

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting  
Held in Village Hall  
**July 24, 2017**  
Meeting Minutes

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

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

**Roll Call:** Present: Doug Poorman (0,1), Arletta Ruton (0,1), Tim Ryan (0,4), Peggy Wells (0,0),  
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Tom Wolfe (0,2), Catherine Zwissler (0,0), Robert Masone, MD (0,3)  
Mayor Clay Carroll

Absent: None

**Staff Present:**

Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council; Mary Jennings, Clerk/Treasurer; James Hanzey, Police Chief; Dave Ruton, EMS Captain; Rod Riley, Code Enforcement Officer; Randy Bucy, Street Department; Toby Miller, Water Superintendent.

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:**

Council President Zwissler stated that the approval of the July 10, 2017 meeting minutes will be postponed to the next council meeting.

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

Motion by Councilor Wells to approve the Treasurer's Report dated July 19, 2017, seconded by Councilor Ryan.

**Roll Call Vote: Yays: Poorman, Ruton, Ryan, Wolfe, Zwissler, Masone**  
**Abstentions: Wells**  
**Motion Passed 6-0.**

**Elections and Appointments:** None.

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Charlie Prince spoke to council as President of the Union Township Trustees regarding the OPEC-HC and Jefferson Health Plan situation. He explained that Union Township pulled out of the OPEC-HC agreement and chose to go with Jefferson Health Plan. Mr. Prince also stated that OPEC-HC failed to pay their June 2017 premium and he questions whether claims will be paid that were incurred in June. Mr. Prince questioned the new plan administrator for OPEC-HC (Benovation) stating that its claim to pay any doctor or facility is hard to believe. Mr. Prince stated that Hebron chose to stay with OPEC-HC and now they are worried on whether they made the right decision. He cautioned the village that they should consider other options to make sure that their employees remain insured.

Councilor Wells gave council members an 11-page packet of information re: Jefferson Health Plan and OPEC and a 12-page packet of emails to BLV from OPEC.

**Reports of Special and Standing Committees in the Following Order:**

**Planning Commission/BZA:** Karen Cookston asked Councilor Ryan if he was going to address the elections and appointments before or after she spoke as that would determine her conversation.

Cookston stated that she was asked to come to the council meetings and provide a report. She was then chastised and written up in the newspaper for taking 20 minutes to speak. Cookston stated that she prepared packets of information for each council member at the June 26, 2017

meeting. She feels it is disrespectful that we show up and are told to wait to speak at another meeting. Cookston stated that the re-confirmation process is for non-electors only. She gave council the information for suggesting changes. These changes need to be voted on by charter.

**Zoning:** A report for the month of July 2017 is in the council mailboxes.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilor Wolfe stated that he would like to see monthly reports from code enforcement. Council President agreed.

Mayor Carroll stated that he would work with code enforcement to get reports to council.

**Finance Committee:** Councilor Wolfe stated his committee attempted to meet but the meeting was not posted; he then conducted his meeting during the council meeting. Wolfe asked to add Ordinance 2017-15 to the council agenda. He stated that this ordinance will provide for needed street repair and storm water catch basins. Councilor Wolfe also asked to have council members suspend the rules on Ordinance 2017-13 to allow the project to move forward as quickly as possible.

**Public Safety Committee:** Stated that there was a lot of flooding over the last few weeks. Although 2 areas had to be evacuated, the Police Department was knowledgeable and efficient on the situation.

**Public Service Committee:** Councilor Ruton stated that Councilor Wolfe shared the information already.

**Rules Committee:** No report.

**Community Development Committee:** Councilor Poorman stated that reporters from the Columbus Dispatch were taking pictures of the wetlands and he expects there will be a report soon.

**Personnel Committee:** Councilor Ryan stated that no action was taken by the Personnel committee on the re-confirmation of Stacie McCloud as the vote was split 2-2. Therefore, he recommended moving the issue of re-confirmation of Ms. McCloud to the full vote of council.

Councilor Wells moved to appoint Doug Stewart as the new member of the PC/BZA, seconded by Councilor Masone.

Councilor Wells called for the question.

Councilor Ruton attempted to speak; however Councilor Wells stated that call for the question had already been stated.

Mayor Carroll stated that he read in the rules that you have to a chance for some discussion before you can call for the question.

Councilor Ryan then stated that you can't appoint someone to a seat until it becomes vacant.

Councilor Wells then rescinded her motion and Councilor Masone rescinded his second.

Councilor Wells moved to deny re-confirmation of Stacie McCloud to the PC/BZA, seconded by Councilor Masone.

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

**Motion Passed 5-2.**

Councilor Wells moved for council to appoint Doug Stewart to fill the vacant PC/BZA seat, seconded by Councilor Masone.

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

**Motion Passed 5-2.**

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** Karen Cookston, Anchor's Way, Buckeye Lake. Stated that she was unhappy with the decision this evening and doesn't think that the process was done properly. She stated that when Stacie was not re-confirmed this evening, the vacant position should have been advertised again as a new vacancy instead of immediately appointing the replacement.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:** A report for the Month of June 2017 was submitted. Councilor Wolfe asked if there have been any viscous animal complaints.

Chief Hanzey stated there have not, just dogs running at large.

Councilor Wells asked if having a full-time officer off on medical leave has caused a hardship for the department.

Chief Hanzey stated that all of the officers have been working together to pick up the slack and cover shifts. He further stated that one part-time officer was temporarily moved to full-time status without needing medical insurance benefits as his are provided by the VA.

Councilor Wells asked how Sgt. Davis is doing and when/where the fundraisers are being held for him.

Chief Hanzey stated that he is recovering at home and will start therapy in August.

The following fundraisers have been scheduled:

August 15, 2017 Spaghetti Dinner at First Community Church, Walnut Rd., Buckeye Lake.

August 19, 2017 Poker Run beginning in Pickerington.

Also a go fund me account has been set up in his name.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:** A report for the month of June 2017 was submitted.

**STREET SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** A report for the month of June 2017 was submitted.

**WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT:** A report for the month of June 2017 was submitted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Carroll stated that there was a question of the issue with the lot that the village is disposing of to ODNR. Council specified that they wanted a buffer area between the property that they wanted & the sidewalk repaired with concrete. We are still waiting to hear back on these issues.

Mayor Carroll stated that the date for the MOPAR cruise in will be August 12, 2017 from 6-11pm.

Mayor Carroll stated that there is a letter from BL2030 in the council packets requesting the village to pay a \$500 membership into the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation for the remainder of 2017. The corporation is still determining costs for the annual membership in subsequent years.

Council members expressed concern that it is still unknown what the membership fee will be for 2018 and beyond.

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:** No comment.

**ORDINANCES**

**3rd Reading**

**2nd Reading**

**2017-13 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ADVANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING OPERATING FUNDS TO THE STORM WATER UTILITY FUND.**

Motion by Councilor Wolfe to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2017-13, seconded by Councilor Wells.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Poorman, Ruton, Ryan, Wells, Wolfe, Zwissler, Masone  
Rules Suspended 7-0.**

Motion by Councilor Wells to adopt Ordinance 2017-13 as presented, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Poorman, Ruton, Ryan, Wells, Wolfe, Zwissler, Masone  
Motion Passed 7-0.**

**2017-14 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENAME HEBRON AND WALNUT ROADS IN THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE TO BUCKEYE LAKE BOULEVARD.**

**1st Reading**

**2017-15 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-05 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.**

Motion by Councilor Wolfe to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2017-15, seconded by Councilor Ruton.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Poorman, Ruton, Ryan, Wells, Wolfe, Zwissler, Masone  
Rules Suspended 7-0.**

Motion by Councilor Ruton to adopt Ordinance 2017-15 as presented, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Poorman, Ruton, Ryan, Wells, Wolfe, Zwissler, Masone  
Motion Passed 7-0.**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**3rd Reading**

**2nd Reading**

**1st Reading**

**Citizen's Comments:** Charlotte Basnett, 152 Dockside Dr., Buckeye Lake. Ms Basnett stated that she has been around Buckeye Lake since 1988. During that time, she has watched the Village virtually beg for people to participate on the boards and commissions. She reminded council members to think long and hard before dismissing people who are willing to serve on the boards and commissions.

Charlene Hayden, Lighthouse Lane, Buckeye Lake. Ms. Hayden thanked Councilors Ruton and Ryan for supporting the re-confirmation of Stacie McCloud and her 10 years of service to the board. She then stated that Stacie did not even get a call from the Council President to let her know that they were considering not re-confirming her. Hayden felt that this should have been handled differently.

Doug Stewart, 4537 Northbank Rd., Buckeye Lake. Mr. Stewart thanked council for doing the right thing. He stated that attendance rules weren't followed and he hopes that moving forward there will be no animosity with his appointment to the PC/BZA. He stated that he is willing to volunteer his time and that his time is very valuable. He stated that he applied for a job that was posted on February 18, 2017 and then waited a long time to get a meeting. The meeting was cancelled at the last minute and then he waited again for another meeting. That meeting was also cancelled. He would just like for the rules to be followed.

**Council Member's Comments:**

**Councilor Masone:** Stated that he knows Stacie McCloud by name but has not seen her. He stated that he called Doug and asked if he would serve. Doug agreed to do so. He stated that if we disagree we shouldn't disrespect each other. Each person should simply utilize their talent to help the village.

**Councilor Poorman:** Stated that it's a shame that the situation has unfolded this way; however we need to move on from this.

**Councilor Wells:** Apologized to Doug Stewart for five months of waiting. She thanked Mr. Stewart for his patience and is glad that he is still willing to serve.

Councilor Wells asked if the meeting this evening counted as the public hearing for the street name change.

Council Clerk Hans stated that she feels the public hearing should be scheduled again with at least a 10 day posting notice so that the public can be properly notified to attend.

Council President Zwissler asked Council Clerk Hans to schedule and advertise for a public hearing for the street name change on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:30pm.

**Councilor Ryan:** Stated that he has known Doug Stewart for a while and I have nothing against him. He also stated that he takes full responsibility for not having a meeting. Councilor Ryan feels that the situation was the most mishandled thing he has ever been involved in. However, he feels that when Ms. McCloud was not re-confirmed this evening, the position should have been posted again as a new vacancy. He stated that he will not be applying to stay on council when his term is up as he does not want to be a part of this mess.

**Councilor Ruton:** Stated that she agrees with Councilor Ryan on how this situation was handled. She has an issue with Mr. Stewart threatening the village office employees that he would call the Ohio Ethics Commission if he didn't get a meeting. Councilor Ruton stated that she thinks we need to follow the rules all of the time.

**Councilor Wolfe:** Stated that today there was a shooting and a death in Newark. This reminds us all how important it is to have a police department. Councilor Wolfe stated that he feels our police department is doing a great job.

**Council President Zwissler:** No comment.

**Other Business:** Councilor Ryan asked what is being done about mosquito spraying. Mayor Carroll stated that mosquito spraying was done last Thursday at 3:00am.

Councilor Wells asked what is happening with the Lakewood Lady Lancers softball recognition. Council President Zwissler stated that the coach was on vacation and they would be invited to the next council meeting.

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

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

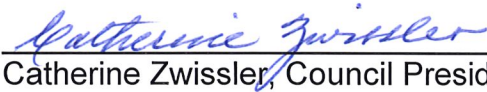
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: August 14, 2017



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Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council



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Catherine Zwissler, Council President