

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Village Hall
February 10, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Mayor Wells at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Wells

Absent: None

Staff Present: Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council; Vicki Wardlow, Police Chief; Toby Miller,
Water Supervisor/Public Service Director.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Councilor French to approve the council meeting minutes dated January 27, 2020,
seconded by Councilor Lemmon.

Roll call vote: Yays: French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable
Motion Passed 7-0.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to approve the special council meeting minutes dated February 5,
2020, seconded by Councilor Goodman.

Roll call vote: Yays: French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable
Motion Passed 7-0.

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: A Treasurer's report dated 2/8/2020 was presented to
Council.

Motion by Councilor Zwissler to table the Treasurer's report dated February 8, 2020 until the
February 24, 2020 council meeting, seconded by Councilor Lemmon.

Council members were hesitant to approve the report because it was not received until 6:00pm this
evening when the council packet was distributed. They would like more time to review the report.

Mayor Wells stated that the report is late getting to council because the visiting Clerks and Council
Clerk Hans were in the office until after 11:00pm on Saturday night working on the Mayor's Court
reports. The reports were printed after the last check was cut.

Councilor Lemmon asked if there were any ramifications for not approving the report this evening.

Council Clerk Hans stated that there was not.

Mayor Wells asked if the Finance Committee could review and approve the list of bills paid at their
2/18/2020 Finance Committee meeting.

Councilor Lemmon stated that his committee could do that.

Roll call vote: Yays: French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable
Motion Passed 7-0.

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Jessica Corum, Lakewood School Levy Committee spoke to Council and the public regarding the need for the upcoming Bond issue. She also explained that the district plans to combine the elementary and intermediate schools into one building of pre-k through 5th grade. Hebron Elementary School is not ADA accessible and both Hebron and Jackson have roof leaks and other maintenance issues. She stated that although Jackson Intermediate is newer than Hebron Elementary, it made more financial sense to rebuild into one building rather than replace Hebron and renovate Jackson. She encouraged everyone to get out and vote for the upcoming Levy in March.

Randy Torres thanked council and the Mayor and stated that Winterfest was a great success. He stated that they sold a donation cup for \$2 during that event and raised enough money to donate a new elliptical machine to the Harbor's exercise facility. He stated that it is a new, updated machine with a screen. Mr. Torres stated that they hope to donate more equipment in the future.

Dr. Poorman owner of PetPlex and former council member spoke to council regarding a request by the Buckeye Lake Area Humane Society to have a room for animal rescue at the Harbor. He stated that he contacted The Evans Foundation, owner of the building, to ask if this would be acceptable. The Evans Foundation stated that they did not want this type of use in the building. He also shared that he has had issues with the BL Humane Society in the past when they were BARK Animal Rescue. They ran up over \$16K in bills at PetPlex which ultimately had to be written off for non-payment. He reminded council that the Ohio Revised Code only allows for one humane society per county. Dr. Poorman also stated that a person from the rescue group showed up at midnight and threatened one of his employees. He stated that they have had issues with the rescue group threatening his employees and refusing to back off until he threatened to call the Sherriff's office. They have called in his Doctors to see an animal in an emergency and then refused to pay for the services. Dr. Poorman stated that they try to hold people to one standard but they are not living up to that standard.

UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEES SHALL GIVE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Finance Committee: Councilor Lemmon stated that the Finance Committee met last Monday and approved giving \$500 to the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation 2036 for the 2020 calendar year. They also recommended approving the purchase of a new computer server. He stated that they tracked a clerical error in the budget that will be fixed soon. Councilor Lemmon reminded everyone that they changed Clerk/Treasurers at the end of 2019/2020 and the visiting clerks are working very hard to get things caught up. He stated that it should save the village money in the long run by not needing local government services to come in to assist the village. He stated that the next Finance Committee meeting is on 2/18/2020 at 5:30pm.

Council Clerk Hans asked for a floor motion to officially approve the donation of \$500 to the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation 2036 for 2020.

The motion was made by Councilor French and seconded by Councilor Lemmon to donate \$500 to the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation 2036 for the 2020 calendar year.

Roll call vote: **Yays:** French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable
Motion Passed 7-0.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: Councilor French stated that his committee met on 2/3/2020 and received an update on current projects. He stated that Councilor Beard presented a list of complaints with the current refuse hauling company. He asked Local Waste to review and respond to each of these issues. Councilor French also asked if they have a policy on how they handle customer complaints and if he could get a copy of that policy.

Rules Committee: Councilor Cable set a Rules Committee meeting for 2/24/2020 at 6:00pm to review and discuss the current council rules.

Community Development: Councilor Zwissler stated that her committee met prior to the council meeting. They discussed getting an updated list of businesses; and plan to put together a mailing for the businesses. They want to know what the village can do for the businesses; and talked about having a small business forum. They also discussed the new Goodwill building and the propane tank.

Personnel: Councilor Goodman set a Personnel Committee meeting for 2/24/2020 at 6:30pm to review and discuss the employee handbook. She stated that they are continuing the work that Councilor French started last year. She also stated that they are still looking for a Zoning Officer and a Clerk/Treasurer. She asked that if anyone knows someone who might be interested, please get them to submit a resume and apply for the positions.

REPORT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Council President Geiger apologized for his comments at the Finance Committee meeting. He stated that is not his style and he spoke out of turn.

REPORT OF MAYOR WRITTEN, AND VERBALLY BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL:

Mayor Wells asked if Finance and Personnel committees could have joint meeting to discuss pay increases for the water staff and street department. She stated that the money has already been budgeted and the employees do not make much money.

Councilor Goodman stated that she thought they were only considering an increase for the Clerk/Treasurer position.

Mayor Wells stated that before Rochelle left, she didn't want to receive an increase, she preferred that the water and street department increases were done first.

Councilor Goodman stated that she would feel better about considering this after the 2019 budget is closed out.

Mayor Wells stated that she doesn't want to lose any more employees.

Council President Geiger asked Mr. Miller if he could information to the Personnel Committee.

ORDINANCES

3rd Reading

2nd Reading

1st Reading

2020-04 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3 FOR THE HIGHLAND AVE. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor French to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-04, seconded by Councilor Cable.

Roll call vote: Yays: French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable
Rules Suspended 7-0.

Motion by Councilor French to adopt Ordinance 2020-04 as presented, seconded by Councilor Zwissler.

Councilor Zwissler asked how much the change order increases the project by.

Council Clerk Hans stated that it increases the project by approximately \$6,200.

Roll call vote: Yays: French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable
Motion Passed 7-0.

2020-07 AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AN UNUSED EASEMENT

Mr. Miller asked if the rules could be suspended on this legislation.

Councilor Lemmon asked why he would like the rules to be suspended.

Mr. Miller stated that it will allow the project to move ahead in a timely manner with spring construction season coming up.

Motion by Councilor French to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-07, seconded by Councilor Goodman.

Roll call vote: Yays: French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable
Rules Suspended 7-0.

Motion by Councilor French to adopt Ordinance 2020-07 as presented, seconded by Councilor Cable.

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Mr. Miller stated that this is for release of an unused water easement. He stated that when John Slater purchased the Neel Farm, it was discovered that the water line was on private land. It was not an issue at the time, however now that the Duke and Duchess is being improved, they need to get the easement released.

Roll call vote: Yays: French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable
Motion Passed 7-0.

2020-08 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ADR & AND ASSOCIATES, LTD FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF DEFICIENT STRUCTURE AND SIDEWALKS IDENTIFIED AS LIC-SR79-3.98 (PID #108770), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Councilor French to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-08, seconded by Councilor Goodman.

Roll call vote: Yays: French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable
Rules Suspended 7-0.

Motion by Councilor French to adopt Ordinance 2020-08 as presented, seconded by Councilor Lemmon.

Councilor Zwissler stated her concern that this project has not been to Finance Committee.

Mr. Miller reshared information that was given to council members at past Public Service Committee meetings on the project. He reminded council that this project is already in process and they have to stay on deadline to keep this project moving according to what the village has committed to do previously.

Councilor French reiterated that the previous Finance Committee and council have already looked at this project as it started quite a long time ago.

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

Motion Passed 6-1.

RESOLUTIONS:

3rd Reading
2nd Reading
1st Reading

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor French asked if it would be possible to get business cards for council members.

Council Clerk Hans stated that if that was budgeted and the money was available, that could be done. She stated that past councils have not had business cards. She also explained that the cost becomes much more expensive when you multiply it by 7.

Council President Geiger stated that if council members want to have business cards, they should order on their own.

Council Clerk Hans shared information that was received from the Buckeye Lake Chamber of Commerce asking the Village to place an ad in their 2020-2021 Tour Book. She read the price of the ad choices for council; and stated that the ad needs to be in by March 15, 2020.

Council President Geiger referred this item to the Community Development Committee for consideration.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

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Marianne Perine, President of the Buckeye Lake Area Humane Society. Ms. Perine stated that they are all for transparency and are willing to share their financial records with anyone who would like to see them. She also stated that she has been president of the organization for the past four years and this is the first she has ever heard of people having an issue with their group. She stated that she was not aware of the bills for Dr. Poorman. Ms. Perine thanked Council President Geiger for his apology. She also thanked the citizens who support them.

Bonnie Mansfield, 136 Anchor's Way, Buckeye Lake. Ms. Mansfield stated that she will address the other issues at another time. Ms. Mansfield asked when the cameras are coming back to council. She also thanked Council President Geiger for his apology.

Karen Cookston, Anchor's Way, Buckeye Lake. Ms. Cookston stated that during the next council meeting, the Planning Commission/BZA will give their 2019 annual report. She stated that they

have made great progress over the past year. She stated that the Planning Commission continues to do fly-bys in the absence of a Development Director to allow developers to discuss their projects in an informal manner and before an application is made to the village.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Cable: Councilor Cable apologized for missing the last committee meeting. He is having trouble with his email. He asked for clarification for the time of the monthly Public Service Committee meeting.

Councilor French confirmed that the meeting time changed to 6:30pm on the 1st Monday of each month.

Council Clerk Hans stated that the notice will be reposted.

Councilor Lemmon: Councilor Lemmon thanked Council Clerk Hans, Mayor Wells and the visiting clerks for working on getting the finances in order. He also thanked the Buckeye Lake Area Humane Society for all of the great work that they do.

Councilor Goodman: Councilor Goodman thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission for helping the village to get through things and getting the new zoning book together. She also thanked Randy, Dave and Terry for their generous donation to the Harbor.

Councilor French: Councilor French thanked Randy, Dave and Terry for their generous donation to the Harbor as well. He also thanked everyone who participates in the Buckeye Lake Area Humane Society.

Councilor Beard: Councilor Beard thanked the Buckeye Lake Area Humane Society for all of the great work that they do. She also thanked Randy, Dave and Terry for their generous donation to the Harbor.

Councilor Zwissler: Councilor Zwissler thanked Randy, Sam, Dave and Terry for their donation to the Harbor. She stated that they are really fulfilling a need. She also stated that they received a \$10K grant from Alex and Lori Fisher and are getting quotes to replace the roof with that money.


Councilor President Geiger: Council President Geiger reminded everyone about the Ohio Municipal League (OML) new council member training. He encouraged all of the new council members to attend.

Councilor Zwissler reminded everyone that Senator Jay Hottinger's father passed away this past weekend. She also thanked the staff, treasurers and Mr. Miller for coming in on Saturday to help get the village finances in order.

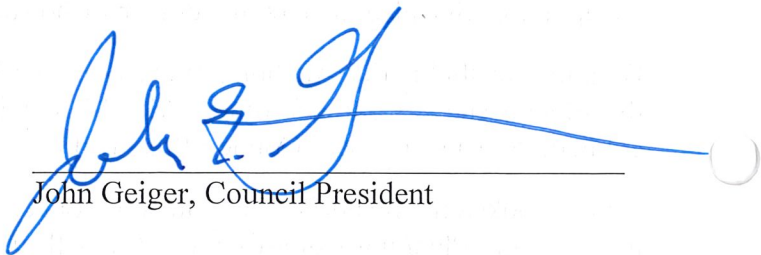
ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor French to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Cable.

VOTE: IN-FAVOR: All YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 7-0
Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 24, 2020



Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council



John Geiger, Council President