

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting  
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook  
**November 23, 2020**  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** By Council President Geiger at 7:10 p.m.

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

**Roll Call:** Present: Melissa Beard (via Zoom) (0, 6), Don Cable (0, 0), 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:** Peggy Wells, Mayor; Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer; Toby Miller, Water  
Superintendent/Public Works; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council;

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Councilor Lemmon seconded by Councilor  
Zwissler to remove the last sentence of the paragraph under Report of Mayor on Page 2 of 5 of  
November 9, 2020 Council meeting minutes.

**RESCINDED**

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Zwissler to amend November 9, 2020  
meeting minutes (changing the word “Most” to “Some” in the last sentence of the paragraph  
under Report of Mayor on Page 2 of 5 of November 9, 2020 Council meeting minutes) and add  
Councilor Lemmon’s Finance report and approve the minutes as amended.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0**

**Approval of Clerk Treasurer’s Report:** Motion by Councilor Goodman seconded by  
Councilor Lemmon to approve the Treasurer’s report dated November 19, 2020.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0**

**APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Finance Committee has not had a meeting since the last Council meeting.  
Received budgetary information from the Mayor’s office. Next meeting will be Monday  
November 30<sup>th</sup> at 1pm to lay out the first quarter budget. Written Finance Committee meeting  
minutes for November 9<sup>th</sup> submitted.

**Public Safety Committee:** No report.

**Public Service Committee:** The next Public Service Committee meeting will be December 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30pm with normal topics. Mockup of new street signs email was sent out. Those who

Councilor French has heard from said go ahead with it, so that will be relayed to Toby Miller. Signs are possibly slated for Spring time, per Toby.

**Rules Committee:** No report. Any questions for the Rules Committee to consider, please contact Councilor Cable.

**Personnel Committee:** Committee met before the Council meeting tonight to continue discussion for raises for the fire department. Committee is making the recommendation to Council for the hourly fire employees to receive a 2% raise for 2020. They are looking at two different options for the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, pending an answer from the Solicitor. Next Personnel Committee meeting will be held December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to wrap up the raises for 2020.

**Community Development Committee:** Committee met before the Council meeting tonight with open discussion as to where we've been, where we are, and where we hope to go in the Village of Buckeye Lake. Discussion about the responsibility and commitment to support existing and new businesses. How are we doing that? Working with the Chamber of Commerce in Buckeye Lake, Licking County, and Fairfield County and the Civic Association to get everyone pulling the cart in the same direction. Discussion on the vacant lots and the need for parking. Discussed the possibility of 4 vacant lots to be looked at for parking, with the other vacant lots up for auction to raise the funds for the parking.

#### **REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN OR VERBAL**

**Police Chief:** Written report for October 2020 was submitted.

**Fire Chief:** Written report for October 2020 was submitted.

**Public Works:** No report.

**Report of Council President:** Thanks everyone on Council and the Treasurers for their COVID efforts. The Village has been able to answer to COVID-related needs and has been able to put the grant money to good use. Did a fine job moving things forward.

**Report of Mayor:** No written report. Well wishes to Fire Chief Wyse after his medical operation.

#### **ORDINANCES**

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

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

**Ordinance 2020-60** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020-49 CREATING PAY LEVELS AND SALARY SCHEDULES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO.

No discussion on Ordinance 2020-60 second reading.

**Ordinance 2020-62** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE LEASE OF 5186 WALNUT ROAD AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE LEASE AMENDMENT WITH THE JULIAN FAMILY.

No discussion on Ordinance 2020-62 second reading.

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

**Ordinance 2020-64** AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-51 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-64, seconded by Councilor French.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to adopt Ordinance 2020-64, seconded by Councilor Cable.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolutions for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading –**

**Resolution 2020-12** A RESOLUTION CREATING NAME FOR UNNAMED ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE.

Motion by Councilor French to adopt Resolution 2020-12, seconded by Councilor Zwissler.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0**

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

**Resolutions for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – None.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

I. Motion by Councilor Goodman to reimburse volunteer police jacket that was paid for by the volunteer, seconded by Councilor Lemmon.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0**

II. LEADS Food Pantry – Discussion continued about receiving a minimal amount of monthly rent from them and increasing their hours of operation to be more available to the people of the Village who need help. Mayor Wells said she would speak with the LEADS director to see what they have to say.

III. Official Zoning Regulations book is being processed by the Solicitor, Brad Nicodemus. Will be brought to Council once he has finished.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

I. Floor Vote for approval of submitted 2021 Council Meeting Dates and Voting Order

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0**

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** None.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Cable:** No comments tonight.

**Councilor Lemmon:** Thinks our process is important when making important decisions. Asking hard questions is good and encouraged. Take our time and do things right.

**Councilor Goodman:** Happy Thanksgiving!

**Councilor Zwissler:** Wishes all a happy Thanksgiving. Salvation Army will prepare lunches on Thanksgiving Day. Anyone who knows of someone who would like a meal, get names and addresses to Councilor Zwissler to have them delivered.

**Councilor Beard:** No comments.

**Councilor French:** Thanked Jennifer Dennis for her outstanding job. Wishes Fire Chief speedy recovery.

**Council President Geiger:** Seconded everyone else.

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

**VOTE: IN-FAVOR ALL YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2020

  
Samantha Torres, Council Clerk

  
John Geiger, Council President