

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Village Hall
July 23, 2018
Meeting Minutes

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

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

Roll Call: Present: John Geiger (0,0), Robert Masone, MD, (0,1) Doug Poorman (0,0),
(Consecutive Total Absences) Arletta Ruton (0,0) Tom Wolfe (0,0), Kitty Zwissler (0,0),
Bill French (0,0)

Mayor Wells

Absent: None

Staff Present: Rochelle Menningen, Clerk/Treasurer; Clifford Mason, Interim Fire Chief; Dave Ruton, Assistant Fire Chief; Doug Stewart, Zoning Officer; Toby Miller, Water Superintendent; Cheryl Cade, Office Clerk.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the minutes dated June 25, 2018 Seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

Roll call vote: **Yays:** Ruton, Wolfe, French, Geiger, Masone, Poorman
 Nays: Zwissler

Motion Passed 6-1

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the minutes of the minutes dated July 9, 2018 seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

Roll call vote: **Yays:** Masone
 Nays: Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Poorman

Motion Failed 1-6

Council President Zwissler said if you vote no on the motion the minutes can be updated for next meeting. Councilor Ruton and Council President Zwissler stated their comments were not included in the minutes. There was no verbiage regarding the swearing in of the new Police Chief.

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the Treasurer's report dated July 18, 2018, seconded by Councilor French.

Roll Call Vote: **Yays:** Ruton, Wolfe, French, Geiger, Masone, Poorman
 Nays: Zwissler

Motion Passes 6-1.

Other Business: Council President Zwissler introduced Jeff Fix who is running for Fairfield County Commissioner.

New & Unfinished Business: Councilor Masone talked about using a transcriptionist for our minutes. Councilor Geiger asked how this would work. Councilor Masone stated this person would not be present at the meetings just verbatim transcription from the tape. He has a contact at Armstrong & Okey, Inc. and requested the Mayor contact two 2 additional companies.

Motion made by Councilor Masone to have the Mayor contact 2 additional companies seconded by Wolfe.

Roll Call Vote: Yays: Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone, Poorman
Motion carries 7-0.

Planning/BZA Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Zoning: Doug Stewart stated he is still looking at homes that are in jeopardy of falling, as well as businesses involved in dangerous activities. The community can help by notifying him if you have any doubts about work being done. The zoning fees go into the community. If people are cheating on their permits they are cheating the Village.

Code Enforcement: Rex Adkins stated he has 10 active cases, an additional 22 complaints, and has identified 6 uninhabitable properties.

Finance Committee: No report at this time.

Public Safety Committee: No report at this time.

Public Service Committee: Councilor Ruton stated the committee will be meeting on August 6, 2018 at 6:00pm. She would like Toby to give an update on the storm water utility.

Rules Committee: Councilor Geiger stated his committee met on July 23, 2018 they are looking into Rules 7A & 7B which discuss the agendas. They will meet again on July 30, 2018 at 7:30pm to review what has been covered and move onto Rule 46. He asks the committee to review Rule 46.

Community Development: Dr. Poorman thanked Doug Stewart for his help doing some electric work for the Harbor.

Personnel: No report at this time.

Citizens Comments: Deb Julian 300 Cranberry Lane. John and I would like to thank the 5 members of the village council, as well as the Mayor for the leasing of the drive thru located at 5186 Walnut Road. The process has moved slowly since March for various reasons. This once again has pushed residents of the Village to purchase outside of the municipality. Councilor Ruton and Councilor Masone voted against our leasing the building, due to a mechanics lien on their property at 300 Cranberry Lane. This is due to a dispute with the builder on a number of issues that

I cannot disclose due to a pending fraud and negligence case against the builder. We were asked to present a Letter of Request and financials during the leasing process. At the time, we requested our financials only be viewed by Mayor Wells and the 5 members of the committee. This was due to the small nature of the village and lack of confidentiality with council members. This is a great opportunity and a much needed business for Buckeye Lake.

Some discussion ensued between Ms. Julian and Councilor Ruton.

Council President Zwissler stated we have rules and regulations. People on council and employees should not violate others privacy. We have an obligation not to reveal a person's financial situation.

Police Chief: Chief Wardlow discussed the inventory process, the MOPAR super cruise, and the police department uniforms. She provided a uniform cost sheet and is requesting 3 pair of pants and shirts for the officers. She stated an inspection is going to be done on each cruiser. She attended OSP Defending Civil liberties training with Officer Ritter last week. She stated the polies and procedures need updated; and the Lexipol system would be a great benefit. Council President Zwissler asked when officers will be hired. Chief Wardlow stated she has one application she is reviewing.

Fire Chief: Chief Mason is working with code enforcement to take care of some property hazards around Buckeye Lake

Mayor's Report: Mayor Wells submitted a written report dated July 23, 2018. A copy of that report is attached to the council record. She asked the council members to read the four page document provided in your packet. Mayor Wells is extremely pleased with the new Police Chief. Since her swearing in, the Chief has been working hard and working on weekends. She has her full support as well as Council.

Council President Zwissler: Council President Zwissler thanked Doug Stewart for his electrical help in putting lights up in the Harbor. A reminder that the fire department is having a fund raiser spaghetti dinner to benefit the Harbor on August 4, 2018 from 4:00 pm – 7:00pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person. She wanted to remind everyone the Harbor provides free lunches every day for those 60 and older.

ORDINANCES

Motion by Councilor Poorman to have a first reading on 2018-28, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

Roll Call Vote: Yays: Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone, Poorman
Motion passed 7-0

2018-28 AN ORDINANCE APROVING CHANGE ORDER 1 FOR THE HUNTS LANDING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2018-28, seconded by Councilor Poorman.

Roll Call Vote: Yays: Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone
Motion passes 7-0

Motion by Councilor Poorman to adopt Ordinance 2018-28 as presented, seconded by Councilor French.

Roll Call Vote: Yays: Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone, Poorman
Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Councilor Poorman to have a first reading on Ordinance 2018-29, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

Roll Call Vote: Yays: Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone, Poorman
Motion passes 7-0.

2018-29 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-45, 2011-14, 2012-07, 2012-13, 2012-15, 2013-01, 2013-04, 2013-24, 2015-13, 2016-08 AND 2018-11 REGARDLESS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE, CREATING PAY LEVELS AND SALARY SCHEDULES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO

Motion by Councilor to suspend Ordinance 2018-29, seconded by Councilor Poorman

Roll Call Vote: Yays: Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone, Poorman
Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to adopt Ordinance 2018-29 seconded by Councilor Poorman.

Roll Call Vote: Yays: Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone, Poorman
Motion passes 7-0.

Citizens Comments:

Cindy Stewart 4537 North Bank Road. When my husband and I first moved to Buckeye Lake years ago we attended the council meetings, but we had to stop coming. These meetings are the most painful, unprofessional, rude meetings I have ever attended. I am begging you to start treating one another with common courtesy and respect. Stop embarrassing the community. No developer is going to do business until there is a common courtesy amongst one another. I believe Buckeye Lake is on the cusp of growth. I am begging council to be kind to one another and run a professional respectful meeting.

Jeff Haas 4135 Walnut Road Lot #163. He requested his personal items be returned from the police department. Police Chief Wardlow stated she cannot release anything until the audit is completed.

Council Members Comments:

Councilor French: Nothing at this time.

Councilor Poorman: Thanked Ms. Stewart for her comments.

Councilor Masone: He does not believe the meetings are rude, unprofessional, or disruptive. He believes there can be disagreements and that should be tolerated.

Councilor Ruton: She addressed the Mayor and stated if you think you can intimidate me you are wrong. Her financial situation does not embarrass her.

Councilor Geiger: Stated the Rules committee is working on the rules to have some civility and order and address the things that were brought up at this meeting. Encourages everyone to look over Rule 46.

Council President Zwissler: We do try to be fair and professional and disagreement is allowed. We do need to start enforcing the existing rules, as well as, amend the rules so they are stronger. She stated Ms. Stewart is right, we have opportunities and we are on the cusp of greatness in Buckeye Lake. She thanked Ms. Stewart for being here tonight.


Other Business: None.

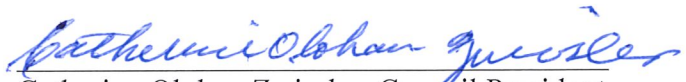
Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Poorman to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

NEXT MEETING: August 13, 2018


Cheryl Cade, Acting Clerk of Council


Catherine Olohan Zwissler, Council President