

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Village Hall
November 12, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Council President Hayden at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Lead by Council President Hayden

Roll Call: Present: Jeryne Peterson (0, 6), Arletta Ruton (0, 3), Clay Carroll (0, 1), Kay Hartman (0, 1)
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Barry Herron (0, 0), Charlene Hayden (0, 1)
Mayor Baker

Absent: Gerry Neff (2, 4)

Staff Present: Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council; Mike Cassidy, Director of Development.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Councilor Peterson to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2012 council meeting as presented, seconded by Councilor Ruton.

Roll Call Vote; Yea: Peterson, Ruton, Carroll, Hartman Herron, Hayden

Motion Passed 6-0

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Councilor Peterson to approve the Treasurer's Report dated November 12, 2012, seconded by Councilor Ruton.

Roll Call Vote; Yea: Peterson, Ruton, Carroll, Hartman Herron, Hayden

Motion Passed 6-0

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilor Carroll read Article 5 (Sections 5.01, 5.02, 5.03, & 5.04) of the Village Charter during the meeting. Councilor Carroll stated that he will read Article 6 beginning with Section 6.01 at the next meeting.

Motion by Councilor Carroll to set the council meeting dates for 2013, seconded by Councilor Herron.

Roll Call Vote; Yea: Peterson, Ruton, Carroll, Hartman Herron, Hayden

Motion Passed 6-0

Fire Department Advisory Committee Report to Council

John Julian presented the following report to the Mayor and Village Council.

"Our committee was formed as a result of the articles that appeared in the Beacon Newspaper. The committee was chosen by Mayor Baker to independently investigate written concerns and comments that have been made at recent council meetings about the BLFD and its employees. We have reviewed stories that were written in the Beacon, we have met with Chief Leindecker and a large group of FF's at the fire house and we have also met with Mayor Baker and several council members. From these meetings we have heard and listened to concerns, opinions, and thoughts, and have compiled a draft of what suggestions we think need to be implemented to help improve the efficiency of the BLFD on their response to both fire and EMS runs. These are our suggestions for both the Village Council and Chief Leindecker:"

"Staffing: One of the main concerns was the lack of staffing, there were some unfulfilled shifts in the past. The main reason for the shortage was that four part-time employees resigned. Chief Leindecker has hired five new part-time employees to cover these shortages. Filling these positions with a qualified person is a time consuming process. Each applicant must be thoroughly investigated and trained in the BLFD protocol before being placed on a vehicle."

"Communication: We have discussed a lack of effective communication from both the Village Council and the Chief. The Council needs to inform Chief Leindecker of their needs and expectations. The Chief also needs to report issues and concerns as they happen."

The Chief also needs to inform Council monthly of all staffing issues, training, and run responses which include how many runs and the type of run."

"Our committee has determined that certification information is available thru the State of Ohio and we strongly suggest to Mayor Baker and the Council that they request and obtain the certification levels of all personnel that are members of the BLFD."

"This committee is completely in agreement that mutual aid should be sent after three minutes if there is not appropriate equipment responding from the BLFD. Chief Leindecker should have the authority to request this from the Licking County 911 Center."

"Research has confirmed that there are grants and grant money available to assist with training, staffing, equipment, recruitment and retention of volunteers. The Chief and the Village Officials need to be working together to obtain any and all grants available."

"We feel if these suggestions are followed, the people of Buckeye Lake will receive quality care from all members of the BLFD. This committee has agreed to continue to review the actions of both the Council and the BLFD to help improve service. We do feel the department operates efficiently on the budget they have and we have found everyone willing to talk about issues and concerns and a desire to improve the service they provide. The Village of Buckeye Lake should be proud of the men and women of the BLFD."

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Parks Commission: The Commission will meet on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:30pm. They will meet again on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals: The Commission met on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 7:30pm. They will meet again on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 7:30pm.

COMMITTEE MEETING AND/OR REPORT:

Finance Committee: Councilor Hartman reminded Council that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 19, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: No report. Councilor Ruton called a committee meeting for Monday, November 19, 2012 at 6:00pm to discuss the Big O Refuse contract.

Rules Committee: Council President Hayden stated that the Committee is hoping to start at the beginning of the year with the new meeting time of 7:00pm. She asked for a member of the committee to entertain a motion in Councilor Neff's absence.

Motion by Councilor Carroll to amend Council Rule number 1 to read that council meetings will begin at 7:00pm on the Second and Fourth Mondays of each month, seconded by Councilor Peterson.

Roll Call Vote; Yea: Peterson, Ruton, Carroll, Hartman Herron, Hayden

Motion Passed 6-0

Community Development Committee: No report.

Personnel Committee: No report. The committee stated that they will be posting for the Clerk/Treasurer position.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CITIZEN'S COMMENT: Brenda Hileman, 32 Myers Avenue, Buckeye Lake. Thanked the Fire Department Advisory Committee for their information but stated that she feels voters have spoken and that the Fire Department needs new leadership

Peg Wells, 258 Cranberry Lane, Buckeye Lake. Stated that she called John Julian and did not receive a return call. She stated that the committee needs to dig deeper. She asked if the new people are trained? The fire department claims that new employees are always placed with an experienced employee. She stated that this is not necessarily true and the committee should look at the schedules. Stated that she supports the department just not specific people within the department. Ms. Wells feels that the current department is a safety hazard to the community. Lastly, she stated that she wouldn't dream of a police department person being on council and voting on police department issues.

Marianne Perine, 264 Park Street, Buckeye Lake. Stated that she appreciates all of the time and effort that the Fire Department Advisory Committee spent on their research; however she feels that there should be follow-up and penalties established for not complying with the desired outcomes.

Marie Ray, 78 Nautica Way, Buckeye Lake. Stated that she doesn't normally come to the council meetings. She further stated that she doesn't know where "your" heads are. When you need the emergency squad they better come on time. She has felt very safe for years, however she doesn't now. She stated that she is appalled and dismayed that council supports the fire department. The leadership is lacking in the department and needs to be fixed. Lastly, she stated that not answering questions to the public during the meeting is ridiculous. Valid questions need to be answered.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mike Cassidy stated that the house where the tree came down has been removed. The Clark property (Holtsberry addition) has been sold and closed on. The buyer has no immediate plans for the property; however he wants to clean up the property. He plans to demolish the Rib Shack on Park Avenue in the next few weeks. Lastly, Cassidy stated that 376 Myers Avenue and 32 Lighthouse Lane have received asbestos inspections in preparation for demolition of the properties.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Baker thanked Mike Cassidy for his hard work on the demolition grant. He thanked John Julian and the Fire Department Advisory Committee for their hard work as well. He stated that he met with Mina Eubing and unfortunately the community will not be receiving a branch of the hospital at this time. He hopes to approach other entities as well.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Hayden read and submitted a written report dated November 12, 2012. She and Councilor Carroll attended a mock disaster training drill at the fire department. They participated in this drill to determine if this type of training would be helpful for other members of Village Council. Hayden stated that the Buckeye Lake Youth Association Trunk or Treat was a success despite the rain. Hayden stated that the Fire Department Advisory Committee met on Sunday, November 4, 2012. She thanked the members of the committee, Fire Department members and council for their attendance and input at the meeting. Hayden stated that she and the Mayor attended the Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Landings at Maple Bay on Thursday, November 8, 2012. She reported that the event was very well attended. Lastly, Hayden thanked Valerie Hans for her part in the Mayor's Court fine collections. She stated that she has received many compliments on Ms. Hans hard work.

ORDINANCES

3rd Reading

2nd Reading

1st Reading

2012-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JOBES, HENDERSON & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO PHASE IV OF THE HEBRON ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Peterson to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2012-17, seconded by Ruton.

Roll Call Vote; Yea: Peterson, Ruton, Carroll, Hartman Herron, Hayden

Rules Suspended 6-0

Motion by Peterson to adopt Ordinance 2012-17, seconded by Ruton.

Roll Call Vote; Yea: Peterson, Ruton, Carroll, Hartman Herron, Hayden

Motion Passed 6-0

RESOLUTIONS:

3rd Reading

2nd Reading

1st Reading

Citizen's Comments: Peg Wells, 258 Cranberry Lane, Buckeye Lake, Ohio. Apologized to the Fire Department Advisory Committee and stated that she appreciates their hard work and the Mayor's effort to appoint an unbiased committee to look at the issues. She informed the committee that there was a kitchen fire in Cranberry Bay. Hebron and Millersport fire departments responded because our medic was at the hospital with a patient. Ms. Wells applauded the Mayor for the three minute response time directive as well

as the other 15 directives. However, she feels that there has not been any follow through on those directives from the Fire Chief. She asked why Chief Leindecker is allowed to continue without responding to those directives. Ms. Wells stated that the Village has never failed to pass a fire levy; yet this levy failed by 99 votes. She stated that the Fire Department wants to blame the Beacon; however they shouldn't blame the messenger.

Brenda Hileman, 32 Myers Avenue, Buckeye Lake, Ohio. Ms. Hileman stated that to think that she doesn't care about the Fire Department is wrong. She further stated that her dad was the Fire Chief for many years and he fought fires right alongside his people. Lastly, she stated that the community doesn't want this leadership and it has to be dealt with.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Clay Carroll: No comment

Barry Herron: No comment

Kaye Hartman: Thanked the Fire Department Advisory Committee for all of their hard work. She stated that she was pleased to see familiar faces of people we know and respect on the committee. Hartman asked how soon the changes in the report could be implemented. She thanked the Street Department for the new street signs in her neighborhood.

Jeryne Peterson: Thanked the Fire Department Advisory Committee for their efforts and time. She stated that she hopes that they continue working with the Village until all of the recommended changes are implemented. Peterson stated that she was sorry the fire levy did not pass. She further stated that she hopes the Village will implement the changes and then try again to pass the fire levy.

Arietta Ruton: No comment.

Charlene Hayden: Thanked the Fire Department Advisory Committee for all of their hard work. Council President ended the meeting with the following quote:

"A critic is someone who never actually goes to battle, yet who afterwards comes out shooting the wounded."

By Tyne Daly

Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Peterson to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Councilor Ruton.

VOTE: IN-FAVOR: ALL YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 26, 2012



Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council



Charlene Hayden, Council President