

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting  
Held in Village Hall  
**February 25, 2019**  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** By Council President Zwissler at 7:06 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Wells

Absent: None.

**Staff Present:** Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council; Rochelle Menningen, Clerk/Treasurer; Vicki Wardlow, Police Chief; Clifford Mason, Fire Chief; Rex Adkins, Code Enforcement Officer; Toby Miller, Water Superintendent.

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Councilor French to approve the regular council meeting minutes dated February 11, 2019 Seconded by Councilor Ruton.

**Roll call vote:** Yays: Poorman, Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone  
**Motion Passed 7-0.**

Motion by Councilor Wolfe to approve the special council meeting minutes dated February 20, 2019 Seconded by Councilor Ruton.

**Roll call vote:** Yays: Poorman, Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone  
**Motion Passed 7-0.**

**Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Councilor Wolfe to approve the Treasurer's report dated January 24, 2019, seconded by Councilor Poorman.

**Roll call vote:** Yays: Geiger, Masone, Poorman, Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French  
**Motion Passed 7-0.**

Council President Zwissler introduced Dan Cech, Legislative Aide to Speaker Householder. Mr. Cech presented a proclamation to the Village of Buckeye Lake for the Harbor Community Center. He mentioned that Speaker Householder is very supportive of Buckeye Lake.

**Parks and Recreation:** No report.

**Planning/BZA:** No report.

**Zoning:** No report.

**Code Enforcement:** Mr. Adkins submitted a written Code Enforcement report for February 2019. He stated that 340 Highland and 4924 Walnut are still waiting to be demolished by the Land Bank. Mr. Adkins also followed up on the drainage problem on North Bank which is caused by the Buckeye Lake Storage Units.

Councilor French stated that the property was raised and they put in culvert pipe which the owner was supposed to maintain. A dump truck crushed the culvert pipe and it was never repaired.

He stated that he is starting to cite people into Mayor's Court for outstanding code violations. The first cases will be on the March 5, 2019 docket.

Councilor Wolfe asked if Mr. Adkins has business cards.

Mayor Wells stated that the village logo is being redesigned and business cards will be printed for all new employees once that is completed.

## **COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee:** Councilor Wolfe stated that his committee met prior to the council meeting this evening to discuss health insurance for the employees. He was pleased to see that the village will save a lot of money on the health insurance renewal.

**Personnel:** Councilor French stated that his committee met jointly with the Finance committee this evening before council. The committee went into executive session to discuss employee compensation.

**Public Service Committee:** Councilor Ruton reminded everyone of her standing Public Service committee meeting on 3/4/19 at 6:00pm at The Harbor. She also stated that Public Service Committee will meet on 3/5/19 at 6:00pm at The Harbor to discuss Blast. She asked the Police Chief to be present at the meeting.

**Public Safety Committee:** No report.

**Rules Committee:** No report.

**Community Development:** No report.

## **REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN, AND VERBALLY BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL**

**Police Chief:** A written report for January 2019 was submitted. She stated that the new police department report is much more detailed and includes activity by officer. Chief Wardlow also stated that the new cruiser build out starts tomorrow. She stated that we should receive delivery of the vehicle by the end of the month. Chief Wardlow stated that the officers are now walking

each of the pending code enforcement abandoned properties to verify that they remain uninhabited. Lastly, she stated that she attended a Blast meeting to discuss the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

**Fire Chief:** Chief Mason provided a detailed written report for January 2019. He stated that he also attended the Blast meeting and he plans to attend the future meetings.

Councilor Wolfe asked about the cost for repaving the drive on the south side of the fire department. He stated that the cost is expected to be \$10k. He would like to see estimates on that. He then asked Rod Riley to elaborate on the driveway situation.

Mr. Riley stated that the fire department building was built in 1951. The land was set aside for fire department use as well. Mr. Neel repaired the driveway approximately 3 years ago with pea gravel. It is time to make repairs again on the driveway. Mr. Riley feels that since the fire department is using Mr. Neel's land and driveway, with permission, we should be a good neighbor and make repairs to the driveway this time.

**Street Supervisor:** A written report for the month of January 2019 was submitted.

Councilor Wolfe asked if the village is buying cold patch to fill in potholes. Toby Miller spoke on behalf of Randy Bucy. He stated the street department put down 4 tons of cold patch last week. He stated that they were limiting where they use the cold patch so they are not putting it where they plan to dig up the roadway for trench repair. He also stated that they are not using it on the bridge. Mr. Miller stated that they will use hot mix on the bridge.

Councilor Ruton asked if cold patch was put down on Anchor's Way.

Mr. Miller stated that they did use cold patch on Anchor's Way.

Mr. Miller stated that the dump truck is becoming a maintenance issue. He stated that 90% of the wiring in the front chassis is corroded. The last time the truck was in for repair, the mechanic suggested that they should begin looking for another dump truck.

Councilor Wolfe asked how old the dump truck is.

Mr. Miller stated that it was a 1999.

Mr. Miller stated that Union Township just purchased a new dump truck. The outfitted cost was approximately \$80k.

Councilor Ruton asked Mr. Miller to start looking at costs for a new truck.

Mr. Miller stated that he could get costs but not by Monday's meeting.

Councilor Ruton asked Mr. Miller to have costs ready for the April meeting.

Councilor Wolfe asked that the village also look at the cost of purchasing two smaller trucks for pushing snow.

Councilor Masone asked if we had considered buying a dump truck off of state surplus.

Mr. Miller stated that the dump trucks that go to state surplus are priced accordingly as they have been well used.

Councilor Poorman asked how much money we are spending each year on repairs.

Mr. Miller stated that the cost was significantly more this year because they had to redo the hydraulics and electrical this year.

Mayor Wells asked if a resident saw the dump truck going down the road without the plow down what were they doing.

Mr. Miller stated that without knowing the specific situation, he would not be able to answer that question.

Councilor Wolfe asked how much salt has been used this year.

Mr. Miller stated that last year at this time, we had used 70 tons of salt. This year we are at 34 tons so far. He stated that the new spreader is much more efficient; and therefore 3.5 tons of salt in the truck goes much farther.

**Water Supervisor:** A written report for the month of January 2019 was submitted.

Mr. Miller stated that there is a new section at the bottom of the report for the stormwater utility.

Councilors Masone and Wolfe stated that they liked the new information.

Council President Zwissler: Council President Zwissler stated that there will be fireworks again on July 3, 2019. She stated that the new ODNR director will be in Buckeye Lake on 2/26/2019. She also asked for people to volunteer to work on the levy campaign.

**Others:** None.

**Report of Mayor in writing, and verbally by request of Council:**

Mayor Wells read her report dated February 25, 2019.

Mayor Wells stated that Judy Cook passed away on 2/7/19. She was not on the Planning Commission or on Village Council; however she worked on the first charter commission. Mayor Wells stated that she and the staff met with Parker Insurance to review and update information on the village insurance policy. She stated that last year we saved \$10k by switching insurance. Mayor Wells stated that Rochelle shopped for the health insurance for the village employees with great results. She also stated that Mayor's court will be back in session on March 5, 2019. This is the result of a new officer and the code enforcement officer. Mayor Wells stated that the

village has a new water tech, Cameron Brown. Mayor Wells mentioned that Mr. Miller has been unable to put projects out to bid because of the inability to certify funds. She stated that the earlier we can get projects out to bid, the better the cost of the bids will be. She stated that he has specific projects that need to go out to bid right away. Lastly, Mayor Wells stated that we are still waiting on the final settlement number for the OPEC case. She did state that we expect to be able to make the final payment in four installments 6/30/19, 12/30/19, 6/30/20 & 12/30/20.

Councilor Poorman asked if there will be the ability to counteroffer on our part since they didn't deliver on what they were supposed to.

**ORDINANCES**

3<sup>rd</sup> READING

2<sup>nd</sup> READING

1<sup>st</sup> READING

**2019-10** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2019 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO, LICKING COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2019-10, seconded by Councilor French.

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

**Rules Suspended 7-0**

Motion by Councilor Ruton to adopt Ordinance 2019-10 as presented, seconded by Councilor Poorman.

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

**Motion Passed 7-0.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> READING

**2019-07** A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ENDORSING THE CONCEPT OF CREATING MULTI-USE TRAILS CONNECTING TO THE NEW BUCKEYE LAKE DAM.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to adopt Resolution 2019-07 as presented, seconded by Councilor Geiger.

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

Nays: Wolfe

**Motion Passed 6-1.**

2<sup>nd</sup> READING

1<sup>st</sup> READING

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor Wells stated that council chambers and the police department are having roof leak issues. She stated that they have one estimate from Daniel Miller for \$32k to replace the roof. Mayor Wells stated that the work that was done last year was only intended to be a makeshift repair.

Council President Zwissler stated that this needs to go out to bid.

Councilor Wolfe stated that we may have to patch the roof again depending on the budget. He further stated that they will be wrapping up the permanent budget at the next meeting and he doesn't see \$32k in it.

Mayor Wells stated that there is a tarp over the chicken place which is where the major leak is located.

Mayor Wells asked if Councilor Ruton wanted Chief Mason to be present at the Public Service committee meeting to discuss Blast on March 5, 2019.

Councilor Ruton stated that she would like him there for the Blast meetings as well. She further stated that after 3 years of not having this event, we may have a very large number of people present. She would like to see Blast share in the cost of this event to the Village. Councilor Ruton stated that we need to be ahead of people in getting the issues solved and making sure that this is a safe event.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** None.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Masone:** No comment.

**Councilor Poorman:** No comment.

**Councilor French:** Councilor French stated that the first four layers of block went down in the spillway today. He stated that when they are completed full pool will be at the 3' level on the new gauge or 0 on the old gauge.

**Councilor Ruton:** Councilor Ruton stated that there is a Local Government Officials Conference on 3/7/19-3/8/19. She stated that this conference is some of the best training she received as a council member. Councilor Ruton stated that she would like to attend the conference again. She further stated that the village paid for the cost of training last time and would like to know if that will be the case again. Councilor Ruton did not know the exact cost.

Council Clerk Hans stated that she will email the council members the cost of the training and details of the conference.

**Councilor Geiger:** Councilor Geiger stated that dredging is good for the safety of the lake, not just better boating.


**Councilor Wolfe:** Councilor Wolfe reminded everyone of the Finance committee meeting on 3/11/19 at 6:00pm to discuss the 2019 permanent budget. He also stated that the first 2020 budget meeting will be on 9/23/19 at 6:00pm.

**Council President Zwissler:** Council President Zwissler stated that dredging is good for the environment too.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Councilor Ruton to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor French.

**VOTE: IN-FAVOR ALL YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 7-0**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2019

  
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Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council

  
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Catherine Olohan Zwissler, Council President

