

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
January 25, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Council President Geiger at 7:02 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Present: Melissa Beard (0, 1), Don Cable (0, 0) (arrived later), 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; Toby Miller, Water Superintendent/Public Works; Ryan Wyse, Fire Chief; Vicki Wardlow, Police Chief

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

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

Abstain: 0;

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

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to approve the Treasurer's report dated January 1, 2021.

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

Abstain: 0;

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Finance Committee had a meeting this evening in which they spoke about the 2018 and 2019 audits and the funding of the Veteran's Park. The Committee also talked about the permanent budget for 2021 and broke it down into groups. No time or date set for the next Finance Committee meeting.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: The February meeting will be held on February 1, 2021 at 6:30PM.

Rules Committee: Councilor Cable was absent at this time so no report.

Community Development Committee: Red Cross Blood Drive at the Eagles this Friday.

Personnel Committee: Personnel Committee was not able to have their last meeting so it has been rescheduled to February 8, 2021 at 6:00pm to discuss the Benefits section of the

Employee Handbook. Councilor Goodman anticipates that the meeting will take more than half an hour.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Police Chief Wardlow: Written report was submitted.

Fire Chief Wyse: Written report was submitted, with the annual report coming soon.

Public Works: Will have an update after the February 1st Service meeting. 13 Street signs are in and will be installed mid-year when concrete can be poured.

Report of Council President: Development and growth in the Village is happening very quickly. Lots of new people. Work group appointed to talk about what needs to be done to better distribute and provide Council packets.

Councilor Cable arrived at this time.

Report of Mayor: Mayor Wells spoke about the Mayor's Court reports submitted. Thanked Street Supervisor Randy Bucy for going out late Sunday to put up a temporary stop sign. Highlighted that our workers get called out at random times to help out the Village and they are appreciated for that. Pavilion bid opening happened for concrete and electrical. The winning bidder should be able to start soon.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2021-02 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GRANT A RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT OF VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR THE MUNICIPAL BRIDGE PROJECT AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to adopt Ordinance 2021-02.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Ordinance 2021-03 AN ORDINANCE AWARDING THE BID FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE MILL DAM CONCRETE AND ELECTRICAL 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 Goodman, seconded by Councilor French, to suspend the rules.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Zwissler, seconded by Councilor French, to adopt Ordinance 2021-03.

Discussion: Councilor Lemmon asked if any contractors are contacted that they can bid. Mayor Wells said no because who would make up the list of people to contact; do not want to show favoritism, but it is advertised. Mayor Wells has a list of every email she has received for biddings.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading –

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

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to adopt Resolution 2020-13.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilor Goodman brought up that it is important that a Charter Commission be developed because the Village is way past due for the Charter to be updated. Councilor Zwissler agrees that it needs to be advertised in the paper. This process takes a few months. The listing is still posted on the office posting board, the posting board at the post office, and on the Village website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Geiger asked if any Council members had feelings about Food Trucks in regards to the Zoning Regulations book. Councilor Lemmon said food trucks should be registered with the Licking County Health Department. Councilor Goodman did some research and mentioned the food trucks should register with the Village office, show proof of insurance, show up-to-date food service license, show most current health department inspection, and the Village would need to decide if there would be a fee and what the fee structure would look like because of the different variables (ex: one-time fee at beginning of year at registration and good for the whole year). Lindsey's Smokehouse Barbecue food truck sits on Mr. Lindsey's property, so how would that be handled fairly? Fire Chief Wyse said they would also need a fire permit. Councilor Goodman also mentioned the potential for a food truck festival at the new Pavilion site. Mayor Wells said she spoke to Bill Collinson (Bike Buckeye Lake) who plans to have the main starting point of the event this year at North Shore Park instead of the Buckeye Lake Winery, so food trucks will most likely be there.

Mayor Wells spoke to Jim Neel who wants to know if the Village is interested in buying the lot south of the Fire Department, and if so, they should make an offer. This was passed over to the Community Development Committee for follow up.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Citizen's comment received from Charlene Hayden of 67 Lighthouse Lane (subject: Council Meeting Information Communication) and read by Councilor Cable. Council President Geiger said there will be a workgroup to explore the options we have for this issue and it will be reported back to Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Cable: Apologized for being late today due to a family emergency.

Councilor French: Mentioned that the Eagles donated money to the Police and Fire Departments. This will most likely be followed up with a Resolution or thank you note. Councilor French asked President Geiger if the Zoning Regulations book is still at the attorney level. President Geiger said yes, it is still on hold at the attorney level due to the dual zoning issue. A Zoom meeting is being scheduled possibly next Wednesday to look at that.

Councilor Goodman: Glad to hear a workgroup is being put together to address the Citizen's Comments. Councilor Goodman feels the frustration of the citizens because the citizen's letter is read but the issue is not addressed, but looking at a way to address it will be better for the citizens to be able to communicate with Council. Councilor Goodman spoke with the Buckeye Lake Library supervisor today and the library still does not have a date for when they plan to reopen. They are open for pick-ups 2 days a week right now. Buckeye Lake and Utica branches are the only ones that have not reopened as of February 1st. Councilor Goodman encourages residents to contact Babette Wofter at the Licking County Library and let her know how important it is for the library to be open.

Councilor Lemmon: Appreciates how everyone has come together to work on a lot of these projects.

Councilor Zwissler: Licking County Health Department has a call center for the Covid-19 vaccination. Councilor Zwissler says when you get the vaccination, make sure you get a date for your second shot. Make sure you call 740-670-0949 and keep calling if it is busy. Red Cross is having a Blood Drive on Friday, you can call them at 1-800-733-2767 or 740-349-9422. Councilor Zwissler does not like workgroups set up. She thinks it has circumvented the Committee process and she would like the Committee process to stay as it is. Council President Geiger said that the Covid-19 task force was set up because it did not fit into any one Committee. They did not make any decisions; quotes and research was done. Councilor Lemmon suggests that Committees set up the work groups.

Councilor Beard: Thanked Councilor French for his help.

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 8:04 pm

NEXT MEETING: February 8, 2021



Samantha Torres, Council Clerk



John Geiger, Council President

