

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
March 22, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Council President Geiger at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by Councilor Beard.

Roll Call: Present: John Lemmon (0, 0), Kitty Zwissler (0, 0), Melissa Beard (0, 2), Don Cable (0, 0), Bill French (0, 0), John Geiger (0, 0), Linda Goodman (0, 0)
(Consecutive, Total Absences)

Staff Present: Mayor Peggy Wells; Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Ryan Wyse, Fire Chief; Jason Harget, Interim Police Chief; Toby Miller, Water / Public Works Superintendent

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Citizen's Comment received from Marianne Perine, read by Councilor Cable, announcing the details, date, and times for the 2021 Summer Youth Lunch Program. Citizen's Comment received from Spencer, read by Council Clerk Samantha Torres, with the subject of the Ryan Braden Skatepark. The skatepark will be discussed further by the Parks & Recreation Committee in the future.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to approve the March 8, 2021 council meeting minutes.

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

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor French, to approve the Treasurer's report dated March 17, 2021.

Treasurer Jennifer Dennis explained some unrecognized payments/invoices listed on the Treasurer's Report for Councilor Lemmon.

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Dr. Mark Gleichauf, Superintendent of Lakewood Local Schools, spoke about the Lakewood Bond Issue to be on the May 4, 2021 ballot. The bond issue is for a new elementary school to replace Hebron Elementary and Jackson Intermediate School with one school. It is a 2.65mil levy to generate \$31.3 million, which would cost a \$100,000 home owner \$93 a year. Hebron and Jackson are currently not adequate places for quality learning. Hebron Elementary's current building is 108 years old, very hot no matter what time of year. A lot of money is being put into the upkeep of the old buildings. \$70,000 gym roof replacement has to be done regardless if the levy passes or not. The same levy was on last May's ballot. At that time it was 3.8mils and would have cost \$133 per \$100,000 household, but now it has a lower interest rate. The new building would be directly behind where the current

Jackson Intermediate building is and there is no plan currently for the Hebron Elementary building.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Meeting held tonight. The Committee recommends Ordinance 2021-13 and recommends to take Ordinance 2021-11 off the table and vote on it. No financial changes for the Police Department at this time. No topic and no date yet for the next Finance Committee meeting.

Public Safety Committee: No report. Welcomes new police chief.

Public Service Committee: Next meeting will be held April 5th at 6:30pm with the usual topics of discussion. Council to consider the qualifications for Omness and Watchel / McAnally to do work for the proposed service department building on the water tower property at Mill Dam. This does not lock in going through with a contract; that will come later once we receive a price for the work. This is just step one of a plan to consolidate and update the building and space for public works field workers and their equipment. The next step is to scope out what the Public Service department wants to do and see what the fee is and then it would come back to Service and Finance to be looked at, as it would involve a contract before moving forward.

Rules Committee: No report.

Community Development Committee: No report.

Personnel Committee: Personnel Committee met tonight. Got through the Employee Benefits section amendment of the Employee Handbook. The Committee voted to recommend the amendment. Employees will get a copy. Moving on to another section of the Handbook soon. Discussed changing insurance for employees. Recommended to go with Cigna. Discussed dental and vision insurance as well.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Chief - Jason Harget: Submitted a 30-60-90 day plan, with hopes to complete it before the 90 days. Has been working on a projected 5-year plan. Chief Harget has been meeting with business owners and stakeholders within the community. There was a group project for new Police Department patch design for their uniforms. \$3 per patch, have to buy them in bulk. Working with the Ohio Collaborative which is a certification process to make sure our policies and procedures are in place. Chief Harget hopes to have it completed in 6 months. There may be changes that need to be made when it comes to the use of force. On the subject of use of force – Chief Harget suggests getting a committee together to take a look at any use of force that has been done by the officers. If any changes to the policy, there will be proper training.

Fire Chief - Ryan Wyse: Written report submitted. April 6th arrival date of new medic for final inspection, then the Fire Department will take possession on April 12th.

Public Works - Toby Miller: 4 inch Pavilion pad work is done; electrical rough-in was today. Possibly getting the concrete poured in this week, dependent on inspections. Should have

mobilization on the North Bank East Storm Water project on March 30th, with a tentative start date of April 5th. Shifting gears to spring and summer construction season.

Report of Council President John Geiger: No report.

Report of Mayor Wells: No report.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

ORDINANCE 2021-13 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-10 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0;

Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor Lemmon to adopt Ordinance 2021-13.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0;

Motion Passed 7 – 0

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

RESOLUTION 2021-01 - A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND ISSUANCE OF LAND USE APPLICATIONS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) ZONING DISTRICTS AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Lemmon to table Resolution 2021-01.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0;

Motion Passed 7 – 0

RESOLUTION 2021-02 - A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SECTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.

There was confusion about how the amendment to the Employee Handbook should be voted on.

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor Zwissler to table Resolution 2021-02, pending clarification on how it should be voted on.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: Cable; Motion Passed 6 – 1

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to take Ordinance 2021-11 from the table.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

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

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Goodman to adopt Ordinance 2021-11.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Council President Geiger, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to enter into executive session, with the topic of Personnel: Compensation of an employee or official (section G1).

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Council entered into executive session at 8:00pm.

Council came out of executive session at 8:50pm.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Lemmon: Moral obligation as a Council to do the right thing and part of that is looking out for the best interest of the village, and the best interest of the village is our employees who should be treated properly and done right by them.

Councilor Zwissler: Thanks to LMHS for COVID vaccinations at the Harbor Community Center. 141 on the waiting list. No vaccines this week. Next week will be the second vaccination for those who have had the first. Spring Clean-up days will be April 6th through April 10th.

Councilor Beard: No comments.

Councilor Cable: At times, discussion can be heated. Good to leave here understanding each other.

Councilor French: Thanked Linda Goodman, Jennifer Dennis, and Sue Wadley for putting the Employee Benefits packet together.


Council President Geiger: Commends work on the Employee Handbook and insurance.

Councilor Goodman: Thanked Jennifer Dennis and Sue Wadley for their hard work on the Employee Benefits section of the Employee Handbook. It's a long process. Huge thank you to the Harbor Community Center for making it so easy to get the vaccination.

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

VOTE: IN-FAVOR ALL YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 6-0
Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm

NEXT MEETING: April 12, 2021



Samantha Torres, Council Clerk



John Geiger, Council President

