

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held livestream on Facebook
August 24, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Council President Geiger at 7:11 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by Council President Geiger.

Roll Call: Present: Kitty Zwissler (17, 0), Melissa Beard (17, 3), Don Cable (17, 0),
(Consecutive Total Absences) Bill French (17, 0), John Geiger (17, 0), Linda Goodman (17, 0), John
Lemmon (17, 0)

Mayor Wells

Absent: None

Staff Present: Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer, Melanie Smith, Interim Council Clerk

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor French and seconded by
Councilor Goodman to approve the August 10, 2020 regular council meeting minutes.

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

Abstain: Lemmon

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 6 - 1 - 0

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Goodman and seconded by
Councilor French to approve the August 17, 2020 regular council meeting minutes.

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

Abstain: Lemmon

Nays: Zwissler; Motion Passed 5 - 1 - 1

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon seconded by
Councilor French to approve the Treasurer's report dated August 19, 2020.

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

Nays: 0 Motion Passed 7 - 0

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Personnel Committee met on August 17,
2020 to discuss personnel and the hiring of a new Clerk of Council and Clerk of Planning and
Zoning. The Personnel Committee recommends the hiring of Samantha Torres as Clerk of
Council and Planning and Zoning.

Approval of New Council Clerk/Planning and Zoning Clerk Hiring: Motion by Councilor
French and seconded by Councilor Geiger to approve the hiring of Samantha Torres as new
Council Clerk and Planning and Zoning Clerk.

Roll call vote: Yes: Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon
Nays: Zwissler; **Motion Passed 6 - 1**

COMMISSION AND OTHER REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation: Report dated July 7, 2020 was submitted.

Planning Commission/BZA: Reports dated June 9, 2020, July 20, 2020, August 11, 2020 were submitted.

Zoning: Report for the month of July 2020 was submitted.

Code Enforcement: No report.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Finance Committee met at 6pm before Council meeting. Spoke about fixture replacement program that will save the village money. Discussed appropriation procedures and a financial review sub-committee. Next meeting will be September 14, 2020 at 6:30pm to discuss 2021 appropriation budget.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: Councilman Lemmon covered lighting fixtures report. Reminder, Public Service meetings are the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

Rules Committee: Sent President Geiger revised rules and clarification of citizen's comments. Rules 42 and 45 will require further review.

Community Development Committee: No report.

Personnel Committee: No report.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN, AND VERBALLY BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL

Police Chief: Police Chief Wardlow reported on a fatal accident over the weekend. Chief Wardlow reported two officers leaving the village, one in his third stage of hiring to another department, and the second is being deployed for active duty in December 2020. Chief indicated she would hire and train replacements as soon as possible. Written reports for the month of July 2020 were submitted.

Fire Chief: Written report to be submitted. Three fires reported. The State of Ohio Fire Marshal was called in to investigate, determined them as arson. Referred cases to Buckeye Lake Police Department, 2 of them at the same location. Licking County 911 Center no longer issuing reports. They are asking for official public records requests if you would like one.

Public Works: No report.

Others: None.

Report of Council President: Commends police and fire for their efforts on the reported arsons.

Report of Mayor: No report.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None

Ordinances for 1st Reading -

Ordinance 2020-39 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-51 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-39 seconded by Councilor French

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

Rules Suspended Motion Passes 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to adopt the rules on Ordinance 2020-39 and seconded by Councilor Goodman

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

Motion passes 7 – 0

Ordinance 2020-40 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-45, 2011-14, 2012-07, 2012-13, 2012-15, 2013-01, 2013-04, 2013-24, 2015-13, 2016-08, 2018-11, 2018-14, 2018-29, 2019-23, 2019-36, 2019-43 AND 2020-10 CREATING PAY LEVELS AND SALARY SCHEDULES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor French to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-40 seconded by Councilor Goodman

Roll call vote: Yays: Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon

Nays: Zwissler

Rules Suspended Motion Passes 6 – 1

Motion by Councilor French to adopt the rules on Ordinance 2020-40 and seconded by Councilor Cable

Roll call vote: Yays: Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon
Nays: Zwissler
Motion passes 6 – 1

Ordinance 2020-41 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO GREATER BUCKEYE LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Councilor Goodman to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-41 seconded by Councilor French

Roll call vote: Yays: Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman
Nays: Zwissler, Lemmon
Rules Suspended Motion Passes 5 – 2

Motion by Councilor Goodman to adopt the rules on Ordinance 2020-41 and seconded by Councilor French

Roll call vote: Yays: Beard, French, Geiger, Goodman
Nays: Zwissler, Cable, Lemmon
Motion passes 4 – 3 with 30-day suspension

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None

Resolutions for 1st Reading -

Resolution 2020-09 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRIBUTE SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOWING BUCKEYE LAKE ENTITIES AND VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS LOCATED WITHIN THE BUCKEYE LAKE VILLAGE AREA

Tabled and passed to committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilman Lemmon read a statement commending the police department, which has also been submitted.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Citizen's comment was received from Barb Sills regarding marketing brochures, read by Councilman Cable.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Zwissler: Welcomed Samantha Torres as new Clerk of Council and Planning and Zoning and expressed concern about compensation and experience.

Councilor Beard: No comment.

Councilor Cable: Commends council for having frank and spirited discussions and disagreements, as well as serious and frank votes.

Councilor French: Welcomes Sam back to the Village and thanks citizens for putting up with Zoom meetings.

Councilor Goodman: Thanks the police and fire department. Welcomes Sam back into the office. There is a new women's clothing boutique opening soon.

Councilor Lemmon: Welcomes Fire Chief Wyse and Samantha. Expressed concern over the insurance percentage rate set by the village.


Council President Geiger: Expressed appreciation to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor French to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Goodman.

VOTE: IN-FAVOR ALL YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

NEXT MEETING: September 14, 2020



Melanie Smith, Interim Council Clerk



John Geiger, Council President

Statement Read by John Lemmon on August 24, 2020

Members of Council recognize the time and attention to duty which are incumbent on every Officer who serve in the interests of our community. The character and training of every Officer of the Buckeye Lake Police Department, is evident in the professionalism displayed daily.

In the past few months, our Officers have taken dangerous drugs off our Streets. In doing so they have protected the welfare and safety of all our citizens. Every Citizen is better off because of their courage and dedication.

To each Officer of the Village of Buckeye Lake Police Department.

Thank You.

