

Buckeye Lake Village Council Special Meeting
Held in Village Hall
January 24, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By President Hayden at 7:24pm

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by President Hayden

Roll Call: Present: Councilors Kaye Hartman (0, 0), Barry Herron (0, 0), Charlene Hayden (0, 0),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Gerry Neff (0, 0), Jeryne Peterson (0, 1), Arietta Ruton (0, 1), Clay Carroll (0, 0)
Mayor Baker

Absent: None

Staff Present: Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council

RESOLUTIONS

2nd Reading

Resolution 2013-02 RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY FOR THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION, AND REQUESTING THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03, 5705.192, 5705.25 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Hartman to Suspend the Rules on Resolution 2013-02, Seconded by Councilor Peterson.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hartman, Herron, Hayden, Neff, Peterson, Carroll

Abstentions: Ruton

Motion to Suspend Passed 7-0

Motion by Councilor Hartman to Adopt Resolution 2013-02, Seconded by Councilor Peterson.

Councilor Peterson presented information on levies that she received from the Licking County Board of Elections. She stated that if we chose to move forward with a levy on the ballot in May 2013, it would be a "special situation" and therefore costly, approximately \$10,000, to the Village as there are no other items on the May ballot. If we wait until the November 2013 election, there will be other items on the ballot and not cost the Village additional money. Lastly, Peterson stated that she feels the Village should wait to place the Fire Levy on the ballot until November 2013 and work on getting the Fire Department to achieve the results that were outlined in the Fire Department Advisory Committee's report.

Councilor Neff stated that she agreed with Councilor Peterson's comments.

Councilor Herron stated that he has received additional information on the Fire Department that shows improvement in some areas, but there is still a problem with lateness and no shows causing a lapse in department coverage. He passed out information on shift coverage for October, November and December 2012. He also passed out information on run response time for mutual aid and non-mutual aid runs as well as Licking County 911 current run times for 12-15-12 through 1-06-13. He further stated that they still appear to be waiting too long to call for mutual aid in cardiac events. Herron stated that he feels cardiac events should require immediate need for mutual aid.

Fire Department Advisory Committee (FDAC) member Doug Sanderson stated that the FDAC has not met since December 2012; however in his personal opinion, the timing is not correct to place the Fire Department Levy on the ballot in May 2013. He feels that there have not been enough changes according to what was recommended by the plan that the committee outlined. He stated that he does not see the response time as a problem based on what he learned from the run reports. However, he feels that staffing is still an issue.

Mayor Baker stated that he still would like the committee to continue working on the issues with the Fire Department.

Councilor Herron stated that if the Fire Department does not have someone working on station, they should immediately call for mutual aid regardless of the situation. He also stated the Fire Department still has issues that need to be fixed before the Village goes back to the voters to ask for the levy.

Councilor Carroll stated that he did some work on "soft billing" for the Fire Department. He stated that a contracted company bills the patient's insurance company for the run. The patients are not billed personally. He further stated that Millersport and Hebron are both utilizing soft billing. Carroll stated that this may be a way to increase the revenue for the Fire Department to cover the increasing costs of staffing the station.


Roll Call Vote: Nays: Hartman, Herron, Hayden, Neff, Peterson, Carroll
Abstentions: Ruton

Motion Failed 0-7

Citizens Comments: Peg Wells, 258 Cranberry Lane, Buckeye Lake. I agree with you (Council members) that you need more information. However, looking at a budget for Hebron for their overall expenses does not really give you a good comparison if you are trying to compare that to a contract situation because that budget would include all of the costs of running their facility vs. if you were contracting with Hebron or Millersport you wouldn't have those costs. I'd like to read the document that you have in front of you "non-mutual aid." Ms. Wells read and pointed out specific runs in the report referring to their listed response time. the Fire Department. She then stated that she still feels the Buckeye Lake Fire Department is not doing a very good job on response time in her opinion. She further went on to say, "I think that you know Union Township withheld \$200,000 from the Village of Hebron in their latest contract and Hebron would certainly welcome an opportunity to replace that money." If we would just come up with a couple hundred thousand and direct it their way, I think that we would get some pretty good service. She would like the Village to look further into this.

Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Hartman to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Councilor Neff
Vote: Yeas: Hartman, Herron, Hayden, Neff, Peterson, Ruton, Carroll
Motion carried 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.



Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council



Charlene Hayden, President of Council