

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting  
Held in Village Hall  
**May 27, 2014**  
Meeting Minutes

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

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

**Roll Call:** Present: Gerry Neff (0, 2), Jeryne Peterson (0, 3), Arletta Ruton (0, 2), Peggy Wells (0, 0),  
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Margaret Hanson (0, 0), Barry Herron (0, 0), Mickey McCormick (0, 2)  
Mayor Carroll

Absent: None

**Staff Present:**

Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council; Mary Jennings, Clerk/Treasurer; James Hanzey, Police Chief; Andy Davis, Police Sergeant; Pete Leindecker, Fire Chief; Dave Ruton, EMS Captain; Rod Riley, Code Enforcement; Mark Dymek, Street Supervisor.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2014, regular council meeting as presented, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

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

**Abstentions: Peterson**

**Motion Passed 7-0.**

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

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the Treasurer's Report dated May 27, 2014, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

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

**Motion Passed 7-0.**

**Elections and Appointments**

None

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Council discussed possible weekends in June for the Community Yard Sale weekend. Council decided that the Community Yard Sale weekend will be June 27-29, 2014. Council President Peterson asked Clerk Hans to post the notice for the Community Yard Sale weekend.

**COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**Parks Commission:** The Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 6:30pm.

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

**COMMITTEE MEETING AND/OR REPORT:**

**Finance Committee:** No report

**Public Safety Committee:** No report.

**Public Service Committee:** No report; however Councilperson Ruton scheduled a committee meeting for Monday, June 2, 2014 at 6:00pm to discuss and approve the plans specifications for streets and water.

Councilperson Wells spoke out to ask why we just heard that there was no report from public safety committee. I did not receive a notice of the committee meeting and another councilperson did not receive notice of the committee meeting yet I learned of a meeting on the posting board at the post office after the fact of a public safety committee meeting at the fire department. Neff stated that there was not a meeting. The date in question was posted as a meet and greet at the fire department; however no one showed up so there was no meeting. Councilperson Wells asked again are we not supposed to as committee chair to notify the entire council of a committee meeting. Council President Peterson stated that it is the committee chairs responsibility to notify their committee of meeting scheduling and cancellations.

**Rules Committee:** No report.

**Community Development Committee:** No report; however Councilperson McCormick scheduled a committee meeting for Monday, June 2, 2014 immediately following the Public Service Committee to continue discussing ongoing village projects and project planning.

**Personnel Committee:** No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** Jackie Sluder 36 Union Avenue, Buckeye Lake. Stated that she was here to discuss and get some resolution to an ongoing problem that has existed on our block for at least 10 years. The property is located at 54 Union Avenue and has been an eyesore for with high grass, junk vehicles, junk boats, trash and a dilapidated building. Ms. Sluder stated that she has previously filed complaints in 2010, 2011, 2013 and now. There have been nine complaints filed by residents that live on the street regarding this property. We also have photographs of this property. The previous complaints have been unsatisfied and unanswered. Rod posted a note last month on his door that he had until the 29<sup>th</sup> to mow his yard. That notice was ignore, so another 30 day notice was posted on his door that he needed to mow his yard by the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month. Someone came out and if you want to call it mowing the yard, that would be a strain. She stated that this is an EPA issue, this is a health issue, this is a property value issue that we as a unit are sick of. She stated that it makes it very unpleasant to sit outside and enjoy the weather because of what she and her neighbors have to look at. She did mention that several property maintenance notices have been posted to the property. She also mentioned that when the residents attempt to speak with the property owner, he tells them to mind their own business.

Council President Peterson stated that the Village administration will follow-up with property maintenance on this property and get back to Ms. Sluder.

Brenda Hileman, 32 Myers Avenue, Buckeye Lake. Thanked the Chief Hanzey and the police officers that came together to help locate the 3 year old boy that went missing last weekend in the village. Ms. Hileman also asked about the status of 190 Union Avenue.

Hans responded that there was not enough money in the demolition grant to tear this property down. The village contacted the property owner and asked if they would split the cost of the demolition and cleanup of the property so that it could be cleaned up under the grant. The property owner declined; so the property owner is now responsible for the entire clean-up of the property.

Ms. Hileman stated that if the slumlords will not fix up their properties, then they should be fined. She also asked what is going to be done with the condition of the village streets.

Judy Allen, 52 Myers Avenue, Buckeye Lake. Stated that when she left last fall to head south for the winter we had a very nice landscape bed in front of Village hall. When she came back this spring, it was completely gone. She asked, "What happened?"

Mayor Carroll responded, "If you want to stick around after the meeting I will tell you what the plans are."

Casey Tucker, Buckeye Lake Fire Department. Stated that the fire department will be holding a back to school bonanza for the kids of Buckeye Lake. He asked for the community and council's support as they are in need of donations of backpacks and school supplies in preparation for back to school.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:** No report.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:** A report for the month of April 2014 was read and submitted.

**STREET SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** A report for the month of April 2014 was submitted.

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

**DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Council Clerk Hans stated that 5128 Walnut Road was demolished this morning. The contractor will be working over the next few days to haul away debris, grate and reseed the site. She also informed council that 190 Union Avenue will not be able to be demolished during this round of grant funding because of insufficient funding to complete the demolition.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Carroll stated that he recently filled two vacancies on the PC/BZA. Both of the vacancies were Mayoral appointments. The new members are Sherry Powell and Matt Simon. The Mayor also stated that he received a call from Officer Jeff Vermaaten with the police department at midnight on May 18<sup>th</sup> that someone had dumped construction debris in the middle of the road on Hunts Landing Road. I wanted to thank Officer Vermaaten, Ray Goodwin and Tyler Scott with the Fire Department for helping me to shovel debris out of the roadway in the middle of the night. He also mentioned that the Village contracted with Union Township to do mosquito spraying at a cost of \$225 per village application. They completed the first spraying last weekend in preparation for the holidays. Lastly, the Mayor mentioned the following upcoming events:

6/7/14 Cranberry Bog Day

6/14/14 Lakefest with fireworks starting at 9:45pm

6/14/14 Carshow at KOA Campground 5-9pm  
6/21/14 Friends of the Buckeye Lake Library 5K walk.

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:** Council President Peterson reminded everyone that the BLAAST is planning their annual fireworks display for July 3, 2014. She further stated that they are always looking for donations to continue to fund this very big family celebration at the lake.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **3rd Reading**

**2014-11** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A WATER TANK CONTRACT WITH UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC., AND WAIVING BIDDING.

Wells asked on Article 7 it talks about excluded items "this contract does not include cost of or liability on the part of the company for" and then it lists about ten things. Is the mixer considered a component? The contract includes a \$2467 annual fee for contract year. That seems to be a pretty high fee if it doesn't include repairs to the mixer. What does the village get for that annual fee? I would like to have these questions answered before the Mayor signs the contract.

Motion by Ruton to adopt Ordinance 2014-11, seconded by Neff.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Neff, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick**  
**Motion Passed 7-0.**

#### **2nd Reading**

##### **1st Reading**

**2014-13** AMENDING ORDINANCE 2013-22 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

Motion by McCormick to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2014-13, seconded by Ruton.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Neff, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick**  
**Motion Suspended 7-0.**

Motion by Ruton to adopt Ordinance 2014-13, seconded by McCormick.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Neff, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick**  
**Motion Passed 7-0.**

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **3rd Reading**

#### **2nd Reading**

##### **1st Reading**

**2014-04** RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY FOR A RENEWAL 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 THIS NEW LEVY, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03, 5705.192, 5705.25 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Neff, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick**  
**Motion Suspended 7-0.**

Motion by Wells to adopt Ordinance 2014-04, seconded by McCormick.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Neff, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick**  
**Motion Passed 7-0.**

**2014-05** A RESOLUTION FORMERLY REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY PAY THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE APPROXIMATELY .8 MILLS OF TAX REVENUE FORMERLY PAID BY RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE TO UNION TOWNSHIP.

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

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Neff, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick**  
**Motion Suspended 7-0.**

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

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Neff, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Hanson, Herron, McCormick**  
**Motion Passed 7-0.**

**Citizen's Comments:** Charlotte Basnett 152 Dockside Drive. Stated that leaders around Buckeye Lake should get together and share all of their community events to develop a calendar that highlights all events around the lake for the year.

Brenda Hileman, 32 Myers Avenue. Hileman stated that this is one of the first council meetings that I have been back to after the election and I kind of have to agree with Ms. Wells. I can remember Charlene sitting up there and a commotion would break out and who would end of getting escorted out of here but Ms. Wells.

Council President attempted to stop the conversation and stated that in this council chamber we are not mentioning people's names. If you don't have something constructive to discuss, I don't want to hear it and neither does the rest of council.

Hileman then stated so in other words it's the same old good old boy politics

Peterson stated, Thank you.

Jackie Sluder stated from the audience, It's freedom of speech, are you not

Peterson stated, Excuse me ma'am but you have had your turn to speak. If you would like to speak again on something that is pertinent to our village, you can come to the front.

Sluder stated, Just because you

Peterson stated, It isn't just me, I am trying to be fair and polite to all sitting here.

Peterson, Excuse me, I am going to ask that you get escorted out if you continue to talk like that. You have nothing proactive to say, you have nothing constructive to say other than to put down other folks and I will not have that. I will not have that!

Sluder stated, "You have done nothing but fuel the fire, just fuel the fire. You'll be sorry b\*\*\*h."

Peterson stated, Have a good day, thank you for coming.

Peterson further stated that she and council wants to hear what the audience has to say. However, in the same circumstance, I feel that it is uncalled for to point fingers at people, call names degrade people, or further diminish a person's reputation in certain manners that is not the good human way to treat others. and I won't have it. Adults don't like bullying either. There have been good questions asked but we do have to keep order during a council meeting. However, she will not tolerate these or other disrespectful types of behavior in the public setting of a council meeting. Lastly, Council President Peterson apologized to the audience that they were subject to the behavior of a few unruly citizens.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Margaret Hanson:** Stated that she completely agrees with Council President Peterson's statement!

**Arletta Ruton:** Stated that she also agrees with Council President Peterson's statement!

**Michelle McCormick:** Stated that she also agrees with Council President Peterson's statement!

**Peggy Wells:** Asked to receive the monthly street department report earlier than the day of the council meeting.

**Barry Herron:** No comment.

**Gerry Neff:** No comment

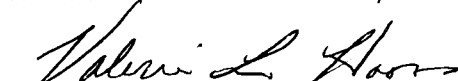
**Jeryne Peterson:** No comment.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2014

  
Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council

  
Jeryne Peterson, Council President