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**PROCEEDINGS**

**Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting**

**(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 6:03 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)**

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

MAYOR HILL: Bill, if I could have 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: 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: Parks, Buildings and Grounds, Street Commissioner, Ron Hickox?  
MR. HICKOX: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Board of Public Affairs?  
MR. PETERSON: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Engineer Chris Kogelnik?  
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.  
MAYOR HILL: Entertain a motion for the adoption of the agenda.  
MR. LIMING: So moved.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming.  
MR. RADTKA: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: 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.)**

Motion carried.  
Entertain a motion for disposal of the minutes of the regular Council meeting October 16, 2023.

MR. CAMPBELL:

So moved.

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MAYOR HILL: Moved by Campbell. 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.)**

Motion carried.  
Entertain a motion for payment of the bills.  
MR. RADTKA: So moved.  
MR. LIMING: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka; 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. I'd like to remind everybody tomorrow is election day. Exercise your right to vote.  
I do have two part-time—two auxiliary officers I'd like to have Council approve today. After that, we will be swearing them in.  
And I've had a request to feel free to partake in the refreshments so Chief doesn't have to take them home.  
I also have two dispatchers who will be coming—part-time dispatchers, who will be coming off. And one part-time auxiliary, who will be coming off. He'll be taking another job, which they will not let them have dual commissions.  
And, also, two people for the Streets, Parks and Grounds Department, pending physicals and drug tests.  
That's it for the Mayor's report.  
Is there a Clerk's report?  
MR. BLANK: No report, Mayor.  
MAYOR HILL: Is there a Solicitor's report?  
SOLICITOR RIES: No report, Mayor.  
MAYOR HILL: Treasurer's report?  
MR. EBLING: No report.  
MAYOR HILL: Board of Trustees of Public Affairs Report?  
MR. PETERSON: Yes. Our next meeting will be November 21st.  
MAYOR HILL: Questions for Chris?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Village Engineer's report?  
MR. KOGELNIK: Mayor, I distributed a written report there. The one thing that is new, tomorrow I'm going to have a telephone conference call with Congressman Joyce's office requesting additional funding for the future 24-inch waterline replacement of the booster station on State Route 45. Do you have any other questions?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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Thank you.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. Special reports. Police Chief Milhoan?  
CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I've submitted my monthly report for October. Answer any questions if you have any. The only other thing I have is I would ask for your support tonight for the appointments of Chris Caruso and Justin O'Rourke. Both gentlemen have completed everything in our process, with the exception of the physical. So, pending the physical, they'll be able to start. I did email their bios to you and also placed them in your mailbox.  
That's all I have.

MAYOR HILL: Any questions for Brent?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Fire Chief Eastham?

CHIEF EASTHAM: Yes, Mr. Mayor. Just so you're aware, Kellie and I when we reported on the park picnic, we only spent about \$1,200 out of the \$3,000 that was allocated. Instead of asking for more money for the Christmas tree lighting, we were just going to see if Council is okay with us using some of that \$3,000 we didn't use. We won't be using \$1,800. But it's already been authorized, so we were just hoping to roll that over to where we'd use some for refreshments and donuts and things like that.

MAYOR HILL: Anybody have a problem with that?  
(All Council members responded in the negative.)

MAYOR HILL: Okay. You're good.  
CHIEF EASTHAM: Thank you.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. Any questions for Travis?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie?

MS. BORDNER: Yes, Mayor. Thank you. Chief Eastham and I have been working with Ashley Yuhasz, Trumbull County Land Bank Administrator and Member of the Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership, along with Rod Hedge of the Trumbull County Health Department on determining that seven structures in the Village are unfit for human habitation. We have one structure that the property owner is currently working to restore and six that are listed in the legislation for consideration tonight. Of those six, two are still being considered for unfit status by the Trumbull County Health Department and are anticipated to be deemed unfit at their November 15, 2023, meeting. If Council passes this Ordinance tonight, it will allow Chief Eastham and I to move forward in working with Ms. Yuhasz to effect the demolition and removal of the subject structures. We will be able to do this based upon grant funding that is available, and any minor costs not paid by the grant funds and which are paid by the Village will be placed against the corresponding properties as liens. If this passes tonight, the next step for the Village would be to give notice to the property owners and lienholders of record of the Village's declaration of nuisance and intent to abate the structures by demolition and removal. We generally do this by certified mail and we will; however, it is very typical with these structures (which have been in violation and recipients of certified mail from the Village before) that they do not sign for the certified mail and it

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comes back to us undeliverable. Therefore, we would not only request that Council approve the legislation tonight but also permit Chief Eastham and I to further provide notice to the subject property owners and any lienholders by legal publication in the Tribune. So, we would ask for a motion to be permitted to provide legal publication under new business.

Additionally, I have provided all of Council, Solicitor Ries and department heads with information from the EPA on the 2022 Toxics Release Inventory for two businesses in the Village, which have made the list, Ultium Cells and Matalco.

MAYOR HILL:

Thank you. Are there any questions for Kellie?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Parks, Grounds, Buildings, Street Superintendent?

MR. HICKOX:

Thank you, Mayor. Since our last meeting, our crews have been dispatched one time for ice control early in the morning. We took care of that. And I guess snow and ice season has begun.

We're wrapping up our mowing for the season.

We've taken care of some assured sight distances and a few nuisance mowings.

We have the Christmas lights ready to go up and some are up and we'll be ready for the lighting ceremony.

I would also ask for Council to approve the hiring of Dean Fender and Duane Richmond, pending their physicals and drug tests.

That's all I have.

MAYOR HILL:

Thank you. Any questions for Ron?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Bill, do we have any correspondence this evening?

MR. BLANK:

No correspondence, Mayor.

MAYOR HILL:

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

(NO RESPONSE.)

Hearing none, Council remarks?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Hearing none, committee reports. Finance, Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA:

Yes, Mr. Mayor. I'd like to have support for this second piece of legislation coming in tonight. And, also, my next scheduled Finance meeting will be the 13th at 1:00 p.m.

That's all I have.

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?

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(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Public Utilities, Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: No report this evening, Mr. Mayor.  
MAYOR HILL: Questions for Bob?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Recreation and Planning, Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: No report tonight, Mr. Mayor.  
MAYOR HILL: Questions for Howard?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Bill, first piece of legislation.  
MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PROPERTY TO BE INSECURE OR UNSAFE, STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE AND/OR UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND ORDERING AND PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF, TRAVIS EASTHAM, AND PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, EKELLIE BORDNER, AS JOINT PROJECT MANAGERS, OR A CONTRACTED AGENT OF THE VILALGE, TO ABATE THE PROEPRTY NUSISANCES LISTED BELOW BY CAUSING THE REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION OF NUISANCE STRUCTURES ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN 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. Is there a 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.  
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. Is there a motion to adopt?  
MR. RADTKA: So moved.  
MR. LIMING: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka; second by Liming. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Roll call, please.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes.

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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 62-2023. Next, please.

MR. BLANK: From Finance Committee for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY REVISIONS TO THE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION BUDGET PURSUANT TO THE AMENDED CERTIFICATE DATED NOVEMBER 6, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?  
MR. RADTKA: Motion to suspend.  
MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend by Radtka. Second?  
MR. BOND: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Bond. Roll call.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?  
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?  
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?

MR. BOND: So moved.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Bond. Second?  
MR. CAMPBELL: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Campbell. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Roll call.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?  
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

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

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to adopt. Ordinance 63-2023.  
Is there any old business Council would like to discuss at this time?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

New business. I'd like to have Council appoint Chris Caruso and Justin O'Rourke as auxiliary officers. I've met them both. Justin did work with us before. He did a good job. That's why we're offering him a job back.

MR. RADTKA: I'll make that motion.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second.

MAYOR HILL: Motion by Radtka; 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..

I'd like to have Council accept the resignations of Thomas Watson and Tiffany Alberini as part-time dispatchers. They haven't been—since we put an extra dispatcher on, there hasn't been a need, and they haven't worked. So, I'll entertain a motion to have those two taken off as part-time dispatchers.

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MR. CAMPBELL: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming; second by Campbell. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR HILL: Opposed?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

Motion carried.

I'd also like to have Council accept the resignation of Dan Peterson. He is retiring from Warren Township, and he's going to the Sheriff's Department and the Sheriff's Department will not let you have dual commissions. He is one of our auxiliary officers. So I'll entertain a motion to accept the resignation of Dan Peterson as an auxiliary officer.

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.)

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

Motion carried.  
Two more. Street Commissioner Hickox is recommending Dean Fender and Duane Richmond as full-time laborers/truck drivers in the maintenance department, pending their physicals and drug tests. I'll entertain a motion to have those two appointed.  
MR. RADTKA: I'll make that motion.  
MAYOR HILL: Motion by Radtka. Second?  
MR. MOSELEY: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Moseley. 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.  
I know Ron says he's going to be asking for executive session, but I think we'll have the swearing in before the executive session.  
MR. RADTKA: That's fine.  
MAYOR HILL: So we'll swear them in during the meeting. Is there anything else Council has under new business?  
MR. RADTKA: I'd like to just make a motion to authorize Fire Chief Eastham and Planning and Zoning Administrator Kellie Bordner to go ahead and do a publication for the notice of the demolition of these structures.  
MR. LIMING: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Motion by Liming for advertising for Planning and Zoning; second by—Radtka made the motion; second by Liming.  
Comments or questions?  
(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.  
MR. RADTKA: Also, I'd like to make a motion to adjourn into executive session for pending court action with TEC and the Ohio Power Siting Board, inviting Mayor, Council, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Solicitor Ries, and Village Engineer, and the Mayor.  
MAYOR HILL: Everybody heard the motion by Ron. Is there a second to the motion?  
MR. LIMING: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Liming. Comments or questions?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
This will take place after the swearing in—  
MR. RADTKA: No action after—  
MAYOR HILL: No action afterwards. We'll swear the officers in after there's



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any additional public remarks then go to executive session.

Comments?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Bill, roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

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 for executive session.

Any other new business Council would like to discuss before

I ask for additional public remarks?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Hearing none, public remarks?

(NO RESPONSE.)

Hearing none, we'll now have the swearing in of our two

auxiliary officers. After that, we'll go into executive session.

There will be refreshments. If anybody would like to partake in refreshments, feel free after the swearing in.

**(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR THE SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS AND THEN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:20 P.M.)**

**(MR. RADTKA MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION; SECOND BY MR. LIMING AT 6:49 P.M.)**

\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

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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  
My commission Expires May 9, 2027