

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting  
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook  
**January 12, 2021**  
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), Linda Goodman (0, 0) (via Zoom), John Lemmon (0, 0), Kitty Zwissler (0, 0)

(Consecutive, Total Absences)

Absent: Melissa Beard (1, 0)

**Staff Present:** Mayor Peggy Wells; Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Toby Miller, Water Superintendent/Public Works (arrived later)

Clerk Treasurer Jennifer Dennis updated Council on all tasks and reports completed and filed.

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to approve the December 14, 2020 regular council meeting minutes.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: 0; Absent: Beard Motion Passed 6 – 0**

**Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor French, to approve the Treasurer's report dated December 31, 2020.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: 0; Absent: Beard Motion Passed 6 – 0**

**APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Finance Committee has not had a meeting in the last month. Councilor Lemmon recommended that Council look over the auditor's report. Councilor Lemmon listed items from the report that the Finance Committee needs to go over in order for the Village to be in compliance with the ORC. The final budget needs to be started by talking with department heads and looking at some numbers, so this will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting. No date set for the next Finance Committee meeting.

**Public Safety Committee:** Councilor Beard was absent, therefore no report.

**Public Service Committee:** No January meeting, but the February meeting will be held on February 1, 2021 at 6:30PM. The Park Street retaining wall has collapsed a bit and some trench repair looks like it needs done as well, which will require surveying and engineering work to fix.

**Rules Committee:** No report.

**Community Development Committee:** No meetings lately so no report, but Councilor Zwissler wants people to know about two new restaurants in the Village: New Dam Pub and Kulture Kitchen.

**Personnel Committee:** Personnel Committee is working on improving the employee handbook and it will be an on-going project.

**Report of Council President:** Appreciates everyone's timeliness with finishing 2020 positively. Lines of communication have been improved and conversation is key.

**Report of Mayor:** Written report submitted. Mayor Wells invites newer council members to review the last budgets for 2018 and 2019 and to consider how the temporary budget back then was done in a way that made things difficult. She read through her submitted written report.

## **ORDINANCES**

**Ordinances for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading** – None.

**Ordinances for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – None.

**Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** –

**Ordinance 2021-01** AN ORDINANCE AWARDING THE BID FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE MILL DAM PAVILION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND SAID CONTRACTOR SUBJECT TO FUNDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: Zwissler; Absent: Beard Motion Passed 5 – 1**

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to adopt Ordinance 2021-01.

**Discussion:** Councilor Zwissler wanted to see the bids for the project. Mayor Wells brought out the bids received for members of Council to take a look. Council President Geiger mentioned that the name sent out for receiving the bids “Mill Dam Pavilion Project” was just attached for bidding purposes, but the name for the actual site will go through a process later.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: 0; Absent: Beard Motion Passed 6 – 0**

Mayor Wells stated that there are clearing houses that will look for bids and they put them into their systems for many contractors to be able to view and it is then able to be advertised beyond what we are able to market.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolutions for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading** – None.

**Resolutions for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** –

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

Second reading of three for this resolution with no discussion.

**Resolutions for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** –

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Veteran's Memorial Park** – Councilor Lemmon talked to Steve Schilling, who bought the VFW property and adjacent properties, and he is clearing out the area but Mr. Schilling has no desire to tear down a Veteran's Memorial park, so he would like to donate it to the Village. More than saving money by having it donated, it has been there and means a lot to people. The Village would not just be making a Veteran's Memorial Park, but saving one with a lot of history as well. Councilor Lemmon would like to get with Clerk Treasurer Jennifer Dennis and the Finance Committee to speak about future expenses. Toby Miller can get a quote from ADR Engineering for the plat of land in terms of storm water and elevation. Mayor Wells mentioned the Village could maybe try to get a Nature Works grant to help, with June of 2021 as the time when they could consider the application.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** Citizen's comments received from Marianne Perine (subject: donations to non-profits) and Barb Sills (subject: Pavilion Project) and read by Councilor Cable.

For Marianne Perine's citizen's comment about the Harbor Community Center, Councilor Lemmon said the Harbor has done a lot of the upkeep although the Village is renting. The Village pays the utilities on that property. Councilor Zwissler addressed that the Harbor provides a lot of free services that are well-received and well-used.

For Barb Sills' comment about the pavilion project, Councilor Cable mentioned how Barb Sills talked about how things get communicated throughout the Village and he asked if these things were being put on the website for potential discussions. Council President Geiger said it is a goal to get more things onto the website. Our methods of marketing are limited. Toby Miller mentioned that the website has an alert system that citizens can subscribe to. Councilor Cable said that sometimes the only way people find out about things is through the Council meetings, and by then it is almost too late for any comments to be made. Toby Miller asked for any Council suggestions for better public participation.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Cable:** Announced his candidacy for the Office of Mayor for the Village of Buckeye Lake.

**Councilor French:** Thanked Melanie Smith and Jennifer Dennis for their hard work at the end of the year. Still a lot of work to do, but heading in the right direction.

**Councilor Goodman:** Thanked everyone for their hard work. Sometimes people do not realize how much work goes into these projects and into helping run the Village. Looking forward to positive things in the Village in 2021.

**Councilor Lemmon:** The Harbor Community Center had \$35,000 in improvements to the building. We are the primary commercial renter and pay a \$1 a year for it. The improvements are beneficial, especially if the Village was to use it for something else. They are putting a lot of money into those improvements, so utility payment is a drop in the bucket comparatively. The Village communicating with the public and the public communicating with the Village needs work. COVID-19 has been tough. The public wants to be here at the meetings but they can't.

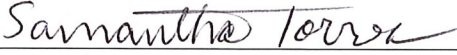
**Councilor Zwissler:** Happy New Year, stay safe, God Bless America. We are going through tough times. Energy is good; issues are heavy. Important things are transparency through communication and accountability. Village staff does a lot of work and are barely getting paid, but it is important that we acknowledge that they are working hard and we respect that.


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

**VOTE: IN-FAVOR ALL YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

NEXT MEETING: January 25, 2021

  
Samantha Torres, Council Clerk

  
John Geiger, Council President