THE TRUMBULL ENERGY  
 CENTER PROJECT AND DECLARING AN  
 EMERGENCY.**  
 MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?  
 MR. LIMING: Motion to suspend.  
 MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend by Liming. Second?  
 MR. CAMPBELL: Second.  
 MAYOR HILL: Second Campbell. Roll call.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?  
 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
 MR. LIMING: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
 MR. BOND: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
 MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

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MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?  
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to suspend the rules.  
Motion to adopt?  
MR. BOND: So moved—  
MR. SHEELY: So moved.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Bond; second by Sheely. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Roll call.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?  
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?  
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Yes.

(VOTE: 6, AYES; 0, NAYS; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to adopt. Ordinance 65-2023. Next, please.  
MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN TO APPROVE THE WATERLINE CROSS CONNECT UNDER STATE ROUTE 45 FROM THE WARREN PIPELINE FOR CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE—TRUMBULL, LLC'S TRUMBULL ENERGY CENTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?  
MR. SHEELY: I think this needs to go three readings.  
MR. MOSELEY: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: I declare this Ordinance has had its first reading.  
Is there any old business?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Hearing none, new business. I'll entertain a motion to appoint Richard Rook to retain his seat on the Planning Commission.  
MR. LIMING: So moved.  
MR. RADTKA: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming; second by Radtka. 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.  
Is there any other new business?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I'd like to make a motion that we adjourn to executive session for the pending court actions filed by Mr. Mark McGrail for the open meetings violation that was filed, inviting Solicitor, Council—think you said you wanted to be there—and Mayor, with no action taken afterwards other than adjournment.  
MR. BOND: I have a question. Should we include the Mayor-elect and new Council? They'll probably be here when this is being worked on.  
MR. RADTKA: What's your thoughts, Matt?  
SOLICITOR RIES: I don't have a problem.  
MAYOR HILL: Sure.  
MR. LIMING: I'll second that motion.  
MAYOR HILL: Motion by Radtka; second by Mr. Liming. Comments or questions on the motion?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Hearing none, roll call, please.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?  
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?  
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried for that executive session. Is there any other new business?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Are there any other public remarks? Mark.  
MR. MCGRAIL: With regard to that discussion earlier about the waterline. You know, I know that probably most of that issue is water under the bridge. I'm not sure that any of it can be reversed. I know there's people that would like to see it reversed, you know, your actions. I'm one of them.  
I would like to point out, Mayor, you use the word—because people do use that word, that phrase "back room deals." I would phrase it a different way as having improper discussions in executive session, which the Council was sited for in Common Pleas Court, Case 2022 CV 01498, Item No. 27. "As several examples, Respondent unlawfully entered executive session to discuss such unlawful matters as negotiations regarding TEC, planning and possibly future contracts, contract negotiations, contract negotiations for the water agreement, contract negotiations for the water contract, and contract negotiations"—this has to do with Ultium—"at Ultium Battery." So, there were some kind of discussions outside of the public view with regards to those contracts,

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whether it was the City of Warren or MVSD. Some of those discussions—I can understand some of them not being, but most should have been held in public. For instance, you had two contracts, two proposals, TEC, MVSD. A public discussion should have been held saying this is what TEC is proposing and why it's good for the Village and the residents. And this is what MVSD is proposing and why it's good for the residents.

The Warren contract, it's real simple. What's the benefit to the residents other than the PILOT program that you brought up, Bob? Other than that, the Village gets no benefit, whatsoever.

MVSD, there was a discussion this evening—or this afternoon at the BPA meeting with regards to the 24-inch waterline that we need to come into the Village. Under the MVSD proposal, they would have paid for it. Now the Village has to pay, from what I'm hearing, 15 million dollars for that line.

As just pointed out, the volume discount that the Village would have received from MVSD was 98 cents a thousand. We get no volume discount from Warren, admittedly. Now, there's a discussion about a pending water rate increase. If that contract with MVSD—in full disclosure—if that contract had been given to MVSD, there was probably going to be a water increase anyway because that was coming down the road anyway. What could possibly have happened if MVSD had been given that contract is water rates would have been stabilized for this Village and perhaps a reduction in the future. But we know for a fact right now we will not get that reduction with the Warren contract. We will not get that. So, what that is possibly—instead of stabilizing rates for the Village residents, we could be looking at continual water rate increases into the future. .

MAYOR HILL:  
MR. MCGRAIL:

That's the key word, Mark, "could be."  
But, you know what, in all fairness to what you say, I agree. It could be. But I know with Warren the water rate is going up. I know that for a fact because that water cannot be mixed into our system to help—for the benefit of—you can't mix two water sources. That's just a fact. So there's nothing that that water contract is going to do for the residents. Whereas, the MVSD contract absolutely would have been for the benefit of these residents. And the discussion comparing the two should have been had. That's the only thing about the meetings that I have a problem with, and, like this lawsuit points out. Those discussions were held out of the sight of the residents who had a right to know.

MAYOR HILL:  
MR. MCGRAIL:  
MAYOR HILL:  
MR. MCGRAIL:

Do you know what was discussed in those executive sessions?  
No, you know what, you just brought up what I really came up here to ask. It's a good question. Thank you—  
Yeah, I know it is.  
No. So, in order to—there is some clarification that needs to take place, right? So, in all fairness, what I think you should agree to, and Council, is all of those minutes from those executive sessions should be made public.

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MAYOR HILL: There are no minutes in executive session.  
MR. MCGRAIL: Well, there's got to be something, then.  
MAYOR HILL: No, there's no minutes at all—  
MR. MCGRAIL: So, there's no record at all?  
MAYOR HILL: —it's all verbal discussion and there's no minutes.  
MR. MCGRAIL: So there's no minutes, there's nothing there. So there's nobody to prove what was said or done in those?  
MAYOR HILL: No.  
MR. MCGRAIL: Then why wasn't there—okay. That's even better. You just made my point even more. There's no minutes, record of that discussion then you are absolutely obligated to have that discussion in public.  
MAYOR HILL: That's your opinion. As I've told you many times—  
MR. MCGRAIL: I'm telling you as a resident—  
MAYOR HILL: —you give your opinion and most of the time I disagree with it, Mark. Because you sit here and you think that your opinion—  
MR. MCGRAIL: I'm not going to take your personal attacks. Now stop it.  
MAYOR HILL: You've been doing it for seven years, Mark.  
MR. MCGRAIL: I've been attacking you over issues, not personally.  
MAYOR HILL: Yes, you have.  
MR. MCGRAIL: No. Show me one. Show me one, Arno. I've got my files here on you. Bring yours out. You always show your files.  
MAYOR HILL: You've got—  
MR. MCGRAIL: No, stop. This is my time.  
MAYOR HILL: —your website. And your five minutes are up.  
MR. MCGRAIL: Okay. Thank you.  
MAYOR HILL: Any other public remarks?  
(NO RESPONSE.)  
We'll now adjourn to executive session.

**(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE THE  
VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO  
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:50 P.M.**

MOTION BY LIMING TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION; SECOND BY BOND. SHEELY MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE REGULAR MEETING; SECOND BY MOSELEY. CAMPBELL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN; SECOND BY BOND AT 7:09 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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Sharon K. Vigorito, Notary Public  
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