

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting  
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook  
**October 26, 2020**  
Meeting Minutes

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

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

**Roll Call:** Present: John Lemmon (0, 0), Kitty Zwissler (0, 0), Melissa Beard (0, 6)  
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Don Cable (0, 0) Bill French (0, 0), John Geiger (0, 0),  
Linda Goodman (0, 0)

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

**Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Councilor Lemmon seconded by  
Councilor French to approve the Treasurer's report dated October 23, 2020.

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

**Abstain:** 0;

**Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

**APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** Council President Geiger read over a resume  
received from candidate Tom Price, who was recommended by a few people currently on the  
Planning & Zoning Commission to fill the current open seat.

Motion by Councilor Zwissler, seconded by Councilor French, to appoint Tom Price to the  
Planning & Zoning Commission.

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

**Abstain:** 0;

**Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Finance Committee meeting was held on October 23rd. Recommended 5  
items to full council that can be seen on Ordinance 2020-59. Councilor Lemmon read through his  
Finance meeting minutes.

**Public Safety Committee:** No report.

**Public Service Committee:** Service Department meeting was held on October 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss  
road naming and street signs. Councilor French read over submitted October 19, 2020 meeting  
minutes. "Gateway Crossing" was the road name that was chosen to submit to full council for a  
vote later during this meeting (Resolution 2020-12).

**Rules Committee:** No report.

**Community Development Committee:** Calls were made to many of the businesses in Buckeye Lake to make them aware of the potential to get up to \$40,000 in COVID-19 relief grants. Trunk or Treat will be at the Harbor Community Center from 5:30-7:00pm October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel Committee:** Committee met before the Council meeting. They voted to recommend to full council a 3% raise for the public works department for the year 2021, to be brought to the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Next Personnel meeting will be November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, with the topic being raises for other departments in the Village.

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

**Police Chief:** The Buckeye Lake Yacht Club hosted a successful concealed handgun license course. Chief Wardlow thanked the Yacht Club and the citizens who attended. Written report for the month of September 2020 was submitted.

**Fire Chief:** Medic chassis has a delivery date of December to January. Written report for September 2020 was submitted.

**Public Works:** Toby Miller did not have anything extra than what Councilor French mentioned in the Public Service Committee meeting report.

**Report of Council President:** Thanked Toby Miller for his work on the Plexiglas and updated technology efforts in the council chambers. Reiterated that Facebook Live is for observing the meetings and is not meant to be interactive. If citizens wish to comment, they are to be submitted via email or through our website and must be received the Thursday before the meeting. They must be able to be read within the 3-minute time limit.

**Report of Mayor:** No written report. Appreciates Council talking about Facebook. Thanked Fire Chief Wyse for his efforts in the fire department. Police officer Hannah Looney has received praise from citizens. Toby Miller, Tom Boso, and Randy Bucy have put in a lot of effort for the Plexiglas and electronics in the council chambers. We have a great staff – Jennifer Dennis, Samantha Torres, and Diana Seipel.

## **ORDINANCES**

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

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

**Ordinance 2020-51** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS.

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

**Ordinance 2020-58** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor French to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-58, seconded by Councilor Goodman.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to adopt Ordinance 2020-58, seconded by Councilor Zwissler.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: Cable; Motion Passed 6 – 1**

**Ordinance 2020-59** AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-51 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-59, seconded by Councilor French.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: Zwissler; Motion Passed 6 – 1**

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to adopt Ordinance 2020-59, seconded by Councilor Goodman.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: Zwissler; Motion Passed 6 – 1**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

**Resolutions for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading –**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

I. Discussion took place about the COVID-19 CARES ACT funding. Councilor Zwissler would like to see the Village providing PPE for the residents. Councilor Goodman mentioned there are many like-items on all request lists. Each department is sure to have extra PPE, especially police and fire, to hand out while on a call. There will also be a central inventory where each department can come to replenish their individual supplies. Councilor French mentioned that police and fire would go through PPE quicker, so we definitely need to make sure they have enough PPE available first.

Fire Chief Wyse mentioned that turn-out gear (helmets and protective gear) is an appropriate COVID expenditure. It cannot be cleaned quickly, cannot be dried in a dryer (it will shrink), so having another set available after a run is crucial. He also prioritized 4 sets of uniforms, lockers to store uniforms and other items, a mechanical compression device, and flammable liquid storage cabinets to store flammable substances over 10 gallons (hand sanitizer/alcohol cleaning supplies).

Police Chief Wardlow mentioned that her officers do not have showers or a washer and dryer to change their uniforms without cross-contaminating their home life. Whether it be partially with COVID-19 funding and partially with funds from somewhere else, Councilor Lemmon believes the Village should get the extra uniforms. Council President questioned where the shower and washer/dryer would be placed. Councilor Zwissler thinks right now the focus should strictly be on what we are allowed to buy with the COVID funds and then we can focus on fixing up the place at the end of the village building. Council President Geiger wonders if maybe the LEADS building could be used. Councilor Lemmon would like for us to look for a location for at least the washer and dryer for the officers. Toby Miller and Mayor Wells presented a paper that combined like-items from the COVID request sheets and added their totals together, with only the suppliers being the differences between departments. Councilor Goodman then asked council to completely decide on PPE expenditures tonight.

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Zwissler, to appropriate \$25,000 of COVID funding to PPE and \$3,000 for wet and dry storage cabinets.

**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 appropriate \$15,000 of COVID funding for a Lucas chest compression device.

**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 Cable, to appropriate \$24,000 of COVID funding for police and fire uniforms.

**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 Zwissler, to appropriate \$3,000 of COVID funding for police and fire uniform lockers.

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

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0**

II. Marketing and branding was briefly discussed, but was put on hold and given to the Community Development Committee as a topic of discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

I. The Veteran's Memorial site idea is still pending information from the person selling the memorial. Councilors Lemmon and French would like to meet with Toby to discuss further.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** Citizen's comments were received from Marianne Perine and Barb Sills and were read by Councilor Cable. Full comments attached to minutes.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Cable:** Long but good meeting with healthy discussion.

**Councilor Lemmon:** Thinks this was a good first step for COVID-19 funding and appreciates everyone's hard work.

**Councilor Goodman:** Seconded what Councilors Cable and Lemmon said. Thanked Marianne and Barb for their citizen's comments and input. Thanked the residents, as COVID is new territory to all. PLEASE VOTE!

**Councilor Zwissler:** Appreciates police, fire, and staff. We should find money for the things that were reasonably requested. Licking County Coalition of Housing can help renters who are behind on rent and utilities if they call 740-670-7530. Trunk or Treat is at the Harbor Community Center on October 29th.

**Councilor Beard:** Seconded what everyone else said.

**Councilor French:** Welcomed Tom Price to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Thanks to Toby Miller for his work on the Plexiglas and for helping with Zoom meetings. Thanks to Councilor Goodman for working hard on COVID-19 efforts.


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

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

**VOTE: IN-FAVOR ALL YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 7-0**  
Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm

NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2020

  
Samantha Torres, Council Clerk

  
John Geiger, Council President

