

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Village Hall
November 9, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Council President Peterson at 7:13 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Present: Kitty Zwissler (0,0), Barry Herron (0,1), Robert Masone, MD (0,3), Jeryne Peterson (0,3),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Arletta Ruton (0,4), Peggy Wells (0,1), Tom Wolfe (0,0)
Mayor Carroll

Absent: None

Staff Present: Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council; James Hanzey, Police Chief; Dave Ruton, EMS Captain.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015 regular council meeting as presented, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Herron, Masone, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Wolfe
Motion Passed 7-0.

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the Treasurer's report dated November 5, 2015, seconded by Councilor Masone.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Herron, Masone, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Wolfe
Motion Passed 7-0.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Council Clerk Hans explained to council members the lists of properties to be certified to the tax duplicate for property maintenance clean-up costs.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the attached lists of property maintenance cleanup costs dated October 26, 2015 and certify those costs to the property tax duplicate at the Licking County Auditor's Office for each property, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe mentioned that he would like to see the Village cover property maintenance clean-up with our own village employees doing the clean up. Council members discussed revisiting this issue for 2016.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Herron, Masone, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Wolfe
Motion Passed 7-0.

Council Clerk Hans presented the 2016 list of council meeting dates for approval.

Motion by Councilor Wells to approve the 2016 council meeting dates, seconded by Councilor Ruton.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Herron, Masone, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Wolfe
Motion Passed 7-0.

Council members discussed the AEP energy contract for the Village stating that the price per KWh was 1 cent lower than the IGS energy contract that was presented. The members were in agreement that they would like the Mayor to sign the AEP energy contract for a 36 month term.

Motion by Councilor Herron to authorize the Mayor to sign the AEP energy rate contract for a 36 month term, seconded by Councilor Ruton.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Herron, Masone, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Wolfe
Motion Passed 7-0.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation Commission: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Their next scheduled meeting will be on November 19, 2015, at 6:30pm.

Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals: The Commission will meet on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 7:30pm.

COMMITTEE MEETING AND/OR REPORT:

Finance Committee: No report.

Public Safety Committee: Councilor Wells stated that her committee attempted to have a joint committee meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission on Tuesday, November 3, 2015; however Councilor Wells was the only committee member who attended the meeting. She further stated that there was a lot of great information discussed regarding the Healthy Communities Grant.

Public Service Committee: No report. Councilor Ruton scheduled a committee meeting for Monday, Novmeber 23, 2015 at 6:15pm to discuss the village owned properties.

Rules Committee: Councilor Wolfe stated that his committee met on 11/9/15 to discuss 3 letters from Councilor Wells, the purchase of a go pro video taping system to record council meetings and Council Rules 3 and 43. It was also mentioned that if you are new to village council and have not taken the sunshine law training, you should do so.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe to approve spending up to \$400 to purchase a go pro video camera system with a memory card, seconded by Councilor Wells.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Herron, Masone, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Wolfe
Motion Passed 7-0.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe to strike rule 43 and rule 45C, seconded by Councilor Ruton.
Discussion occurred regarding whether or not to keep council member comments as part of the meeting agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Ruton
Nays: Zwissler, Herron, Masone, Peterson, Wells, Wolfe
Motion Failed 1-6.

Council President Peterson suggested adding Council Member Comments to Rule 7 of the Village Council Rules.

Motion by Councilor Wells to add Council Member Comments to Rule 7 of the Village Council Rules, seconded by Councilor Zwissler.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Herron, Masone, Peterson, Wells, Wolfe
Nays: Ruton
Motion Passed 6-1.

Community Development Committee: No report

Personnel Committee: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Council Clerk Hans presented a letter to council dated November 6, 2015 from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control. She mentioned that all liquor permits are up for renewal in 2016. All permit holders will have to file a request for renewal prior to the February 1, 2016 expiration of the permits. She further explained that if any council members have any valid objections, the village may file those objections by January 4, 2016.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Marianne Perrine, Buckeye Lake commented regarding Veteran's Day. She stated that she remembers the great reverence for the men and women who were fighting and dying for our country during WWII. She futher stated that she believes that our Village employees should be off and our office closed on Veteran's Day to recognize and honor those who have served and our currently serving our country.

Councilor Ruton reminded everyone of Project Green Light where houses can turn on a green light to show their support for veterans and the military.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS: None

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Carroll stated that sunshine law training will be available on November 17, 2015 and December 8, 2015. If you are interested, please check the posting board to learn more about the training.

Mayor Carroll also stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission is still planning to move forward on the crosswalks this year. Hopefully we can still get them done by the end of November. He further stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission will be meeting again on November 19, 2015 to discuss the grant further. Carroll stated that he has changed the locks on the restroom facilities at the park.

Lastly, Mayor Carroll stated that he is meeting with a potential restaurant tenant for the Village office rental space.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Council President Peterson stated that we should all remember how precious life can be. We should remember all of our veterans on Veteran's Day.

ORDINANCES

3rd Reading

2015-21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2013-26 AND ESTABLISHING NEW WATER RATES AND COLLECTION GUIDELINES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to adopt Ordinance 2015-21 as presented, seconded by Councilor Herron.

Discussion took place regarding Ordinance 2015-21. Councilor Zwissler stated that she thinks it is unconscionable to pass on a 16% increase to the village residents from Millersport. She further stated that Millersport doesn't intend to raise the water rates for their residents. Councilor Wells asked the Mayor if he could clarify the restrictions on the increases before we go any further on increasing our water rates. Mayor Carroll stated that our contract with Millersport states that they can only raise rates to the Village of Buckeye Lake if they raise their own rates at the same rate as well. Council President Peterson suggested scheduling a Finance Committee to discuss this issue in greater detail. She further stated that she also feels a \$1.59 increase to the residents is unconscionable. She stated that we should think about the people of our village who are on a limited income. She feels that this rate increase needs more thought put into it. Councilor Wells asked Council Clerk Hans to talk about the RCAP suggestions that were given in financial training for the planning of water systems. Council Clerk Hans stated that RCAP recommended doing smaller, incremental increases each year rather than a larger increase after a few years with no increase. She further stated that this method makes the increases easier for the customers to bear. Councilor Ruton stated that she would like to wait to act on this legislation until more information is available. Councilor Zwissler stated that she spoke with Vince Popo who stated that Millersport was increasing their out of village rates but not the inside village rates for customers. Councilor Wells suggested tabling this ordinance until additional information is available. Councilor Herron stated that he would like to get all questions answered from Millersport in writing about the rate increases. Councilor Herron further stated that he would be willing to withdraw his second on the ordinance if it would help.

Councilor Herron withdrew his second of Ordinance 2015-21. Council President Peterson asked if there was anyone who would like to second the Ordinance. Approval of Ordinance 2015-21 died for lack of a second.

Motion by Zwissler to table Ordinance 2015-21 to allow for additional information to be gathered from the Village of Millersport on the rate increases, seconded by Councilor Masone.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Herron, Masone, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Wolfe

Motion Passed 7-0.

2nd Reading

1st Reading

2015-23 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2014-25 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Zwissler to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2015-23 seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Herron, Masone, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Wolfe

Rules Suspended 7-0.

Motion by Councilor Wells to approve Ordinance 2015-23 as presented, seconded by Councilor Masone.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Herron, Masone, Peterson, Ruton, Wells, Wolfe

Motion Passed 7-0.

2015-24 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

RESOLUTIONS:

3rd Reading

2nd Reading

2015-05 A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CERTAIN FUNDS AS PROVIDED BY OHIO LAW.

1st Reading

Citizen's Comments: None.

Council Member Comments:

Councilor Zwissler: Congratulated Dr. Masone and Councilor Ruton on the election. She stated that there are still 189 write in votes being counted to determine who else won the election. We should have the final election results by November 24, 2015.

Councilor Ruton: Thanked the residents for voting for her. She stated that she considers serving her community on Village Council a privilege. Lastly, Councilor Ruton reminded everyone to remember our Veterans on Veteran's Day and every day because they put their lives on the line for us.

Councilor Wolfe: No comment.

Councilor Herron: No comment.

Councilor Wells: Stated that when she went to a chamber meeting recently the KOA owners were there and they were discussing bed tax. She further stated that she feels we should look into the Buckeye Lake Estates campsites to begin collecting bed tax from them.

Councilor Masone: No comment

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 23, 2015



Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council



Jerlyne Peterson, Council President