

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Village Hall
February 24, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Council President Peterson at 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Present: Jeryne Peterson (0,0), Arletta Ruton (0,1), Peggy Wells (0,0), Margaret Hanson (0,0),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Barry Herron (0, 0), Mickey McCormick (0, 0), Gerry Neff (0, 0)
Mayor Carroll

Absent: None

Staff Present:

Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council; Mary Jennings, Clerk/Treasurer; James Hanzey, Police Chief; Jeff Vermaaten, Police Officer; Rod Riley, Code Enforcement; Bob Jordan, Zoning Inspector; Mark Dymek, Street Supervisor; Toby Miller, Water Superintendent; Dave Ruton, EMS Captain.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2014, regular council meeting as presented, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick, Neff

Motion Passed 7-0.

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the Treasurer's Report dated February 24, 2014, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick, Neff

Motion Passed 7-0.

Elections and Appointments

None

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Council Clerk Hans read the application for placement of farmland in an agricultural district submitted by John W. & Penny L. Slater Et Al for property located in the Village of Buckeye Lake. Hans explained that this was a renewal application as the property had recently transferred ownership.

Motion by Ruton to approve the application as presented, seconded by McCormick.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick, Neff

Motion Passed 7-0.

Michael Smith, Licking County Auditor spoke to the Village Council and residents in attendance to help answer questions regarding how property taxes are increased and decreased, and the distribution of those taxes. He mentioned that some entities will challenge or appeal property tax increases to request to have the taxes lowered and the properties valued at a lower rate.

Carroll asked, "Is it safe for us to assume that a property with a home on it will bring more taxes than vacant land?"

Smith responded, "Yes, the property with a house on it would be more valuable than vacant land and bring more taxes in."

Wells asked, "Could you explain inside and outside millage."

Smith responded, "The first 10 mills is inside millage everything over that is considered to be outside millage. Inside millage is intended to make sure that every government entity has something to operate with."

Hans asked, "What percent of the taxes does the Village government actually receive?"

Smith responded, "If you are speaking of just inside millage then it is less than 10%. However, if you include inside and outside millage then it is closer to 10%?"

Smith reminded the Village that they can request to the Licking County Budget Commission to capture the revenue that was previously given to Union Township for the Village of Buckeye Lake. That is approximately \$38,000 (0.8 mills). He encouraged the village to make that request by summer so that it can be included in their numbers in the fall.

Smith mentioned that properties that are owned by the Village can potentially be excluded from property tax. However, that needs to be requested with the reason for exemption. He also mentioned that properties that have been demolished should apply for a reduction in property taxes through the completion of a Destruction of Property Certificate.

Lastly, Smith stated that we need to look into the state license plate permissive taxes received as we have 3 or 4 different mailing addresses for Village residents and he is not sure if all are paying the license plate permissive taxes that they should be paying. The process would require the County to look into this further and if necessary they can provide an aerial map to the state to verify the Village Boundaries. He stated that once the information is provided to the state, they are typically quick to make the corrections in the BMV system.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Parks Commission: The Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:30pm.

Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals: The Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 7:00pm.

COMMITTEE MEETING AND/OR REPORT:

Finance Committee: No report

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: Councilor Ruton stated that she will submit a report at the next council meeting.

Rules Committee: No report.

Community Development Committee: No report.

Personnel Committee: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: A report for the month of January 2014 was submitted.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: A report for the month of January 2014 was submitted. Councilor Ruton elaborated on the Fire Department report stating that the Fire Department will be receiving two Lifepack 15 units, one for each emergency squad, through a grant from Licking Memorial Hospital. This will allow up to 15 leads to be given to the hospital about a patient's condition before the squad arrives at the hospital. Wells suggested that we should write a thank you letter to the hospital for this. Council members agreed; however they would like to receive the equipment before sending the thank you letter.

STREET SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: A report for the month of January 2014 was submitted at the last meeting.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT: A report for the month of January 2014 was submitted.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mayor Carroll stated that the Village is expecting to receive approximately \$5,000 in demolition funds from the next round of the Moving Ohio Forward grant. He further stated that the Village will be receiving \$74,000 from OPWC for the sidewalk project this year.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor stated that he attended the Board of Elections meeting on February 11th. He stated that the Village had a great turnout of residents and elected officials. Everyone who spoke made great presentations to the Board. He feels that all of the comments will hopefully help to bring the Village's polling location back to the Village. He thanked everyone for attending and the effort they put into making their voices heard. The Mayor mentioned that he attended the LEADS meeting on February 13th. LEADS showed pictures of properties that they have completed approximately 13 years ago in Zanesville. He drove past the properties and contacted the City of Zanesville Zoning Office to learn more about the projects in Zanesville. Zanesville stated that they feel the project is a success. Mayor Carroll mentioned that LEADS has scheduled March 11th for the Village to take 3-4 people out to tour the properties inside and out and learn more about the projects on a longer term basis. Carroll mentioned that no more than 3 council members could attend because of sunshine laws. It was discussed that it would be great to have two people for the project and two people against the project to attend the tour.

Lastly, Mayor Carroll mentioned to council and the audience that the village employees are spending a great amount of time on public records requests. He would appreciate it if individuals making the requests would be respectful of village employee's time and make the requests more specific so that it doesn't take quite as much time to fulfill the requests. He stated that the Village is very willing to fulfill all requests; however on a limited staff it is taking a lot of their time.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Peterson recognized J'Me Bragg in the audience from the Buckeye Lake Historical Society and stated that the Polar Bear Plunge appears to have been a great success. She thanked Mark Dymek for providing a temporary repair to the large hole on Cranberry Lane.

ORDINANCES

3rd Reading

2nd Reading

2014-02 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JOBES, HENDERSON, & ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO

1st Reading

2014-04 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE LICKING COUNTY MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Ruton to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2014-04, seconded by McCormick.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Peterson, Ruton, Hanson, Herron, McCormick, Neff

Nays: Wells

Motion Suspended 6-1.

Motion by Ruton to adopt Ordinance 2014-04 seconded by McCormick.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick, Neff

Motion Passed 7-0.

2014-05 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR AN EARLY WARNING SIRENT SYSTEM AND THE COORDINATING EQUIPMENT TO WARN RESIDENTS OF IMPENDING DAM BREAKS IN BUCKEYE LAKE.

Motion by McCormick to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2014-05, seconded by Ruton.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick, Neff

Motion Suspended 7-0.

Motion by Ruton to adopt Ordinance 2014-05 seconded by McCormick.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick, Neff

Motion Passed 7-0.

2014-06 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSSION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS.

Motion by Ruton to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2014-06, seconded by McCormick.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick, Neff

Motion Suspended 7-0.

Motion by Wells to adopt Ordinance 2014-06 seconded by McCormick.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick, Neff

Motion Passed 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

3rd Reading

2nd Reading

1st Reading

2014-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LICKING TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR MAPLE BAY AND HUNTS LANDING AREA RESIDENTS OF LICKING TOWNSHIP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by McCormick to suspend the rules on Resolution 2014-02, seconded by Neff.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Peterson, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick, Neff

Abstentions: Ruton

Motion Suspended 7-0.

Motion by Wells to adopt Resolution 2014-02 seconded by McCormick.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Peterson, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick, Neff

Abstentions: Ruton
Motion Passed 7-0.

Citizen's Comments: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Gerry Neff: No comment

Barry Herron: No Comment

Peggy Wells: Wells submitted to the Clerk of Council a copy of her letter to the Board of Elections to be entered into the official Village record. She thanked the Street Department for fixing the pothole on Cranberry Lane. She also thanked all of the people who spoke at the Board of Elections meeting on February 11th in an effort to bring Buckeye Lake's polling location back to the Village.

Mickey McCormick: McCormick scheduled a Community Development Committee meeting for Monday, March 10, 2014 at 6:00pm to discuss the ongoing Village projects.

Arletta Ruton: No Comment

Margaret Hanson: No Comment.

Jeryne Peterson: No Comment.

Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Ruton to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Neff.

VOTE: IN-FAVOR: All YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 10, 2014



Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council



Jeryne Peterson, Council President