

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
December 14, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Council President Geiger at 7:01 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Present: Don Cable (0, 0), Bill French (0, 0), John Geiger (0, 0),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Linda Goodman (0, 0), John Lemmon (0, 0), Kitty Zwissler (0, 0),
Melissa Beard (via Zoom) (0, 6)

Staff Present: Mayor Peggy Wells; Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer; Samantha Torres, Clerk
of Council; Vicki Wardlow, Police Chief; Toby Miller, Water
Superintendent/Public Works

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor French, seconded by
Councilor Goodman, to approve the November 23, 2020 regular council meeting minutes.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor French, seconded by
Councilor Cable, to approve the Treasurer's report dated December 9, 2020.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Doug Poorman joined via Zoom to speak about
the Harbor Community Center and what has been happening there this year. Most money they
have received has been involved with matching grants. Money raised and grants have been used
for resurfacing the outside of the building and the roof, as well as for a mural on the side of the
building and enhancing the green space with a gazebo. Other services and events include 14
weekends for the Farmer's Market, Trunk-or-Treat event, nurses available to see citizens, meals
provided for seniors, counseling, meeting space provided, and a fitness center. Approached by
Licking County Health Department to provide low-cost vaccines (flu & COVID-19).

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Finance Committee had 2 meetings to come up with a temporary budget.
Fire budget is very high and needs to be addressed. May need to look at doing more cuts, or do
we want to spend at that high level? General Fund budget has gone up every year; it was high in
2020 (which was expected) and will be higher for 2021. Controversial items on the budget:
police cruiser and pavilion project. Finance Committee would like more information about the
pavilion project, mainly the time frame for completing the project.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: Meeting held on December 7th. Items discussed are on the meeting minutes submitted with the packet. Toby Miller will let us know about the next Public Service Committee meeting in January.

Rules Committee: No report.

Community Development Committee: No report.

Personnel Committee: Personnel Committee met tonight before the Council meeting and voted to recommend the raises for 2021: 2% raise for hourly officers in the police department, 2% in the fire department, and \$100 increase in stipend for both the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief.

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor Zwissler, to recommend 2% raise for hourly police officers, 2% raise for hourly EMT and Medic employees of the Fire Department, \$100 increase in stipend for the Fire Chief, and \$100 increase in stipend for the Assistant Fire Chief to full Council.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Report of Council President: Last official meeting, so we need to move quickly this evening, there is a lot to discuss.

Report of Mayor: No written report. A new Mayor's Court report was submitted. Mayor Wells thanked Mike Miller, Michelle White, and Sue Wadley for their work as new employees.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading –

Ordinance 2020-60 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020-49 CREATING PAY LEVELS AND SALARY SCHEDULES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO.

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor French, to amend Ordinance 2020-60 to include the 2% raise for hourly police officers, 2% raise for hourly EMT and Medic employees of the Fire Department, \$100 increase in stipend for Fire Chief, and \$100 increase in stipend for Assistant Fire Chief, effective January 9, 2021.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor French, to adopt amended Ordinance 2020-60.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Ordinance 2020-62 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE LEASE OF 5186 WALNUT ROAD AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE LEASE AMENDMENT WITH THE JULIAN FAMILY.

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Zwissler, to adopt Ordinance 2020-62.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading -

Ordinance 2020-65 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FIRST FISCAL QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0 Rules Suspended

Before the meeting, a revised version of the Ordinance 2020-65 Attachment of the temporary appropriations breakdown was handed out from the Clerk Treasurer. This version removed \$15,000 from the Contractual Services line in the Police Department Fund for a police cruiser and added an extra \$30,000 to the Fire Department to express the permanent number for the Personal Services line in this fund.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Zwissler, to add the \$15,000 back into the Contractual Services line in the Police Department Fund.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: Goodman; Motion Passed 6 – 1

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable, to remove the Pavilion Project \$123,000 from the temporary budget.

Discussion took place about the pros and cons of the pavilion project.

Roll call vote: Yes: Lemmon

Abstain: 0;

Nays: Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Zwissler, Beard; Motion Failed 1 – 6

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor French, to adopt amended Ordinance 2020-65 (Revision 1 Updated is the attachment document name), with \$30,000 increase to Fire Department, \$15,000 remaining in the Police Department, and \$123,000 Pavilion Project remaining.

Roll call vote: Yes: Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard
Abstain: 0;
Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Ordinance 2020-66 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Zwissler, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-66.

Roll call vote: Yes: Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard
Abstain: 0;
Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor French, to adopt Ordinance 2020-66.

Roll call vote: Yes: Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard
Abstain: 0;
Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Ordinance 2020-67 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ADR FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-67.

Roll call vote: Yes: Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Beard
Abstain: 0;
Nays: Zwissler; Rules Suspended Motion Passed 6 – 1

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor French, to adopt Ordinance 2020-67.

Roll call vote: Yes: Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Beard
Abstain: 0;
Nays: Zwissler; Rules Suspended Motion Passed 6 – 1

Ordinance 2020-68 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor French, to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-68.

Roll call vote: Yes: French, Geiger, Goodman
Abstain: 0;
Nays: Cable, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard Motion Failed 3 – 4

After some clarification of the December 31, 2020 deadline for acceptance and expenditure of this new round of COVID-19 CARES Act Funding, there was a motion from a member of the majority vote to reconsider suspension of the rules on Ordinance 2020-68.

Motion by Councilor Zwissler, seconded by Councilor Beard, to reconsider suspension of the rules on Ordinance 2020-68.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: Cable; Motion Passed 6 – 1 Rules Suspended

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Zwissler, to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-68.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: Cable; Motion Passed 6 – 1

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor Zwissler, to adopt Ordinance 2020-68.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: Cable; Motion Passed 6 – 1

Ordinance 2020-69 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-51 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Zwissler, to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-69.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: Cable; Motion Passed 6 – 1 Rules Suspended

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Zwissler, to adopt Ordinance 2020-69.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

Resolution 2020-13 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE WATER DEPARTMENT.

First reading of three for this resolution with no discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

I. CARES Act Funding (COVID-19) – Per Ordinances 2020-68 and 2020-69 passed in this meeting, the Village has received more CARES Act Funding, with \$11,913.93 from Licking County and \$59.73 from Fairfield County, for a total of \$11,973.66.

Council President Geiger shared the suggestions that the COVID task force committee gave for ways to spend the balance. Numbered by their agreed suggestion of priority, and aware that the price of this list is slightly over the balance, Council all-in-favor agreed to using the \$11,973.66 balance for:

1. \$4,800 for Plexiglas for protection in the Police Department
3. \$860 for respirators & filters (30 units)
4. \$2,400 for 6 hand dryers
5. \$2,500 for 1 automatic door for the Village Office / Water Department door
6. \$1,800 for touchless water faucets (6 at \$300 each)

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Cable: None.

Councilor French: Thanked Councilor Zwissler for her initial Streetscape efforts. Go Browns!

Councilor Goodman: Thanked everyone for their hard work. Good discussion. Thanked everyone who has worked on the Streetscape. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays.

Councilor Zwissler: Happy Christmas, bright and prosperous New Year to all. Thanked Council members for their effort towards being professional at the meetings. Hard fought, tough year. Thanked the community for their support and the excellent staff who work hard.

Councilor Beard: Asked why Councilor Lemmon can't talk to the attorney. Council President Geiger said that is being arranged but the attorney has been busy. Also trying to establish a protocol for contacting the attorney because of the fees involved.


Councilor Lemmon: Hopes the pavilion project works out. He is more comfortable if Toby Miller is working on the project. Can't speak about personnel in an open meeting, but he hopes the issue can get worked out. Wants to make sure they have a healthy work environment. Merry Christmas everyone.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm

NEXT MEETING: January 12, 2021


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


John Geiger, Council President