

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting  
Held in Village Hall  
**March 13, 2017**  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** By Council President Zwissler at 7:03 p.m.

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

**Roll Call:** Present: Kitty Zwissler (0,0), Robert Masone, MD (0,2), Doug Poorman (0,0),  
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Arletta Ruton (0,0), Tim Ryan (0,2), Peggy Wells (0,0), Tom Wolfe (0,2)  
Mayor Carroll  
Absent: None

**Staff Present:** Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council; James Hanzey, Police Chief; Dave Ruton, EMS  
Captain; Rod Riley, Code Enforcement Officer; Toby Miller, Water  
Superintendent.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Councilor Wolfe to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2017 regular meeting with  
amendments, seconded by Councilor Wells.

Councilor Ruton asked Council Clerk Hans if she had time to listen to the tape to verify that Councilor  
Wells requested changes are actually on the tape. Council Clerk Hans stated that she did not.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Poorman, Wells, Wolfe**

**Nays: Ruton**

**Abstentions: Masone, Ryan**

**Motion Passed 6-1.**

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

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the Treasurer's report dated March 10, 2017, seconded by  
Councilor Wolfe.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Masone, Poorman, Ruton, Ryan, Wells, Wolfe**

**Motion Passed 7-0.**

**COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**Parks & Recreation Commission:** The Parks and Recreation Commission met on Tuesday, March 7,  
2017. Their next scheduled meeting will be on April 4, 2017, at 5:30pm.

**Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals:** The Commission will not meet on Tuesday,  
February 14, 2017. Their next scheduled meeting will be on April 11, 2017 at 7:30pm. Copies of the  
January 10, 2017 BZA meeting minutes, January 10, 2017 Planning Commission meeting minutes and  
January 17, 2017 BZA meeting minutes.

Karen Cookston, chairperson, gave the 2016 annual report to village council. A copy of this report is  
included in the council record.

Councilor Ryan asked how is it helpful to have PC/BZA members on the BL2030 group.  
Cookston responded that the PC/BZa members are keeping up on growth and development in the  
Buckeye Lake area. Councilor Ryan stated that he doesn't want the village, the planning commission  
and the village council to be ruled by BLR2030 or to blindly follow a group of people not elected or  
appointed by the village. Chairperson Cookston agreed.

Councilor Wolfe extended a special invitation to the BL2030 group to come to a village council meeting  
to discuss their intent and progress.

Chairperson Cookston stated that Councilor Poorman is chairperson of the BL2030 communications committee. He can give you the BL2030 website with lots of information that council members can view at their convenience.

Councilor Wolfe stated that he would like Yarmar Steiner to come to a council meeting.

Councilor Wells asked Chairperson Cookston if she agreed with an earlier statement made by Mayor Carroll to establish criteria for Planning Commission members and that some of these questions could only be answered by the commission members, specifically activity involvement and attendance. Ms. Cookston stated that she "believed that an opportunity to assess a commission member is relevant to the planning commission and that assessment is probably better done by the commission versus a body of people that don't see anything that they do." When Councilor Wells asked about attendance, Ms. Cookston said the commission members are volunteers so "meeting attendance has to be applied appropriately." Councilor Wells read the attendance language from the commission bylaws and asked Ms. Cookston if she was aware that one of the commission members attended only 5 of 12 meetings in 2015? Ms. Cookston said, "Our attendance and our position, we'll manage within the planning commission. And we made an agreement last year and previously is that we did not always have good attendance and we had some issues with that and in ten years we never applied that regulation. So I don't think you can pull it out of the hat and say you're going to backwards apply it."

Council President Zwissler stated that Water Superintendent Miller asked to speak on behalf of the village fire department.

Toby stated that the Buckeye Lake Firefighters Association, through their fundraising efforts, purchased 30 pairs of gloves and 30 hoods at a cost of \$2,940. These items are now the property of the village. Mr. Miller passed out an information sheet on this donation for the record.

Mr. Miller then provided council members with a packet of street department equipment proposal options. He asked that they review the options and discuss them at the Public Service/Finance committee meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. There's also a paving project to bring to committee due to an issue of going over the bid requirements.

Councilor Ryan pointed out that council president just allowed two presentations that weren't on the agenda but likewise when Peggy brings up something, then you shut her down because it wasn't on the agenda. President Zwissler said Toby asked in advance and it was important and she didn't want to get into an argument. Councilor Ryan said we can't pick and choose like that.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND/OR REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Councilor Wolfe stated that his committee met at 5:00pm this evening to discuss the budget, income, expenses, street levy, fire levy, police levy and operating levy possibilities. Councilor Wolfe scheduled another Finance Committee meeting for Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:15pm to discuss the budget. It was the consensus of citizens in the audience at the committee meeting that they would support a street levy.

**Public Safety Committee:** No report.

**Public Service Committee:** Councilor Ruton stated that her committee met at 6:00pm this evening. They discussed the engineering RFQs and decided to table their selection and recommendation to council to a different time. Councilor Ruton scheduled a joint Public Service/Finance committee meeting for Monday April 10, 2017 at 6:16pm to discuss the engineering RFQs, street department equipment proposals and paving.

**Rules Committee:** Councilor Wells stated that her committee report was in the council packet.

**Community Development Committee:** Councilor Poorman set a committee meeting date for Monday April 24, 2017 at 6:15pm to discuss current projects in the village.

**Personnel Committee:** No report.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** John Getz, 257 Union Ave, Buckeye Lake. Stated that he thinks everyone is working together to make this a better place except for Council Member Peggy Wells.

Karen Cookston, Anchor's Way, Buckeye Lake. Ms. Cookston stated that the Planning Commission/BZA cancelled their monthly March meeting due to no business.

**DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Carroll stated Mark Dymek, Street Supervisor, has announced that he will be retiring effective July 1, 2017.

We hope to have information on soft billing soon including information on entering into contract with two insurance companies so that we will be an in-contract provider for EMS transports. We will be looking into adjusting the rates that we charge to become more in line with what nearby communities are charging.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Zwissler stated that she has been working with businesses to get them to apply for the money from the state. She stated that the businesses can now use the past two year's losses on their application. However, some businesses listed their last two year's losses and were denied funding. Council President Zwissler stated that she would be looking into this further.

Councilor Wells asked how many volunteers we have at the Fire Department.

Mr. Miller stated that there are 6 or 7.

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She then stated that for years there has been a practice of divvying up funds (points system) for the volunteers based on their participation.

She stated that she feels it is now time to dissolve the \$15,000 that is paid out each year since most of the department members are now paid employees.

Miller stated that was already changed 2 years ago. He stated that it is still based off of a points system; however they paid out less than \$6,000 last year.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **3rd Reading**

**2017-03** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-21 AND ESTABLISHING NEW WATER RATES AND COLLECTION GUIDELINES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve Ordinance 2017-03 as presented, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Masone, Poorman, Ruton, Wells, Wolfe**

**Abstentions: Ryan**

**Motion Passed 7-0.**

### **2nd Reading**

#### **1st Reading**

**2017-04** AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-15 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2017-04, seconded by Councilor Masone.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Masone, Poorman, Ruton, Ryan, Wells, Wolfe**

**Rules Suspended 7-0.**

Motion by Councilor Wells to adopt Ordinance 2017-04 as presented, seconded by Councilor Ruton.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Masone, Poorman, Ruton, Ryan, Wells, Wolfe**

**Motion Passed 7-0.**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

3rd Reading

2nd Reading

1st Reading

**Citizen's Comments:** None

**Council Member Comments:**

**Councilor Ryan:** Stated that he missed the Finance Committee meeting due to a friend passing away. He attended that person's funeral and wake today. Councilor Ryan stated that his friend, Steve Elliott, was a really good person.

**Councilor Ruton:** Councilor Ruton stated that the village lost a great person and volunteer in the community, Marge Shultz. Mrs. Shultz was very involved in the community and with the Buckeye Lake Youth Association. She passed away from bone cancer.

**Councilor Wolfe:** Asked if 6:15pm works for council members for the committee meetings?

**Councilor Masone:** Councilor Masone stated that HE HOPES John will keep coming and he'll see that Peggy is smart, hardworking and an overall good servant for the village. He also stated that Karen Cookston did a fantastic job on the 2016 annual report to council. Councilor Masone stated that Mayor Carroll has a great reputation for helping people as was evident when Council President Zwissler's car was disabled during the snowstorm last weekend. All of the council members stopped to make sure Council President Zwissler was OK and several people suggested contacting Mayor Carroll to help get her car out of the ditch. Lastly, Masone stated that it was nice to see everyone working together to help someone that evening.

**Councilor Poorman:** Stated that he knows there is concern with what is going on with BL2030. Poorman stated that he is the chairperson of the Communications Committee and updates the website frequently with new information. Lastly, he suggested if people are concerned, they should get and stay involved with the committees.

**Councilor Wells:** No comment.

**Councilor President Zwissler:** Thanked people for being supportive when my car went into the ditch.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/OTHER BUSINESS:** Council Clerk Hans spoke about the membership to Licking County Transportation Study (LCATS). She stated that the village is interested in becoming a member at a cost of \$500 per year. She further stated that the cost has been prorated for the first partial year of membership to \$167.

Councilor Ryan asked why are they charging us?

Mayor Carroll explained that the cost used to be much higher; however they have lowered the cost to encourage more of the communities to participate.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to join the Licking County Transportation Study (LCATS) at a cost of \$500 per year, seconded by Councilor Poorman.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, Masone, Poorman, Ruton, Wells, Wolfe**


**Nays: Ryan**

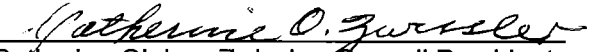
**Motion Passed 6-1.**

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

**VOTE: IN-FAVOR: ALL YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 7-0**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 27, 2017

  
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Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council

  
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Catherine Olohan Zwissler, Council President