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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE COUNCIL
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio
October 20, 2025
6:02 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Jaclyn Woodward, Mayor
Mr. William Blank, Clerk
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 20th of October, 2025.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I'd like to welcome everybody to the Village of Lordstown Council meeting. 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.
(No response.)
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.
(No response.)
CLERK BLANK: Streets Commissioner Martin Nelder.
MR. NELDER: Present.
CLERK BLANK: Board of Public Affairs.
MR. PETERSON: Present.
CLERK BLANK: Engineer Chris Kogelnik.
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: I did not hear from George today about not being here, but is there a motion to excuse Kellie?

MR. BOND: So moved.

MS. BLANK: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I have a motion by Bond and a second by Blank. All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.

(No response.)

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

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. There's a motion by Liming.

MR. BOWEN: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Bowen. Any questions on the agenda? All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.

(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried. Is there a motion for the disposal of the minutes for the regular Council meeting October 6, 2025, and the special Council meeting October 13, 2025?

MR. SHEELY: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely.

MR. MOSELEY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. 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. LIMING: So moved.

MR. BOND: Second. Motion by Liming and a second by Bond. Any questions on the bills? All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.

(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried. Mayor's Report. Just tonight I have this access agreement. It's for the Trumbull County Land Bank. They need to have it signed by the end of this week in order for them to move forward with applying for funding for the demolition of the Kunkel building. And there's no monetary exchange in here. So are we just okay with an informal -- is everybody okay with it, any qualms or questions?

ATTY. RIES: I've looked at it, and it basically protects the Village that Trumbull assumes all the risk and releases the Village from liability. It's basically to protect the Village.

MAYOR WOODWARD: And without this they can't apply for the funding from the State, they have to have it. So we can pull out of the demolition process with them at any point in time, this does not obligate us. So if everybody is okay with that, I'm gonna sign it and turn it in.

MS. BLANK: We need to move forward.

MR. SHEELY: Let's get this done.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. I'll get that back to them. The other thing, we have a hiring for one dispatcher this evening. And that's all that I have. Clerk's Report.

CLERK BLANK: I have no report, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Solicitor's Report.

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- ATTY. RIES: I have two things, Mayor. For the last two years the Village has been involved in a lawsuit filed by Mark McGrail concerning open meeting violations, allegations. We -- in 2024 I filed a motion to have the case dismissed. And after a lot of briefing, the court agreed with the Village and dismissed the entire case. Mr. McGrail took an appeal. We went before the Court of Appeals earlier this year. I received the decision last week. The Court of Appeals agreed with the Village again and affirmed the trial court's dismissal of the entire case against the Village. The second item I have is with respect to the water booster station and the Holton property location. Last week we had a special meeting, you approved moving forward with the purchase agreement. I had a title report ran. We found out that there's a judgment against one of the homeowners for roughly \$111,000; not against that property specifically, it's a judgment -- a Certificate of Judgment against all of his assets. So that's something that we're gonna need to deal with, potentially get that parcel removed in exchange for some payment from the judgment creditor. And I've reached out to the attorney as of Friday afternoon, but we just found out about this Friday. So I'm waiting to hear back from the attorney, I'll follow up with her again tomorrow. But that's a bump in the road for us. So that's all I have.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Does anybody have any questions for Matt? All right. Treasurer's Report. George didn't leave anything for us. Board of Trustees of Public Affairs Report.
- MR. PETERSON: Yes, Mayor, thank you. Our next regular meeting is October 29 at 4:00 p.m. It's a different day. We kind of combined two meetings in one because we were waiting on some stuff. So if anybody has any questions --
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Any questions for Chris?
- MR. KOGELNIK: Village Engineer's Report.
- MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, Mayor. I've distributed my written report to you. We have had a lot of activity with regard to the planning effort for the 24-inch water line. Ernie, did you -- were you able to get that letter submitted to --
- MR. BOWEN: It was mailed today.
- MR. KOGELNIK: Good. All right, thank you. So if there's any other questions with regard to the water line let me know. Trumbull Energy Center and the Warren water line, we also had a lot of activity this past couple weeks with restoration efforts on Salt Springs Road and Highland Avenue specifically. And it looks like most of that is all getting done, and so I'm happy to report that. We still have to produce the RUMA report with all the impacts to the Village's roads, so we're working on that. And I don't really have anything else. Everything else deals with funding searches for the Village, but you're all aware of those. Do you have any questions for me?
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you.
- CHIEF MILHOAN: Special Reports. Police Chief Brent Milhoan.
- CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mayor. I would ask Council approval of the appointment tonight of Larry Keller to the full-time dispatcher's position. I believe Larry was hoping to be here tonight, but I'm assuming he got forced over to work at the 911 center, that's been happening a lot. But his appointment will replace one of the dispatchers who had retired so this is not an additional position, it's replacing what we already had

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and his appointment will get us back to full staff. So I would ask for Council approval on that. The only other thing I have is I recently found out we received another grant for First Responders Children's Foundation and CSX grant. This grant will be used specifically for Christmas time. We -- around the 15th of December we'll receive between five and six hundred toys that we'll distribute to our children in Lordstown, so happy to report on that. It's similar to the grant we received prior for Safety Services Day so --

MAYOR WOODWARD: That will be distributed through --

CHIEF MILHOAN: Probably through our schools. And then if we find out there's home school kids in the community, we'll try to include them as well. But that's how we're gonna distribute them.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Very nice. Thank you. Does anybody have any questions for Brent? Okay. We'll move on to Fire Chief Travis Eastham.

CHIEF EASTHAM: No report tonight, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Any questions for Travis? Planning and Zoning Administrator Kellie Bordner. Did she leave you anything, Bill?

CLERK BLANK: No.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Nothing for me either. Parks, Grounds, Buildings, Streets Superintendent Martin Nelder.

MR. NELDER: Yes, Mayor. The only thing I have is, like Chris Kogelnik was talking about, the contractor came back today and repaved the section of Salt Springs. They went 40 feet past the cut to make it smoother. And also, they went down on Highland and redid some of the berm that they messed up. So I just wanted to thank them for doing that.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Does anybody have any questions for Martin? We'll move on to Correspondence. Do you have any?

CLERK BLANK: No correspondence, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I have one piece that I was asked to read tonight. "To the esteemed members of the Village. I am writing to you today as a former resident and an IT professional who works daily within the data center industry. I was born and raised in Lordstown and hope to one day return with my own family, which is why this topic is important to me. I understand the significant decision before you regarding the proposal to host a data center within city limits and the strong feelings, particularly from our older generation, that accompany it. While any new development brings challenges, I believe this project represents a pivotal once-in-a-generation opportunity that our struggling Village cannot afford to pass up. From what I heard, the Village faces undeniable fiscal realities, low school enrollment, strained budgets for essential services, and a pressing need for capital to fund community projects. From library shutdowns to essential equipment like new fire department uniforms a data center, when approached strategically, offers solutions to these problems. As the undeniable future of nearly everything, technology shows no signs of stopping. Nearly every single piece of technology we touch has some component that can be traced back to a data center. As I mentioned, this is a rare opportunity to get a piece of that future right here in our city. Key financial and community benefits. The approval and construction of this data center offers several critical benefits that directly address our current struggles: 1, massive boost

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to the tax base and local revenue; 2, creation of high-quality local jobs" -- oh gees, it's very small here - "while often automated data centers require a diverse well-paid work force. During the construction phase we will see an immediate demand for local contractors, plumbers, electricians, and trades people. Post-construction the facility will require full-time stable jobs for facility engineers and technicians such as HVAC, electrical, mechanical, IT specialists, and network engineers, security personnel, and administrative staff. These are not minimum wage jobs, they are career path positions that can attract and retain younger families, helping to reverse the trend of declining school enrollment. Number 3, significant community investment and partnership. Successful companies often see data centers as long-term investments and are eager to become good community partners. We have the leverage to negotiate a community benefits agreement, also known as a CBA, that could include direct annual funding to the local school district, sponsorship of local events or youth programs, investment in local infrastructure such as roads and utilities beyond the site itself. Addressing concerns and finding solutions. I recognize that the opposition is rooted in legitimate concerns which must be respectfully addressed through transparency and proactive planning. Energy and water use. This is a valid concern. Noise and aesthetics" -- I don't know why this cut off, I'm sorry, I don't know what it says. "Conclusions. The data center proposal offers our Village a sustainable long-term economic foundation that can stabilize our finances, bring high paying jobs and revitalize our local school system. The funds generated by this investment can bridge the gap between our current financial struggles and the thriving well-funded community we all desire. I urge the city council to look beyond the initial concerns and focus on the profound positive impact this opportunity presents. Let us work with the company and the community to craft an agreement that maximizes the economic benefits while proactively mitigating the valid concerns of all of our residents. It would be unwise to rush and make such a decision without at least attempting to work these concerns out. We must think about the younger generation and secure their future and not cater to the older generation's every complaint. Not that their concerns are unreasonable, but because it's our job to think long-term and how our children are affected by these decisions we make today. Thank you for your time, service and thoughtful consideration of this critical matter. Sincerely, Nicholas Frank." That's all I have. We'll move on to Public Remarks. Are there any public remarks tonight? Yes, ma'am. Step up to the mic. State your name and address for the record. Cheryl Kistler. 1330 Tait Road. What I wanted to address a couple puzzling things that have happened to me just recently. First of all, I'm sure most of you in here have already come to the realization that -- and different entities have been running around the community for months trying to buy up sale land, large parcels. What's got me in a tizzy here is that some entities are starting to approach elected officials and ask for private meetings. Just a word of caution, you cannot as an elected official meet privately with any entity. It has to be in public in a meeting. Not even

MS. KISTLER:

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executive session. So we gotta be very careful. We've already been through so much controversy with the energy center, TJX, we have had committees visiting all over the place to see what they're gonna look like to no avail. I just don't want us to go where we went before. Let's not let all this divide us, okay, as a community. If we can just be respectful, logical, until we get this all worked through. That's all I gotta say.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. Anybody else?

MS. CZOKA: I'm Laurie Czoka. 1211 Hallock Young Road. I'd like to refute some things that were in that letter, and I'd also like to gather some information for the residents. Is our Village struggling? Are we struggling financially --

CLERK BLANK: No.

MS. CZOKA: -- as stated in the letter? No? Are our schools struggling?

MS. BLANK: I would say as a teacher, enrollment is down in every school district in this area.

MS. CZOKA: I do agree with that.

MS. BLANK: Everywhere would it -- there's a lot of kids that are getting home schooled.

MS. CZOKA: I do agree with that. However, I also know how much money we've cut checks for to our schools from the business income that we gather. So I do refute a lot of things in that letter. He is very valid that there are concerns with our resources, electricity rates, water rates, noise levels, all of that. We have to address the fact that for years we've been fighting a water problem with our water lines. Have we found the water leak, Chris? Have we stopped that leak?

MR. KOGELNIK: It's not a leak. We have found a problem in the existing water line, and one of the plans we have right now is to build the new water line and then come back to the old one and repair it. Therefore, we would have two water lines coming up to one particular spot in the Village.

MS. CZOKA: And that would be the redundant line that we've been talking about for years, is that correct?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, yes.

MS. CZOKA: And will that supply the additional need for water that we would need for data centers?

MR. KOGELNIK: That I can't answer because I don't have the demand figures for a data center. But for what I know is that right now the Village is using around an average of 3-1/2 to 4 million gallons per day.

MS. CZOKA: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: And the new water line as it is modeled would deliver 8.2 million gallons per day.

MS. CZOKA: Okay. So are you comfortable that the Village as we are right now can support data centers?

MR. KOGELNIK: No. But --

MS. CZOKA: As our engineer you would be able to tell us that.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes. And you know, the good thing that the BPA has done is taken and done a comprehensive plan for what they need. And so that plan was done in 2020, and we know that overall the Village needs a redundant 24-inch water line coming from MVSD all the way to the State Route 45 booster station. So this plan that we have right now is to utilize the U.S. E.P.A. grant which only really pacifies today's demands, and we really need that completely redundant line all the way from the MVSD plant to our tank site.

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MS. CZOKA: Okay. Thank you for that information. So those are some of my concerns with the data centers. Everything that I addressed in Mr. Frank is it -- in his letter, I just don't believe the Village is struggling financially as badly as he is showing -- stating in that letter. But I do believe that we've been struggling with our water supply. That needs to be taken care of. We need to think about our residents and our need for the use of that water before we allow data centers to come in. Thank you so much for your time.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. Anybody else?

MS. CONRAD: Patricia Conrad. 3970 South Leavitt. My question is the initial building of the plant is gonna be, from what I saw the specs, is gonna be like over 3,000 jobs. What is gonna be left to run this AI center? When the plant is up and moving and this data center is up and moving, what jobs -- are these all going to be 24/7 employees or is this just going to be a temporary 3,000 employees or whatever?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Are you referring to the Foxconn?

MS. CONRAD: Not for the Foxconn, but for an AI data center. Well, see this is the thing that worries me the most is they will come to you and present to you the electrical grid, the water grid, they will -- you give them tax abatements, but they adjust our electricity. I'm not asking you to do studies or listen to them. I'm asking you to look at the repercussions. Type in what the data centers are doing around these cities that these are at. Type it in and see what you pull up on YouTube, on Insta -- on whatever you want to type it on before you make this decision. See what these people around these centers are now dealing with. And this is my fear for this; I think they will offer you the moon and as they walk away guess who's paying for that moon. It's gonna be all of us. That's the only thing I'm asking you is don't look at it as bold face, look at it as what happens five years down the road when the center's up and running, what is that going to leave to our Village. You know, the light, the noise, the electricity, the water, the tax abatements, what is that gonna leave here. And that's my biggest concern is please just look it up. Don't look at the future, look it up, the reality of these. And that's all I'm asking. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. Next person.

MS. GENSBURG: My name's Judi Gensburg. I'm at 1206 Ina Drive here in Lordstown. So I have a little different thing that I --

MAYOR WOODWARD: One second. The conversations that are going on in the back of the room are making it hard for her to record. Thank you.

MS. GENSBURG: Okay. Our family owns property on Lyntz Road. And a few years ago we had it sold. It's industrial. And when I called Kellie to talk about a different matter, I just mentioned to her hey, I think we have our property sold by a trucking firm. And she says well, you can't sell it to a trucking firm. And I said why not. She says because there's no roads allowed on the street there on Lyntz Road. And I said, well that's silly; how do I have industrial property and you have a road that no trucks can go on. So needless to say, we lost the sale. So now we have another opportunity to sell our property; and from what I was told it's offices coming in, there will be several offices in these buildings. Hey, there's no power plant, there's no factory, and I wish we had that in our backyard instead of what we do have. So my thing is, and what I really want everybody to understand is, please do not

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pass an ordinance that industries cannot come into the town again because how do I sell my property, you know. We're out of luck with that, so don't ever come up with something like that. And I'm just concerned about it because now I have another seller and I would like to sell the property since we lost the first one. So I'm more on a positive note, and I would just like to be considered with that. What if you owned industrial property and they passed an ordinance and you weren't allowed to sell it to an industry or whatever would come in. But as far as I know what is coming in is beautiful landscaped buildings with several offices. So that's what I was told. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD:
MR. ALDERMAN:

Thank you. Is there anybody else?
My name's Jeff Alderman. I'm at 2832 Newton Falls Bailey Road. So I haven't lived in this town very long, three years, going on four years. But I grew up in the area. I don't understand why Lordstown feels like it needs to provide jobs for the rest of the area. Why does Lordstown have to be the industry center? I don't see entities coming into the community taking advantage of us being helpful to any of our problems. There's lots of properties around that are zoned industrial. If they're not being utilized, why don't we look at rezoning them to residential, as a community working with developers and getting more residents into the area. We don't need more business; you need more people. Taxpayers, younger people like me who work and can support the community that way. We don't need more industry. We don't need more corporations coming in polluting our environment, utilizing our resources, and taking advantage of us. How many people live in Lordstown and work in Lordstown? People commute these days. Everything is within a 45-minute drive. You got Cleveland, Youngstown, Boardman, Akron, Canton, most people drive 30, 40 minutes to work. Why can't this be a housing hub? You got Interstate 80, you got Interstate 76, people can live in Lordstown and disburse and work out in industry elsewhere. You don't need to have all this industry in our own backyard. And I understand that's how it used to be, but it don't have to be that way going forward, you know. I think we need to make some changes and, you know, we have a lot of employees that come into this town. They disrespect us locals, they speed through our communities, they run through our stop signs, they don't follow our traffic laws, they're noisy, they litter. I live on Newton Falls Bailey, I'm constantly walking along my ditch picking up beer bottles, cigarette packs. It's ridiculous. It's not residents doing this. Nobody throws trash in their own backyard. It's people that don't live here. So that's all I have to say. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD:
MS. LESHNACK:
COURT REPORTER:
MS. LESHNACK:

Thank you.
Anita Leshnack. 2910 Westview.
What's the street?
Westview. Other than noise and water usage there's also pollution with it and toxins that are gonna be released. This year I was diagnosed with a rare neurological disorder that affects my throat. My doctor asked me if I am around any toxins in my area working or living. I live close to the battery plant, not saying that that's what it is. But the data center will also be very close to me. I beg you not to do this.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Thank you. Is there anybody else?

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MR. McGIFFIN: Mike McGiffin. Resident of Poland, Ohio. Vice-president of Lake to River Economic Development. Mayor Woodward, Council President Bond, members of Council, I applaud your proactive approach to economic development. I told you that two weeks ago. I have a lot of empathy with the residents of Lordstown and what they are communicating to their Village Council. I encourage you most specifically to continue to work with Lake to River in how you want to develop the Village and to consider opportunities on a case-by-case basis. A blanket ban against any particular industry certainly discourages that particular industry from looking into development in Lordstown, but it also sends a message to the broader marketplace that Lordstown is potentially closed for business and, in turn, can have a negative impact on the businesses that you are looking to attract in that would maybe service the residents in an appropriate manner. So again, applaud your proactive approach. Thank you for your partnership. I'm looking forward to working together and continuing to do so.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you.

MS. BLANK: Can I respond to that? I don't think it's like we're trying to ban all businesses. We only have so much land left. And if we're not gonna have a comprehensive plan, then we as Council need to have a backbone and state what we want here and what we don't want here with what's left of our land. And I mean, I've been approached to meet with people one-on-one and I don't even answer them. But our job is to be the residents' voices. So if the majority of the residents don't want something here, then it's our job to be their voice. That's it. Also to clarify, the library didn't close because of financial problems, it closed because nobody utilized it, not enough residents.

MR. SMITH: Plus that was federal level too.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Wait --

COURT REPORTER: Sir, you have to state your name.

MR. SMITH: Sorry. Terry Smith.

COURT REPORTER: Otherwise, you're "Anonymous".

MR. SMITH: But that was federal level, that wasn't local level. Was it not?

MR. MOSELEY: Trumbull County.

MR. SMITH: But it started at the federal level, correct?

CLERK BLANK: I don't think so.

MR. MOSELEY: Nobody utilized it, so they shut it down. It was like \$20 per book they figured instead of \$8 because nobody went there.

MR. SMITH: You went there.

MAYOR WOODWARD: That's correct. Okay. Are there any other public remarks at this time?

MR. FISCHER: Philip Fischer. 1237 Hallock Young. I have a couple questions for the Council and for Lake to Rivers. How big is this data center gonna be? Nobody knows how big it's gonna be so, therefore, we can't do the proper planning. If they're gonna do 150-megawatt unit and they come in oh no, we want 250 watts, we don't know what they're putting in.

MR. MOSELEY: No one's came to talk to us about a data center.

MR. BOWEN: Yeah, nobody's --

MR. SHEELY: We haven't had dialogue with anybody.

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MR. FISCHER: So putting a moratorium on it would not be a problem because you can lift it as fast as you put it in. But who's going to stop the -- who's gonna stop the taxes, who's gonna give them the abatements? Is it the Council here or is it Trumbull County?

MR. SHEELY: Usually comes through Trumbull County, doesn't it?

MR. FISCHER: Okay, so --

MR. BOND: It would be passed here too.

MR. FISCHER: Okay. So Trumbull County has the initial ball to say we're gonna give them the tax abatement. But if they say they're gonna give it, are you guys able to stop that?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. SHEELY: Yep, I believe so.

MR. BOND: We can vote against it.

MR. FISCHER: Okay. But is it going to do any good if you vote against it?

CLERK BLANK: We aren't anywhere near that right now.

MR. FISCHER: I'd like to know what size this data center is going to be.

MAYOR WOODWARD: There's no one here --

MR. FISCHER: Or the data center being put in place.

MR. MOSELEY: There's not one on the table.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I think there might be some confusion because Foxconn is developing a prototype --

MR. FISCHER: Yeah, and I understand that.

MAYOR WOODWARD: -- data center. That is a completely separate issue than this proposed legislation to ban data centers. This is --

MS. BLANK: For large scale.

MAYOR WOODWARD: -- for large scale and a future concept data center. If there was to be a company that wanted to build a data center here, this is a ban on that for the future. What Foxconn is doing is not affected by this ban.

MR. FISCHER: Yeah, because they're not gonna have a running data center, it's gonna be a prototype to show their customers this is what we have.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Correct, correct. So there's no concept in front of Council at all to consider. We don't know -- it's all speculative as to what could possibly locate in Lordstown.

MR. FISCHER: Okay. So we put a moratorium on data centers right now. Say tonight you say we're not gonna do data centers until and unless -- put something in there unless we know exactly what it's gonna be and they give us a certain amount of time to look into that size of a facility. Say okay, you want to put one in, you bring your plans to us, you give us three months to investigate to see what we're gonna need to do before you come in. That's not telling them no, but that's telling them we want to get our ducks in a row before we let them come through the door and just run amuck and do everything they want.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Right.

MR. FISCHER: Because if the County -- if the County can -- if they bring in their own electric system, their own power plant, it's no longer a data center it's a utility because they'll feed the grid with what the data center doesn't use, and that's a whole different ball game. So I agree with the moratorium on the temporary fact that we can take it off as fast as you put it on; but we need time to investigate a little bit more as far as the size of the data plant, how they're gonna run it, whether it's gonna be a closed system for cooling, all that.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: This wouldn't be a moratorium though, this is a ban, which is something different. This is not allowing them at all. A moratorium would be a temporary hold.

MR. FISCHER: How long would a moratorium last?

MS. BLANK: However long we want it to.

MR. FISCHER: Okay. Then let's put a moratorium on it until we can find out what size it is and get a plan from them that they tell us what it's gonna be.

MR. MOSELEY: There's no one that came forward that said they want one. No one's came forward and said that they want to build a data center here.

MR. FISCHER: Then why is everybody talking about it now as far as --

MR. BOWEN: This all started, and I brought this up a couple Council meetings ago, where this Facebook madness took place when Foxconn's business along with SoftBank got confused and it turned a potential future data center that nobody's even talking about yet into exactly that, a data center being put in someplace here in Lordstown and Foxconn being, I guess, the perpetrator of that.

MR. FISCHER: Foxconn's the bad guy.

MR. BOWEN: Yeah, but that's what I'm saying. These two conversations got meshed on Facebook. And I've seen the comments, you know, it's just crazy. They're two separate entirely different things. And I was sitting up here just a minute ago asking myself am I missing something, an e-mail, was a data center coming here that I haven't heard about, because the answer to that, and it's been stated before, is simply no.

MR. FISCHER: Okay.

MR. BOWEN: It's Foxconn running manufacturing with a prototype data --

MS. BLANK: Like a showroom floor model.

MR. FISCHER: My recommendation would be a -- do a moratorium that you could lift, but you want to see what they are putting in before it gets approved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Under a ban I don't think -- Council would have no obligation to do any kind of study. Under a moratorium they would have an obligation to perform sites, much like they did on the moratorium for trucking terminals.

MR. FISCHER: I understand. And that's what I'm looking for, a study to see what those plans are gonna bring to this village.

MAYOR WOODWARD: You're asking for a moratorium?

MR. FISCHER: Yes. Because they're talking about all these jobs that it's going to bring. Depending on the size of the data plant, it's not gonna bring a lot of jobs. And a lot of the people that are gonna be working there do not live around here. So you're going to be bringing people in from Solon and Cleveland and other places, that gentleman from Columbus is gonna want to move up here. What taxes, what is going to benefit the Village is what I'm looking at. So put a moratorium on it and say okay fine, you want to bring your data center to us, then let us do some homework and find out what's going on.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

MR. FISCHER: Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. Next person? All right. We will move on to Council Remarks.

MR. BOND: Yes, I've got a remark, technically for Mrs. Kistler. You talked about keeping meetings public. I want to say that Matt DeWine from Foxconn has contacted me, he's contacted other members of Council, wanting to meet with

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us in private individually. As President of Council I e-mailed him back inviting him to come to a Council meeting, put a face on it, let's get to know each other; and he doesn't want to do that. I have written to him several times, he's replied back to me on this. Also we do not have a definitive statement from them that they will not in the future try to put a data center over there. This first one is like a new car showroom, I understand that. We don't have a definitive statement on that. I've told him if he'd come, put a face on it, meet the community, I think it would be in everybody's best interest; but so far that's not transpired. I want to make that clear.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Any other Council remarks? Move on to Committee Reports. Finance, Bob Bond.

MR. BOND: I have no report this evening, Mayor. We have no legislation on the agenda.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Lamar Liming.

MR. LIMING: No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Safety and Police Department, Jamie Moseley.

MR. MOSELEY: I don't really have a report other than I'd like to see number 2 get passed tonight so the Police Department can move forward with that.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Public Safety, Fire, and E.M.S., Howard Sheely.

MR. SHEELY: I have no report tonight, Miss Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Utilities, Ernie Bowen.

MR. BOWEN: The only thing I'll mention is the letter of intent was sent over to MVSD. It was mailed today, and it's in line with the 24-inch redundant line that we talked about. That's it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Sounds good. Planning and Zoning, Jessica Bank.

MS. BLANK: Just I would like to see number 1 go three readings still.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Legislation.

CLERK BLANK: **From Planning and Zoning and Recreation Department Committee for emergency passage. An ordinance to prohibit the establishment and operation of data centers within the corporate limits of the Village of Lordstown and declaring an emergency.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Any discussion? Any motions? All right. Hearing none, I declare that this has had its second reading.

CLERK BLANK: **From Public Safety and the Police Department Committee for emergency passage. An ordinance authorizing the Village of Lordstown to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Benevolent Association and declaring an emergency.**

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

MR. MOSELEY: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley.

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. 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: I abstain.

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CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Five ayes and one abstention. The motion is carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely.
MR. BOWEN: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bowen. Any discussion? Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: I abstain.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: You have to give your reason for your abstention.
MS. BLANK: I abstain because my brother's the K-9 officer.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Five ayes, one abstention. The motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 56-2025. Is there any Old Business? New Business? Can I have a motion to hire Larry Keller as a full-time dispatcher effective Monday October 22 -- I'm sorry, 27, 2025?
MR. BOND: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.
MR. SHEELY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried. Is there any other new business? Hearing none, is there any additional public remarks tonight? Hearing none, is there a motion for adjournment?
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. Meeting adjourned.
(Meeting adjourns at 6:45 p.m.)

_____, Mayor

_____, Clerk

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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 26th day of October, 2025.

DEBORAH I. LAVELLE, Notary Public
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