

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

Call to Order: By Council President Geiger at 7:13 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),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Linda Goodman (0,0), John Lemmon (0,1), Tom Wolfe (0,1),
Kitty Zwissler (0,0)

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Zwissler, seconded by Councilor French, to approve the November 8, 2021 regular council meeting minutes.

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

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to approve the October Reconciliations and Treasurer's report dated November 18, 2021.

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Council was introduced to Kevin Strang, the new Zoning Inspector for the village.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Finance committee had an organizational meeting this evening where they laid out their plan for getting the 2022 budget passed. Next meeting will be December 6 at 5:30pm for the committee's recommendations, then they will have another meeting December 13 at 6:30pm to finalize the recommendations.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: New garbage collection service flyer for Shackelford Disposal will go out with the next water bill and is available online. Chairman Bill French received more information about the Cranberry stormwater feasibility study that he would like to talk about at the next committee meeting. Next Public Service Committee meeting to be held on December 6 at 6:30pm with the usual topics but will also be discussing the trash contract and stormwater.

Rules Committee: Meeting was held on November 1st at 6:00pm. Minutes submitted. Conflict between proposed council rules change and the charter will be discussed in unfinished business.

Community Development Committee: No report but there will be a chance for residents to get their third vaccination at the Harbor Community Center soon.

Personnel Committee: Meeting held this evening. The committee is in ongoing discussions about 2022 wages. Next Personnel committee meeting to be held on December 13th at 5:45pm.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget – Chief received an estimate to convert the space next to the police station into a garage for their police cruisers and some storage. He will get two more estimates, as 3 are needed. He said it would be easier to make the garage door on the rear of the building so that the front of the building looks the same. The new police system generates its own call record report. 230 calls for service in a 30-day period since October. The Chief’s cruiser that came from Whitehall is now decaled like the other cruisers. The police department has been focusing on drugs in the village with zero tolerance. They have been patrolling all over the village, especially looking for those who are breaking into cars due to the weather and people leaving their cars on to heat up. Chief has been at a few meetings for the North Bank area and they have decided to start a community watch and would like others throughout the community to be involved in it. He is working on a drug tip hotline. He encourages all to report things to the police. Zero Narcan uses last month. Chief thanked the Fire Department for working together with the police officers.

Fire Department – Chief Ryan Wyse – Assistant Chief Routon has been cleared for light duty. The medic that was sold on GovDeals has been picked up. Chevy medic is out of service, as they have been having a number of mechanical issues with it recently. They are looking into getting it repaired. Councilor Zwissler suggested looking into replacing it completely. FEMA grant for the next year has been released and Chief plans to put in for a new fire truck. If the fire department requested and was awarded a \$500,000 fire truck, the village would be required to pay \$25,000. He wanted approval from council that it is something they would like for him to do. It is due December 10th.

Floor vote for Fire Chief Wyse to apply for a FEMA grant for 2022 for apparatus and equipment:

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

Ladder testing company condemned a 35-foot ladder and it was replaced with a 24-foot one. There are AT&T FirstNet internet hotspots in two of the medics and in the engine now which helps with communication to the 911 center and for their reporting software. Recently purchased a door access system and they have saved money by installing it internally instead of having a company come and do it. They have had some officer changes.

Public Works – Toby Miller – Toby introduced Ordinance 2021-65 that was dropped off to him this morning from ADR that is a final change order for the Park Street Retaining Wall Project. If it is passed as an emergency tonight, it will allow him to close out this project in 2021 and not carry it over into 2022. The cost is covered by OPWC funding and is at no additional cost to the village.

Parks and Recreation – Kellie Green – No report.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins – No report.

Report of Mayor – Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 2021-64 that is on the agenda to authorize her to sign the Cooperative Agreement for the CDBG Comprehensive Plan. She thanked Councilor Goodman for organizing a Thanksgiving meal for the staff. Mayor-elect Jeryne Peterson has been in the office to work with Mayor Wells during the transition to new Mayorship and they toured the police department. Mayor Wells would like to speak with the attorney about whether they need to bid out the garage door update next to the police department. She will let new council members know when they are to be sworn in. \$4200 bed tax received from KOA. The village has begun removing obstacles in the right of way that have damaged many of the safety vehicles in the past. She gave examples of difficult zoning questions she has been receiving recently. She said no one works for the village who is an expert on development and asked if she could invite a man named Jim Lenner who has development experience to speak to council at the next meeting. Mayor Wells spoke with Ereich Horvath of the Landings at Maple Bay and said he is willing to work with the village for the emergency access with no definite date but he has been making progress with the utilities in that area. They also spoke about an easement or right of way for the stormwater project.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading –

Ordinance 2021-57 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH WACHTEL & McANALLY ARCHITECTS INC FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE PUBLIC WORKS SERVICE BUILDING.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor French, to adopt Ordinance 2021-57.

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

Council President Geiger called for a few minutes' break. Back in session at 8:45pm.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2021-62 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-37 CREATING PAY LEVELS AND SALARY SCHEDULES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor French, to adopt Ordinance 2021-62.

Roll call vote: Yes: French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Wolfe
Abstain: 0; Nays: Cable, Zwissler; Motion Passed 5 – 2

Ordinance 2021-63 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-10 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to suspend the rules.

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

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to adopt Ordinance 2021-63.

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

Ordinance 2021-64 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to suspend the rules.

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

Motion by Councilor Zwissler, seconded by Councilor French, to adopt Ordinance 2021-64.

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

Ordinance 2021-65 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR PARK STREET RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to adopt Ordinance 2021-65.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

I. Council Rules Change – At the previous Rules Committee meeting, Chairman Cable came up with some verbiage for changing a council rule. The verbiage needs changed again due to discrepancies with the Charter and will be presented to council at the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Cable: Happy Thanksgiving to all. We are thankful for the things we have including discussion, banter, and agreements.

Councilor Lemmon – Hope your thanksgiving is better than the turkey's. Have a good Thanksgiving.

Councilor Goodman: Happy Thanksgiving to all. Thank you to all for the hard work they have put in this year. Thanked Councilors Geiger, French, and Zwissler for their hard work and time on council.

Councilor French: Welcomed new Zoning Inspector Kevin Strang. Thanked the police and fire chiefs for sticking around for the whole meeting, as it is valuable to have them there to answer questions. Thanked John Lemmon for his time spent looking at the budget. Thanked Linda Goodman for all of her hard work behind the scenes on personnel and grants.

Councilor Wolfe – Thanked John Lemmon for his time spent looking at the budget. Thanked Linda Goodman for her hard work on stressful personnel topics. Thanked mayor-elect Jerry Peterson and councilor-elect Kaye Hartman, both chiefs, and Toby Miller for their attendance at the meeting.

Councilor Zwissler: Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Appreciates everyone's hard work. Most of the village's problems are money related and it is their obligation to be tight with the budget but she hopes they can continue to get more federal and state money to help the village look forward. Still in the process of getting the third vaccine available at the Harbor Community Center.

Motion by Councilor Geiger, seconded by Councilor Zwissler, to enter into executive session, RC 121.22(G)(2), to consider the sale of real property by competitive bid where disclosure of such information may provide a competitive advantage to parties."

Roll call vote: Yes: French, Geiger, Lemmon

Abstain: 0;

Nays: Cable, Goodman, Wolfe, Zwissler;

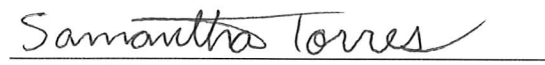
Motion Failed 3 – 4


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

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council meeting on December 13, 2021


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


John Geiger, Council President