

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting  
Held in Village Hall  
**June 12, 2017**  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** By Council President Zwissler at 7:01 p.m.

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

**Roll Call:** Present: Tom Wolfe (0,2) – arrived at 7:11pm, Kitty Zwissler (0,0), Robert Masone, MD (0,3),  
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Doug Poorman (0,1), Arletta Ruton (0,1), Tim Ryan (0,3), Peggy Wells (0,0)  
Mayor Carroll  
Absent: None

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2017 regular meeting, seconded by Councilor Ryan.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the Treasurer's report dated June 8, 2017, seconded by Councilor Ryan.

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

**COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**Parks & Recreation Commission:** The Parks and Recreation Commission met on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. Their next scheduled meeting will be on July 4, 2017, at 5:30pm.

**Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals:** The Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:30pm.

Chairperson Cookston stated that the Commission will be discussing information learned from the DPZ and Heritage Ohio meetings last week. She also stated that they will be working on heights and looking further into form based zoning. Lastly, Cookston stated that she was waiting to hear responses from the information that she presented to council at the last meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/OTHER BUSINESS:** Council Clerk Hans read a letter dated June 12, 2017 from Rod Riley, Code Enforcement Officer, asking to certify property maintenance clean-up costs to the Licking County Auditor.

Motion by Councilor Masone to approve the letter dated June 12, 2017 to certify property maintenance clean-up costs to the Licking County Auditor as presented, seconded by Councilor Ruton.

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

Councilor Wells passed out a paper from the Ohio Secretary of State titled Ohio Ballot Questions and Issues Handbook. She stated that she would use this for discussion later in the meeting.

Councilor Ryan asked Mayor Carroll for the status on the purchase of the Walnut Rd. lot near the spillway to ODNR.

Mayor Carroll stated he would look through his notes and respond during his Mayor's report.

Councilor Wells stated that Toby Miller was going to get estimates on the basketball court resurfacing. She would like to know the status of the estimates.

Mayor Carroll stated that once we get costs for resurfacing the basketball court we can determine how to proceed.

Council President Zwissler reminded council members and the administration that they would like the basketball court striped for both basketball and pickleball.

Councilor Wells stated that the skate park repairs are completed.

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

**Finance Committee:** Councilor Wolfe stated that his committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss the possibility of an operating levy and the renewal of the fire levy. He further stated that he met with the administration approximately 10 days ago to discuss these issues as well. Councilor Wolfe stated that the committee decided to move forward on recommending the renewal of the 5 mill fire levy for a 5 year term by a 2-1 vote. The committee also decided to move forward on recommending the establishment of a 5 mill operating levy for a 5 year term by a 2-1 vote.

**Public Safety Committee:** No report.

**Public Service Committee:** Councilor Ruton scheduled a committee meeting for Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:00pm to review and discuss the storm water utility bids. She asked the committee members to review the information sent to them ahead of time and be prepared to discuss it at the meeting.

Councilor Wells asked if she could get a copy of the information that was sent to council members on the storm water utility bids.

Councilor Ruton stated that she should have already received it; however she would provide it again.

**Rules Committee:** No report.

**Community Development Committee:** Councilor Poorman stated that the BL2030 Charrettes with DPZ last week were extremely informative. The purpose of these meetings was to meet with different groups of people in the village and come up with a basic plan of what people all around the lake would like to see happen with the lake region. There were discussions on changing the zoning to a form-based zoning which encourages basic services within a 5-10 minute walking distance. There were a number of people from Buckeye Lake involved with the charrette. These meetings and the subsequent plan open the possibility of what we would like to see our community become.

**Personnel Committee:** Councilor Ryan scheduled a committee meeting for Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:30pm to interview and discuss applicants for Planning Commission/BZA.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** Karen Cookston, Anchor's Way, Buckeye Lake. Ms. Cookston stated to Councilor Ryan that if you are scheduling a meeting to interview applicants for the Planning Commission/BZA then obviously you are not reading and hearing anything that the Planning Commission/BZA members said or prepared and provided you at the last meeting.

Doug Stewart, 4537 North Bank Rd., Buckeye Lake. Mr. Stewart stated that he put in and application for the Planning Commission and did not hear anything on it. He stated that council members have answered his question from the previous discussion.

Mr. Stewart also mentioned that there are trees, weeds, high grass, dog poop and a general overall stated delayed maintenance on the waterfront properties along the dam. He is asking the village to get the property owner's to clean up their properties. Mr. Stewart would like to see each of the property owners maintaining their piece of waterfront property and picking up dog poop on their own property whether it was from their dog or not.

Councilor Ryan mentioned that a lot of the waterfront property along the dam is owned by the state and we are not able to address it.

Councilor Wolfe suggested that Mr. Stewart should speak with Code Enforcement Officer Riley on the code enforcement issues along the waterfront.

Councilor Poorman stated that we should sit down with Rod Riley and try to find ways to improve this.

Councilor Masone stated that the briars along the waterfront are overgrown and thorny. He cuts them down in the evening when he walks and then goes back the next morning to spray round up on them.

Mr. Stewart stated that he has been dealing with the state and has contacted them several times on this.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Carroll stated that he did not have an update on the Walnut Rd property near the spillway that we are in the process of selling to ODNR. He stated that he will follow-up on this.

Mayor Carroll stated that this Saturday is Lakefest from 2:00pm-dark. There will be a food truck, DJ, kids games and fireworks at dark.

Mayor Carroll stated that the paving project is now completed.

Mayor Carroll stated that the Ryan-Braden Park basketball court is an issue. He also mentioned that the swing sets need repairs where the weed block fabric has been pulled up out of the mulch.

Mayor Carroll mentioned that Heritage Ohio is willing to help us. He stated that their focus is on getting community volunteer groups together to make improvements in the village.

Councilor Poorman was at a meeting with ODNR. He stated that next week ODNR plans to start Phase II of the dam project. During this phase, they will be doing test caps on the dam. They are able to do 100' of linear frontage each day and will work in 12 hour shifts. It takes 25 days for the cement to cure and then 14 days for the sample to be tested.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Zwissler thanked everyone who showed up for the DPZ meetings. She stated that the same three people show up most often but they need to remember that their input is extremely valuable. Zwissler stated that they are expecting

parking to be an issue for the fireworks on Saturday. Don Dick is allowing the Harbor to charge for parking on his lot next to the state park and use all of the proceeds for the Harbor.

**ORDINANCES**

**3rd Reading**

**2017-09** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-16 REGULATING THE USE OR OCCUPATION OF ALL PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS, THE ISSUANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS TO PERSONS FOR SUCH USE OR OCCUPANCY AND TO SET FORTH THE POLICIES OF THE VILLAGE RELATED TO ITS PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAYS (ROW) FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO.

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

**Nays: Ryan**

**Motion Passed 6-1.**

**2nd Reading**

**1st Reading**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**3rd Reading**

**2nd Reading**

**1st Reading**

**2017-01** RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY FOR THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION, AND REQUESTING THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR AND THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03, 5705.192, 5705.25 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to suspend the rules on Resolution 2017-01, seconded by Councilor Masone.

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

**Nays: Wells**

**Rules Suspended 6-1.**

Motion by Councilor Ruton to adopt Resolution 2017-01, seconded by Councilor Masone.

Councilor Wells stated that she supports the Fire Department and the fire levy. She also supports the need for a levy to fund improvements to the roads. However, she does not support running both levies at the same time. She would like to see the village only run one levy in November 2017, then the other levy in May 2018. Councilor Wells also stated that she would like to see the operation levy changed to a road & bridge levy so that the money would specifically be used for that purpose.

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

**Nays: Wells**

**Motion Passed 6-1.**

**2017-02** RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY FOR THE 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 LEVY, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03, 5705.192, 5705.25 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to suspend the rules on Resolution 2017-02, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

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

**Rules Suspended 6-1.**

Motion by Councilor Ruton to adopt Resolution 2017-02, seconded by Councilor Poorman.

Councilor Wells stated that she called the Secretary of State's office to ask if we are able to call the levy a street levy. She stated that she would rather see a 3 mill levy instead of a 5 mill levy. Councilor Wells stated again that she is in support of an operation levy and a fire levy. However, she does not support running both levies on the November 2017 ballot. Councilor Wells stated that she feels the village has demonstrated recently that they can fix things appropriately (with regard to the roads).

Councilor Ruton stated that she thinks both levies will be successful if we get the information out to the voters and educate them on what will be done with the additional revenue. She then stated that we don't know what we can accomplish if we don't try.

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

**Motion Passed 6-1.**

**Citizen's Comments:** None

**Council Member Comments:**

**Councilor Masone:** No comment.

**Councilor Poorman:** No comment.

**Councilor Wells:** Stated that if we put anything on the ballot that is not successful in November 2017, we will be competing with a levy for a new elementary school in May 2018.

Councilor Wells thanked the audience for their comments. She then stated that Barry Wright is frustrated that the new Fire Department employees driving the emergency squads do not know the roads. She stated that a person driving the squad on the run for Bonnie Mansfield's son-in-law asked if there was another way out of Cranberry Bay.

**Councilor Ryan:** No comment.

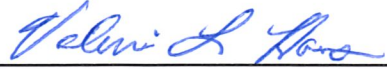
**Councilor Ruton:** Commented that if Mr. Wright has an issue with the Fire Department, he should address it with the Mayor.

**Councilor Wolfe:** Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked Mr. Steiner for speaking with council.

**Councilor President Zwissler:** Stated that the people on North Bank are suffering with the fence and high grass. She would like to see ASI and ODNR get the North Bank area cleaned up for the residents.

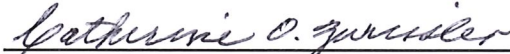
**Adjournment:** Motion by Councilor Ruton to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.  
**VOTE: IN-FAVOR: All YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 7-0**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 26, 2017



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Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council



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Catherine Olohan Zwissler, Council President