

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting  
Held in Village Hall  
**June 9, 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 (0,3), Arletta Ruton (0,2), Michelle McCormick (0,2), Peggy Wells (0,0),  
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Barry Herron (0, 0)  
Mayor Carroll

Absent: Margaret Hanson (0, 1), Gerry Neff (0, 3)

**Staff Present:** Michelle Shumaker, Acting Clerk of Council; Mary Jennings, Clerk/Treasurer; James Hanzey, Police Chief; Dave Ruton, EMS Captain; Rod Riley, Code Enforcement Officer.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Councilor McCormick to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014 regular council meeting as presented, seconded by Councilor Ruton.

Councilor Wells asked for discussion. I had a couple of questions or additions to the minutes. The most important thing is I made a note to please be, the written statement that I gave to you, the discussion regarding the water contract, I specifically asked that it be included in the minutes and there is no mention of it anywhere. So I actually typed up what the statement was again along with a couple of other suggestions for the minutes so if council would oblige me and allow that statement to be included in the minutes I would appreciate it. Also, it says back here on the second public comments that uh Brenda Hileman agreed with Ms. Wells. There is no mention what it is about. It doesn't say what Ms. Wells said. That's a little confusing. Also, um it mentions that the Mayor was asked a question by Judy Allen and there was a full response here, which I thought was an excellent response; however, it might have been said after council meeting. It was not said during the council meeting. My understanding is that the minutes are actually a record of the actual meeting what was said during the meeting and not after. On page 2 middle part down it says Mayor Carroll responded that it is...She asked about what happened out front at Myers. I'm sorry she lives on Myers. Judy Allen she said when she left to go south we had nice landscape in the front, she came back in the spring and it was gone. Mayor Carroll responded that it was part of a grant that will repair drainage in an area of the village and the landscape bed will be replaced with a self-watering landscape bed that uses pervious pavement to allow water to be collected. That is an absolutely excellent answer but it wasn't said during the meeting was it Mayor? It was said afterwards. Peterson, that was said during the meeting. Wells, it was? Peterson, yes. Judy Allen responded that it was said after the meeting. Mayor Carroll stated that he didn't go into much detail during the meeting and stated that he would talk with her after the meeting. Wells stated that you invited her to stay after the meeting for a full explanation. So I'm not sure where these things are coming into the. Some things are being totally excluded which were asked to be put in specifically and some things aren't. Also, I was interested in the last comment by one of the last comments about the code enforcement discussion. Let's see where is that...Jackie Sluder, 36 Union Actually I thought it was one of the most important things that she said was that I thought was that it was a 10 year ongoing situation. Later when Council President Peterson made some remarks I think responding to that she actually said something to the effect of that. Oh it is at the end of page three during citizen's comments. She said that people are not going to be respectful we are not going to be disrespectful.....That's all right and everything. But then she also said that we want nothing but positive if you don't like what we do here you should consider moving. Because we don't want negative we want positive. I think that is an important remark that be included. But anyway, I do have that all typed up. If you want to just instead of changing the minutes you could just include my comments. If you want to add it to those minutes that would be the best thing. Mayor Carroll suggested that council table the minutes until the next meeting. Councilor Peterson asked if Council would like to table this and give it back to Valerie and have her resubmit it for the next council meeting. Herron stated yes. Wells asked if there was a motion to table then stated "I'll make a motion to table."

Motion by Councilor Wells to table the approval of the minutes from the May 27, 2014, regular council meeting until the June 23, 2014 to allow for clarification of the minutes, seconded by Councilor Herron.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Herron, McCormick**  
**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:**

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the Treasurer's Report dated June 9, 2014, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

Councilor Herron asked what is the lock box on the report? Mary Jennings stated that it is the money that comes in for the EMS runs. It comes directly into the lock box and then it is deposited into the village account.

Councilor Wells asked what is AS Hotels? Jennings responded that is the hotel. We get bed tax. Wells asked what does AS stand for? Jennings stated that she did not know.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Herron, McCormick  
Motion Passed 5-0.**

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**Parks & Recreation Commission:** No report. Their next scheduled meeting will be July 1, 2014 at 6:30pm.

**Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals:** The Commission will meet on June 10, 2014 at 7:00pm.

**COMMITTEE MEETING AND/OR REPORT:**

**Finance Committee:** No report. Councilor Wells asked this council has been talking a lot about the rules and following the rules and making up rules new rules and things. I was told that everything has to go through committee yet we are considering two pieces of legislation that have to do with the light levy and the 0.8 mil that Union Township used to get. I very much support both of those but as far as I know they did not go through the Finance Committee did they. And even if you think about it council even if they are renewals and as much as I appreciate the Clerk's and the Treasurer's initiative in putting those before us why didn't those go through committee. Cause in the past it has always been council's prerogative to decide whether or not it is going to be a renewal or whether it is going to be increased and that would be a new levy. But yet that wasn't done so I am a little confused as a new council person why I am told I can't ask a department head a question on the spot because that has to go through a committee first. Or I can ask a question at a council meeting yet we're putting something before the voters that hasn't gone through Barry's Finance committee. Can anybody answer that question? Council President Peterson stated that the Union Township legislation was a request to the county to collect those fees and that went to a committee last year. On the lights the committee last year did discuss it, it went to the Public Service Committee, we knew it was coming up for renewal the question was when were we going to notify Licking County Board of Elections to get it on the ballot. Wells, but it didn't go through committee right? Peterson, as far as I know it went to the committee I don't believe that the committee presented it back to the council. I will have to say this as a council member here for nine years I think we all want to keep our lights on and that's what this is for. And without it we will have no lights. Mary you can elaborate a little bit as to what an expense that is every year. Mary Jennings stated that is approximately \$30,000 a year to keep the street lights on. Wells stated that in all due respect Council President I am not at all arguing I am not opposing I think we all want to keep our lights on. I am not challenging the worthiness of the piece of legislation. I am simply challenging the fact that there seems to be inconsistent procedures with this council. So I am just trying to keep up that's all. Council President Peterson asked do you want me to wait and ask Valerie, she's the one who does our filing, she is our Clerk and she does all of the filings to the Board of Elections. So we maybe need to wait and ask her while she is here. Wells, ask her what? Peterson, what you are asking. Ruton stated that we discussed this in Council Meeting when Valerie brought it up and it was simply a question of when we would place it on the ballot. Wells stated you guys are the elected officials and so I am asking you since these are your procedures and you are just not following them. If we have a meeting, our meetings have to have a purpose to address either positive or negative and how we are going to deal with it. Peterson directed her comment to Wells. You are notified when your committees are scheduled to meet. What actually is your question? Wells restated that she would like to know why there are items coming to council that have not gone through committees?

**Public Safety Committee:** No report.

**Public Service Committee:** Councilor Ruton read and submitted the meeting minutes from the June 2, 2014 meeting. Wells asked for a copy of the contract drawings from when the roads were paved after the water system was put in.

**Rules Committee:** No report.

**Community Development Committee:** Councilor McCormick read the minutes of the June 2, 2014 committee meeting. She mentioned that the committee would like to get the community involved in a

community garden project. The committee is working to determine the locations of the gardens. The committee is working on getting an inventory of all of the Christmas lights owned by the village. They would like to discuss different types of fundraisers for raising more money for the replacement of Christmas lights.

**Personnel Committee:** No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** Judy Allen, 32 Myers Ave, Buckeye Lake. Asked why bother asking questions, we never get any answers! Ms. Allen further mentioned the last council meeting's conversation with Jackie Sluder. She stated that Ms. Sluder was supposed to get a response before this council meeting, did she get it? Ms. Allen also suggested that council have a fishbowl or a hat with the council members names in it. Whoever's name is drawn out of the bowl is who will answer that citizen's comment or question.

Bonnie Mansfield, Anchor's Way, Buckeye Lake. Ms. Mansfield stated that she will not sit in silence and will not move out of town over the dead/poisoned cats in Leisure Village. She further stated that no one cares unless a child gets hurt.

**DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Carroll stated that Lake Fest is this Saturday from 12-10:30pm. The car show is Saturday evening as well. The library has started their summer programs for kids on Thursdays. We are enforcing the ordinance on under speed vehicles and I have asked Valerie to post that ordinance. We need to make sure that the residents are aware of the requirements that they can't operate main roads, on public sidewalks or walk paths. They have to have their vehicle inspected by the police department and then go to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to get a license plate. We do have a meeting with the village solicitor tomorrow regarding the property that you spoke about. I have left three messages for Jackie, but I have never been able to talk to her on the telephone.

Councilor Wells stated that she knows someone who just got their golf cart licensed because they wanted go throughout the village. But if we stay in our own neighborhood, we still have to get a license plate? Yes. Really because there are a bunch of golf carts in my neighborhood and I don't think anybody knew that.

Mayor Carroll, I don't think that they've gone to the point of ticketing anybody because we do need to do some public awareness on it. Any golf cart has to meet the inspection requirements which are turn signals, headlights, windshield, there is quite a list of things. They can't go on any roads posted 35mph or more.

Councilor Wells, we knew all that Chief Small had a couple of conversations and I tried to get a license plate and the BMV would not give me a license plate. Brenda was able to get one recently. Why is it that we couldn't get license plates and now we can.

Mayor Carroll, I know that we had to send a notice to the BMV that we were going to start doing vehicle inspections on under speed vehicles.

Councilor Wells, do we have to pay a \$20 fee?

Mayor Carroll, stated that we can discuss these questions more after the meeting.

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:** No comment.

### **ORDINANCES**

**3rd Reading**

**2nd Reading**

**1st Reading**

**2014-14** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**3rd Reading**

**2nd Reading**

**1st Reading**

**2014-06** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO PLACE A RENEWAL GENERAL FUND LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN (10) MILL LIMITATION ON THE BALLOT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Councilor Ruton to table the Ordinance until a later date, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Ruton, Herron, McCormick  
Nays: Peterson, Wells

Motion Passed: 3-2

**Citizen's Comments:** None

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Barry Herron:** No comment.

**Peggy Wells:** No comment.

**Michelle McCormick:** Stated that she would not mind her name being put into a fishbowl to take care of and answer a citizen's questions.

**Arletta Ruton:** Reminded everyone that the Buckeye Lake Fire Association is hosting a car show coming up this Saturday, June 14, 2014, from 4-9pm at the KOA Campground. She also thanked everyone who supported the Buckeye Lake Fire Association flower sale.

There could be two or three people that the fishbowl applies to.

**Council President Peterson:** I will address Bonnie Mansfield and the cat situation. I feel that it is tragic. There are a lot of little children back there and I don't know how they poisoned these cats but we all know that it is dangerous and children, especially small children have a tendency to see something that looks pretty and they put things in their mouths. Then the rest is very tragic. The news media was at Leisure Village and the Licking County Humane Society is hosting a fundraiser to raise funds to go in and capture the feral cats. There is a mobile unit that conducts spay/neuter return clinics in the Village. They can do up to 40 cats in one day. They organization made a public statement stating what they are able to do. Now it is in the hands of the Licking County Humane Society to get things done since they are now very aware of the problem. I feel that is a very important step. I hope that you all come out this weekend and support the car show, Lakefest and the fireworks on Saturday.

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

**VOTE: IN-FAVOR: ALL YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 23, 2014

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Michelle Shumaker, Acting Clerk of Council

  
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Jeryne Peterson, Council President