

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
April 26, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Council President Geiger at 7:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by Councilor Beard.

Roll Call: Present: Melissa Beard (0, 2), Don Cable (0, 0), Bill French (0, 0),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) John Geiger (0, 0), Linda Goodman (0, 0), John Lemmon (0, 0),
Kitty Zwissler (0, 0)

Staff Present: Mayor Peggy Wells; Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Ryan Wyse, Fire Chief; Jason Harget, Police Chief; Toby Miller, Water / Public Works Superintendent; Rex Adkins, Code Enforcement Officer

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None received.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to approve the April 12, 2021 council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0;

Motion Passed 7 – 0

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor French, to approve the Treasurer's report and Reconciliations dated April 21, 2021.

Roll call vote: Yes: Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0;

Motion Passed 7 – 0

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mike Fornataro will speak at the May 10, 2021 Council meeting for BLRC 2030.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Meeting held tonight. No next meeting planned at this time. At tonight's meeting, the Committee briefly talked about the plan to take care of old IRS penalties and they have pretty much all been taken care of. Held a joint meeting with the Public Safety Committee to talk about the Fire Levy and the Fire budget that is to be looked at in July.

Public Safety Committee: Agreed with Councilor Lemmon's summary of the joint meeting between Finance and Public Safety Committees.

Public Service Committee: Next meeting will be held May 3rd at 6:30pm with the usual topics of discussion.

Rules Committee: No report.

Community Development Committee: Encouraging people to get COVID-19 vaccines at the Harbor Community Center. 175 first-dose vaccines available on Wednesday April 28th from 1pm-3:45pm. Second doses for those who received the first dose earlier in the month will be available April 29th from 12pm-3pm.

Personnel Committee: Employee Handbook work group will meet again on Thursday April 29th at 3pm to review another section of the Employee Handbook. The section to be worked on has not been declared yet, but there could be several, as the group is able to combine some sections. Personnel meeting will come after this group meets and is farther into reviewing the next section.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Chief - Jason Harget: Gave an update to his 30-day plan. Officers are now able to do reports and call records in the police cruisers to cut back on overtime and keep them on the road and in the community. The evidence room intake is now digital and is part of the OLEG program that is the same as the one in the cars. It is encrypted and secure. New police uniform patches are in. Business profile sheet is being updated and they are checking business doors at night time to make sure they are locked. Coffee with the Chief was delayed to Saturday May 1 from 9-11am at the North Shore Coffee Company. New police chief cruiser works great. Investigating an on-going case of the theft of catalytic converters. Working on individual development plans for each officer to help the officers understand the goals that the Police Chief has for them, goals they have for themselves, and to let them know where they are heading. Asking for the Mayor and maybe a member of Council to aid him with this. Councilor Goodman asked about his plans for extensive training. As a trainer himself, Chief Harget plans to host training classes internally and could bring in external trainers as well. Use of force will be his next step of training. Still working through the 6-month process of the Ohio Collaborative. Explained a dangerous situation that Officer Heath Steele successfully responded to.

Fire Chief - Ryan Wyse: Written report submitted.

Public Works - Toby Miller: No report.

Parks and Recreation – Kellie Green : Joined in person in Council Chambers to share updates. Last Parks and Recreation meeting was April 18th. There was a vacancy on the Commission, Mary Muryn had resigned and as of this past weekend, Stacie McCloud has also resigned from the Commission. Plan to appoint members at the next meeting. Thanked Mayor Wells and the Buckeye Lake Street crew for taking care of the mulch at Ryan Braden park. Councilor Goodman and Commission member Barb Sills submitted an AARP grant around April 5th. Should have notification on that around the end of May for the possibility of getting a shuffleboard court paid for to try to bring more adults to the park. Ball field has been refurbished with brick dust and was paid for by Jason Bowman, the coach of the team that plays there. Waiting on quotes for a third baseline fence and dugouts. Reviewing catalogue for 3 additional park benches. Not sure where they will be placed yet but the Commission will meet on May 4th and then plan for a park walkthrough to see where they could be placed and to check the overall condition of the park. Horseshoes and sticks have been purchased and the Commission members

(with some family help) plan to meet over Memorial Day weekend to install the horseshoe pits. Considering options for skatepark repairs. Looking into what the responsibilities are for the Parks and Recreation Commission in regards to people being able to schedule times to rent out the new pavilion. There is a piece of land near Ryan Braden Park that belongs to the village and the commission has begun brainstorming ideas for what could be done with that land, being so close to the park. Pickleball is being used and Kellie sees that it is a growing interest. Councilor Don Cable made Kellie aware of the Tony Hawk Foundation who has helped areas rebuild their skateparks. Councilor Lemmon said he met with a man, Jeff Thogmartin, who sent him a text saying he would love to help with the skatepark. He was one of the young boys to help get it built initially 18 years or so ago.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins: Written report submitted. Rex Adkins spoke to add to his report that today, 12 notices were sent out for high grass, with less than a quarter of the village that has been checked. Please remind neighbors to cut their grass, which must be maintained at 6 inches or less. Rex is getting caught up on using the iWorq website software for code enforcement, like it is used for Planning and Zoning to keep track of reports and complaints. Most abandoned cars (sitting for more than 72 hours straight) have been marked or impounded by the police department. Code enforcement has been dealing with multiple properties on the report for well over a year. Some are still in the court system and being dealt with.

Report of Council President John Geiger: No report.

Report of Mayor Wells: Mayor Wells has received numerous requests about Village-owned lots that people are willing to buy. Licking County Land Bank used to transfer ownership of the lots they own to adjacent property owners for a nominal amount. However, it would be more beneficial to the village if they would sell them to people who would build a house on these lots. That would result in more water customers and tax revenue for the village. Three estimates received for replacing the fence that blew down between the Brewery and the Drive-Thru – A & B Fence, McCoy Fence, and Tim Staggers. Tim Staggers was the lowest at \$1480 so a 4-foot tall, 82 foot long, dog-eared, wooden fence will be replaced with money from the General fund. Lissann Woodrow is the new Administrative Clerk who is being trained on the iWorq Planning and Zoning software and is archiving/scanning old zoning applications into the software. Parks and Recreation Commission member Barb Sills spent hours this past weekend researching Marysville, Johnstown, and Pataskala, with a focus on Event and Permit information, along with facility rental, that they will fine-tune at their next meeting. Dangerous tree stump and hole in the ground at Ryan Braden Park that needs to be taken out and the hole filled in. Gravel could be brought maybe next year for the overflow piece of land near the park for additional parking, but for now could just be a grass parking lot. Shooting for May 22nd ribbon cutting for the pavilion with Senator Tim Schaffer but it is not confirmed. Mayor Wells mentioned the bonding experience of all members of village staff and officials being able to sign a wooden pin that was used to build and hold up the newly finished Pavilion.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

ORDINANCE 2021-16 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM AND AMENDMENT TO WATER CONTRACT WITH VILLAGE OF MILLERSPORT FOR PURCHASE OF BULK WATER.

Will move on to a second reading.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

RESOLUTION 2021-05 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO INSURANCE COVERAGE CONTRACT AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Zwissler, seconded by Councilor French to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0;

Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Zwissler, seconded by Councilor Cable to adopt Resolution 2021-05.

Roll call vote: Yes: Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0;

Motion Passed 7 – 0

RESOLUTION 2021-06 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SELECTION OF WACHTEL & MCANALLY INC, AND INTENT OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO TO ENGAGE IN FEE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FIRM FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES REGARDING THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE.

Will move on to a second reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to take Resolution 2021-01 from the table.

Roll call vote: Yes: Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0;

Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor French, to rescind Resolution 2021-01.

Roll call vote: Yes: Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0;

Motion Passed 7 – 0

See Resolutions 2021-03 and 2021-04 that were passed separately instead of Resolution 2021-01.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to take Resolution 2021-02 from the table.

Roll call vote: Yes: Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0;

Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor Cable, to rescind Resolution 2021-02.

Roll call vote: Yes: Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0;

Motion Passed 7 – 0

See Ordinance 2021-15 that was passed instead of Resolution 2021-02.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Lemmon suggested forming a work group to look at properties that are owned by the Village to decide the future of which lots to keep vs. sell. Councilor Zwissler said the properties have to be appraised then a public notice posted then they can be put up for auction. She suggested that a few members of Council go to look at them and then discuss it within the Community Development Committee.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Zwissler: First-dose vaccines available at the Harbor Community Center on Wednesday April 28th from 1pm-3:45pm. Thursday will be second doses. Thanked Police Chief Jason Harget for being available to be a traffic cop in the parking lot on those days and to meet residents.

Councilor Beard: No comments.

Councilor French: Thanked Officer Heath Steele for his response to a dangerous situation that Police Chief Harget explained during his report. Thanked Kellie Green for coming to the Council meeting with the Parks and Recreation update.

Council President Geiger: No comments.

Councilor Goodman: Thanked both the Police and Fire Chiefs for coming to the meeting. Hearing a lot of good things from the community and both departments are looking good.

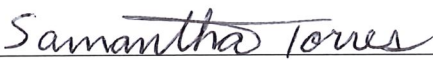
Councilor Lemmon: Thanked Councilor Zwissler for her work at the Harbor Community Center with COVID-19 vaccines. Thanked both Police and Fire Chiefs for showing up to the Council meeting. Thanked Mayor Peggy Wells for her work on property complaints he has heard about.

Councilor Cable: No comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Zwissler.

VOTE: IN-FAVOR ALL YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 6-0
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

NEXT MEETING: May 10, 2021



Samantha Torres, Council Clerk



John Geiger, Council President