

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Village Hall
March 9, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Council President Geiger at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Wells

Absent: Melissa Beard (0,1)

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Councilor French to approve the council meeting minutes dated February 24, 2020, seconded by Councilor Goodman.

Roll call vote: Yays: Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Cable, French, Geiger
Motion Passed 6-0.

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to approve the Treasurer's report dated March 4, 2020, seconded by Councilor French.

Councilor Zwissler asked if the 2019 budget was completed by 2/29/2020.

Councilor Lemmon stated that it was closed out; however, that did not happen until after 2/29/2020.

Roll call vote: Yays: Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Cable, French, Geiger
Motion Passed 6-0.

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None.

COMMITTEES SHALL GIVE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Finance Committee: Councilor Lemmon stated that the Finance Committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss the fire department amended 2020 budget. He stated that the Police Department budget is in the system and running. However, they may still need another transfer depending on when the 1st half settlement comes in.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: Councilor French stated that his committee will not meet on 4/6/2020; however, they will have a presentation from ADR on 5/4/2020 at 6:30pm. He stated that the committee met on 3/2/2020 and learned that the bridge project is in phase II. There will be a modification of the project to be addressed in the future. He stated that the committee discussed the ownership of the Taco Bell bridge and stated that it does not belong to the village. Councilor French stated that they learned that street sweeping is important to keep debris out of the storm sewers. They also discussed the North Bank Stormwater Improvements Project.

Rules Committee: No report.

Community Development: Councilor Zwissler stated that her committee is in the process of updating the business list. They will be distributing this list when it is completed. Councilor Zwissler stated that the village lost a great friend in Don Dick last weekend. She asked everyone to pray for his wife Peggy.

Personnel: Councilor Goodman set a Personnel Committee meeting for 3/23/2020 at 6:30pm to review and discuss the employee handbook.

REPORT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Council President Geiger directed council and the audience to a news release that was distributed to council members. He stated that Attorney General Yost's office is addressing the robocall issue around the state and encouraging residents to report these calls. A copy of this news release is attached to the council record.

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

Mayor Wells also recognized the loss of Don Dick and stated that he owns a lot of property in the village. She stated that former council member, Robert Wilson passed away as well.

Mayor Wells stated that the village received a larger than expected bill from the Prosecutor/Solicitor last month. The extra expenses were related to the transfer of municipal court cases from the old prosecutor to the new prosecutor. She stated that there isn't enough money in the line item to pay that bill. The Clerk/Treasurer would like to move the money into the correct account so they are spending it down out of the correct account.

ORDINANCES

3rd Reading

2nd Reading

1st Reading

2020-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-51 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor French to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-11, seconded by Councilor Goodman.

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

Rules Suspended 6-0.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to adopt Ordinance 2020-11 as presented, seconded by Councilor French.

Councilor Zwissler stated that there isn't anything in the 2020 budget for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilor Lemmon stated that if there are Planning and Zoning budget issues then the finance committee will have a meeting to address them.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

2020-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-51 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor French to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-12, seconded by Councilor Lemmon.

Roll call vote: **Yays:** Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Cable, French, Geiger
Rules Suspended 6-0.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to adopt Ordinance 2020-12 as presented, seconded by Councilor French.

Councilor Zwissler expressed concern that this Ordinance was not sent to committee prior to being introduced to council.

Councilors Goodman and French also expressed the same concern.

Councilor Lemmon asked if this legislation was needed to pay bills immediately.

Mayor Wells stated that the Prosecutor would be ok if council waited to take action on this until the next meeting.

Councilor Lemmon scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for March 23, 2020 at 6:00pm to discuss the updated 2020 budget and transfer Ordinance 2020-12.

Councilor French withdrew his second of the motion and Councilor Lemmon withdrew his motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-12.

Councilor Lemmon motioned to table Ordinance 2020-12 to allow for time to review the legislation at the Finance Committee, seconded by Councilor French.

Roll call vote: **Yays:** Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Cable, French, Geiger
Motion Passed 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

3rd Reading

2nd Reading

1st Reading

2020-01 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE OPWC ALTERNATE OFFER FOR 0% LOAN FUNDING FOR THE NORTH BANK ROAD EAST STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor French to suspend the rules on Resolution 2020-01, seconded by Councilor Goodman.

Roll call vote: **Yays:** Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Cable, French, Geiger
Rules Suspended 6-0.

Motion by Councilor French to adopt Resolution 2020-01 as presented, seconded by Councilor Lemmon.

Council Clerk Hans stated that this was a very competitive funding cycle and OPWC offered 0% loans as a way to fund as many projects as possible with a smaller amount of money available.

Toby Miller stated that the legislation simply states to OPWC that we are still interested in being funded at a 0% loan.

Council Clerk Hans asked Mr. Miller if we do nothing, could that jeopardize the funding.

Mr. Miller stated that would absolutely jeopardize the funding as they would move on to the next applicant in the scoring. He also stated that there will be two additional pieces of legislation following later this year as the project progresses.

Roll call vote: Yays: Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Cable, French, Geiger
Motion Passed 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Council Clerk Hans asked council members to set the weekend for the Buckeye Lake Free Community Yard Sale so it could be advertised. Mrs. Hans stated that they usually hold this in June on either the weekend before or after Father's Day. She stated that those dates are June 12-14, 2020 or June 26-28, 2020 this year.

Motion by Councilor Goodman to set the Buckeye Lake Free Community Yard Sale weekend for June 12-14, 2020, seconded by Councilor French.

Roll call vote: Yays: Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Cable, French, Geiger
Motion Passed 6-0.

Council Clerk Hans read a public notice received from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) dated February 27, 2020. Mrs. Hans stated that a copy of this notice is available at the village office and it will also be attached to the council record.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Karen Cookston, Anchor's Way, Buckeye Lake. Chairperson Cookston stated that as of the 3/4/2020 treasurer's report, the Planning Commission/BZA is not listed on the budget and doesn't show a carryover balance. She stated that she needs to speak with the solicitor and can't take out a PO because there is not any money available. Chairperson Cookston reminded everyone that there is a Planning Commission and BZA meeting tomorrow, 3/10/2020 at 7:00pm. She encouraged council members to attend the meeting.

Chairperson Cookston stated that she is unable to attend the 3/23/2020 council meeting and respectfully requested that council go into executive session to discuss an employee at the end of this meeting.

Council President Geiger stated that he plans to attend the meeting on 3/10/2020.

Marianne Perine, 264 Park St, Buckeye Lake. Ms. Perine requested that the Village fix the mulch issues under the swings at Ryan Braden Park.

Ms. Cookston stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission stated in their report to council on February 24, 2020 that they were having mulch delivered and spread in the next month.

Mayor Wells asked Ms. Perine if she was going to speak about the museum.

Kaye Hartmann, 4631 North Bank Road, Buckeye Lake. Ms. Hartmann stated that she is a museum board member local hotel is supposed to be paying bed tax to the village. She stated that it should be used for tourism. Ms. Hartmann stated that the boat will launch on May 1, 2020 and they are already booked for 8 tour busses this season without announcing the new boat tours. She expects the museum to bring in significant numbers of tourists this season and is asking the village to support the museum with a \$3,000 donation.

Council President Geiger asked Ms. Hartmann to have the museum director submit a letter requesting the donation to council.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Cable: No comment.

Councilor Lemmon: Councilor Lemmon stated that he will take a look at the \$3,000 request; however, he would like the Community Development committee to look at this as well.

Councilor Goodman: Councilor Goodman stated that she was also at the museum board meeting and was very impressed with their tourism efforts. She feels that the boat be a great asset for the community.

Councilor French: Councilor French thanked Toby Miller for his hard work and project updates.

Councilor Zwissler: Councilor Zwissler stated that the museum can help tourism in the community. She stated that the village needs to make a greater effort to go after the bed tax. She encouraged people to spend money in Buckeye Lake.

Councilor President Geiger: Council President Geiger thanked everyone for a great meeting.

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

VOTE: IN-FAVOR: All YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 6-0
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 23, 2020

Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council

John Geiger, Council President