

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting  
Held in Village Hall  
**June 10, 2019**  
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: John Geiger (0,0), Robert Masone (0,3), Doug Poorman (0,0),  
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Arletta Ruton (0,0), Tom Wolfe (0,1) Kitty Zwissler (0,0), Bill French (0,0)

Mayor Wells

Absent: None

**Staff Present:** Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council; Rochelle Menningen, Clerk/Treasurer;  
Clifford Mason, Interim Fire Chief; Rex Adkins, Code Enforcement Officer.

Council President Zwissler asked Tim Ryan and Councilor Wolfe to speak on behalf of the Buckeye Lake Region Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ryan invited up Officer Weilbacher and presented a \$500 check for the police department to purchase special equipment. He also presented a \$500 check to Chief Mason with the fire department to purchase special equipment. Mr. Ryan thanked them for everything they do for the community.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Councilor French to approve the council meeting minutes dated May 28, 2019, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: 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 June 5, 2019, seconded by Councilor French.

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

**APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Wells swore in Brian Burchfield as a new police officer.

Officer Burchfield gave a brief overview of his past experience stating that he has been an officer in the mental health arena for the past few years. He stated that he looks forward to working in the community.

**UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS:** Councilor Ruton brought up Ordinance 2019-12 which authorized the removal of the audio/video cameras in council chambers. She stated that the

ordinance was passed, vetoed by the mayor and then overridden by council. Councilor Ruton stated that volunteers put up the cameras and volunteers are willing to take them down.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to have Council President Zwissler contact the volunteers that have offered to take the cameras down and make arrangements to have them taken down. Councilor Ruton further stated that if there is any interference by the administration with these instructions, that council will fix the interference and continue with removal of the cameras. Motion was seconded by Councilor Masone.

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

**COMMITTEES SHALL GIVE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**Finance Committee:** Councilor Wolfe stated that his committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss Ordinance 2019-24. The committee recommended to forward the ordinance on to council for a vote this evening.

Councilor Wolfe asked to bring Ordinance 2019-23 back to the council floor.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe to override Mayor Wells veto on Ordinance 2019-23, seconded by Councilor Ruton.

Mayor Wells asked for discussion on this ordinance. She asked council members if they read the information that was emailed to them from the attorney regarding issues with the ordinance. Mayor Wells stated that the attorney advised that the Planning Commission Secretary is not a council employee.

Mayor Wells stated that there are no hours stated that the person has to work for that position.

Mayor Wells also stated that she is concerned with giving the Medics a \$3/ hour increase without giving all of the fire department employees an increase.

Mayor Wells stated that she feels this ordinance should be tabled and go back to be discussed further at committee. She further stated that she feels there has not been enough public discussion on this ordinance.

Council President Zwissler stated that we have all received the attorney's opinion and this issue has been beaten to death. She stated that the issues have been thoroughly discussed. Council President Zwissler stated that Council Clerk Hans is a council employee and council can assign her other duties as they see fit. She further stated that does not change the fact that Council Clerk Hans remains a council employee.

Councilor Ruton disagreed with Mayor Wells comments and cited charter section 7.04. She stated that just because we are asking Council Clerk Hans to do other duties in the administration does not mean that her reporting relationship to council has changed.

Karen Cookston spoke on behalf of the PC/BZA and stated that the hours are not specified because some months the position will take more time than others. She stated that the PC/BZA has had

contract employees to take their minutes in the past under two different administrations and approved by our legal counsel.

Councilor Masone stated that it seems that the Mayor likes to use legal opinions but she fails to listen to ordinances passed when it comes to removal of the cameras.

Mayor Wells stated that on 5/28 the attorney wrote this regarding ordinance 2019-21. The attorney stated while I made substantial edits which are tracked on the emails. While the person who holds this position can be the clerk of council according to charter section 3.026 the position is not considered an employee of council. Note I am not certain where Ordinance 2019-19 stands in the legislative process. From the meeting minutes I know that it was adopted by council as an emergency and subsequently vetoed by the mayor. If so, I recommend not including the pay for the pc secretary until the position has been created. You all think the position has already been created. It's ok. So then

Councilor Ruton called for the question.

Mayor Wells you know you really need to hear the

Councilor Wolfe stated his position that the members of his committee have read the email and got an opinion and none of us are attorneys but we can take advice and opinions and make decisions. He then called for the question.

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

The mayor's veto of Ordinance 2019-23 has been overridden.

**Public Safety Committee:** No report.

**Public Service Committee:** Councilor Ruton stated that her committee met on 6/3/19. She stated that the boring and survey work for the bridge project is done. Councilor Ruton stated that there may be a change order coming for the traffic warrant later in the season. She stated that the Highland stormwater project is progressing.

Councilor Ruton stated that mosquito spraying is underway every week on Friday (weather permitting) and will continue throughout the summer. She stated that waterline trench repair materials are being looked at.

Councilor Geiger found this process very interesting. He was pleased to learn that the roads treated with tinsel strength (glas pave) held up much better than roads left untreated.

**Rules Committee:** No report.

**Community Development Committee:** Councilor Poorman scheduled a Community Development Committee meeting for Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:00pm to discuss entertainment districts for the village. Councilor Poorman asked if the solicitor could assist the committee.

**Personnel Committee:** No report.

## **REPORT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Council President Zwissler stated that Mayor Wells and Chief Wardlow gave permission to renovate 10 bicycles and make children in the village very happy last week. She stated that they met the kids at the Buckeye Lake Library and put names in a hat. The kids were able to pick the bicycle they received based on the drawing.

Council President Zwissler stated that she and Mayor Wells had lunch with the president of Licking Memorial Hospital where they learned a lot about programs that are available in Licking County. However, none of those programs are available in Buckeye Lake. She stated that she is working with LMH to try and get a nurse practitioner here. They would consider domiciling them at the Harbor Community Center. Council President Zwissler stated that they are going after the services that they provide to other communities such as Pataskala.

## **REPORT OF MAYOR WRITTEN, AND VERBALLY BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL:**

Mayor Wells submitted a written report dated 6-10-2019. A copy of that report is attached to the council record. She stated that the police department did a great job on the bike giveaway. Mayor Wells stated that council needs to read the mayor's report. She answered Councilor Poorman's question about the drive thru stating that they would be opening soon.

Mayor Wells Welcomed Brian Burfield to the police department. She stated that the swearing in was a ceremonial one and that he has already filled out his paperwork to start. Mayor Wells stated that she appointed a new records commission. John Hanson has agreed to serve on the commission. She stated that the retention schedule for criminal and traffic records is 5 years. Mayor Wells stated that we go back to 1989. We have more than 7 years. Mayor Wells stated that we have 5 vertical cabinets back there and we can get it down to 1 cabinet. We are going to work on that. Mayor Wells stated that we have really old police department records in the attic of the street department garage. We have old records on the shelves in the file room. Mayor Wells stated that we have to submit reports to the Ohio Historical Society. Our annual agreement for the website is due to be renewed. Historically we have not had council approve this but council is supposed to authorize me to sign contracts. She stated that it doesn't matter either way.

Mayor Wells stated that the LEADS lease agreement authorized by Ordinance 2014-07 is up and council needs to refer this to committee for review. She stated that she hopes we can have more public dialogue.

Lastly, Mayor Wells mentioned that the Library 5k/10k this Saturday.

## **ORDINANCES**

**3rd Reading**

**2nd Reading**

**1st Reading**

**2019-24 AN ORDINANCE CREATING AN ADDITIONAL POSITION OF ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF.**

Motion by Councilor Poorman to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2019-24, seconded by Councilor French.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Poorman, Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone**  
**Rules Suspended 7-0**

Motion by Councilor Poorman to adopt Ordinance 2019-24 as presented, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

Mayor Wells stated that you are going to suspend the three reading rule, you are going to pass this right away and it doesn't have an emergency clause on there. How does that work?

Do you know that if you do not allow the public three readings which gives them three opportunities to come before council and speak on any subject you must include language that gives the public your reasoning for why it is an emergency. And I have a legal opinion that we just got from the attorneys concern regarding the lack of understanding and you would probably not be interested in me reading that.

Council President Zwissler read the language on Ordinance 2019-24 as follows:

Whereas, the Buckeye Lake Village Charter requires public reading of an ordinance to occur on three separate days, unless three-fourths of the members of the legislature affirmatively vote to dispense with such requirement.

THEREFORE, FOLLOWING AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT LEAST TWO THIRDS (2/3) OF THE COUNCIL TO DISPENSE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF THE BUCKEYE LAKE VILLAGE CHARTER SECTION 4.04 TO READ AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS WITH AT LEAST ONE WEEK BETWEEN READINGS,

Council President Zwissler then stated that it is within council's prerogative to suspend the rules when voting on ordinances.

Mayor Wells stated that if you study the Ohio Municipal League training you will learn that

Councilor Ruton called for the question.

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

**2019-25 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-11 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion by Councilor Poorman to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2019-25, seconded by Councilor Ruton.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Poorman, Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone**  
**Rules Suspended 7-0**

Motion by Councilor Ruton to adopt Ordinance 2019-25 as presented, seconded by Councilor Poorman.

Councilor Poorman asked Chief Mason to explain this further.

Chief Mason explained that they have a long time volunteer non-employee of the department who takes vehicles in for repairs. He stated that he wasn't made aware that the vehicle was going in for repairs. Chief Mason stated that the vehicle was still leaking and had to go back a second and third time for repairs. Chief Mason stated that he was not made aware of this the first, second or third time it went in for service to allow him to get a purchase order. He stated that this issue has been addressed.

Councilor Ruton asked wouldn't this be considered an emergency if a fire department vehicle was leaking. She further stated that don't the departments have a certain amount that the departments can spend if this is an emergency.

Councilor Geiger stated that you still need a PO even if this is an emergency.

Councilor Masone asked what is needed more is communication with the Fire Chief.

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

**2019-26 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-14 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion by Councilor French to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2019-26, seconded by Councilor Ruton.

Council President Zwissler stated that there was not enough money put into the fund for the Office Clerk's position and I felt that she needed the security of knowing that she was going to be paid for doing her job.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Poorman, Ruton, Wolfe, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone  
Rules Suspended 7-0**

Motion by Councilor Ruton to adopt Ordinance 2019-26 as presented, seconded by Councilor Poorman.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**3rd Reading**

**2nd Reading**

**1st Reading**

**2019-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.**

Motion by Councilor Ruton to adopt Resolution 2019-11 as presented, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

Council President Zwissler stated that this is the state purchasing agreement which allows us to save money because the state is buying in bulk.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Clay Carroll, 247 Union Avenue, Buckeye Lake. Mr. Carroll spoke on behalf of the Charter Review Commission. He stated that the commission completed their task of reviewing the charter. He presented a proposed draft of the Village Charter to council members. Mr. Carroll asked the council members to read through the document and make sure this is what they would like to see go on the ballot for November 2019. Mr. Carroll stated that the document should go to the solicitor for review as the next step. He stated that once we get through this process council hoped that they could continue on with the

Council President Zwissler thanked the Mr. Carroll and the Charter Review Commission for their months of hard work to get the charter revisions ready for the ballot.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilor Ruton stated that there is a cabinet in village hall to keep certain files locked up which has sensitive information. She stated that it has been found unlocked leaving the files vulnerable. Ms. Cookston graciously donated a cabinet to council so we can lock the files up that we need to as some files come up missing. Councilor Ruton stated that there are other ways to assure that we have those files. She then stated that the donated cabinet is now missing. Councilor Ruton stated that she and Ms. Cookston moved the file into the village office on the outside of Ms. Hans workspace. Council Clerk Hans asked council members and around the office to see where the file cabinet went to.

Councilor Ruton made a motion that the cabinet Ms. Cookston donated be rekeyed to where the only people who can access it are Council Clerk Hans and Council President Zwissler. Furthermore she asks that Council Clerk Hans get quotes to see that we can keep a cabinet locked.

Councilor Wolfe asked where the cabinet is.

Councilor Ruton suggested that if the file cabinet is not put back in the village office that Council President Zwissler should file a police report.

Council President Zwissler asked where you think the cabinet is.

Councilor Ruton stated that she did not know stating that Council Clerk Hans asked her.

Mayor Wells stated that Ms. Hans knows where that file cabinet is.

Council Clerk Hans stated that she learned about an hour ago that Mayor Wells moved the file cabinet because she felt it was too big for the space in the office so she moved it to the storage location. She stated that there is a table that is bigger than the cabinet in its place.

Councilor Ruton stated that the cabinet was not taking up that much space. She further asked that the cabinet be put back into the village office where it was placed. We have had contracts and ordinances come up missing and then come back. Councilor Ruton is concerned that this could be a potential issue if we get audited by the state.

Council President Zwissler asked if we are obligated by the Ohio Revised Code to keep certain files under lock and key.

Councilor Ruton stated that we are not. However, these records are the court cases, ordinances and resolutions that Council Clerk Hans has to keep track of. To come in and find that the cabinet is left wide open the files have been gone through we can't have this.

Councilor Wolfe asked what is the size of the cabinet?

Ms. Cookston stated that all of the 5 drawer black lateral filing cabinets in the building have been donated by me. She further stated that during the past 2 administrations, Councilor Poorman and Mr. Carroll have come to her office to help move the cabinets. Ms. Cookston stated that the last batch she donated to the Harbor because there was a transition in the administration. She stated that they were going to store them in the chicken place (storage room) that was approved by Mr. Carroll (former mayor). During that time, the administration changed and Mayor Wells became the Mayor. She was unhappy about us storing them there. With that being said, over time Mayor Wells has used every one of the cabinets. Ms. Cookston stated that she is happy that they were used; however she doesn't know if Mayor Wells asked the Harbor if they wanted any of the cabinets. Ms. Cookston further reiterated that all of the cabinets were donated by her office. She stated that she never asked for accolades but she suggested that she was never recognized for giving them. With that being said, council, actually Mayor Wells called her a couple of weeks ago and asked if she had two more of which she still has in her garage and when she cleans them out, they will be available. Council also asked for a filing cabinet of which I made available. I know there has been a lengthy process of trying to get a lock for it because the administration called the locksmiths and said you can't come in and do this or we won't pay you. So to the point where Mayor Wells just to Council Clerk Hans where the filing cabinet is, a week ago I sent an email to Mayor Wells as a public record and asked about my filing cabinet. I have yet to receive a response. Last Wednesday I sent a text message to Mayor Wells stating that it was a record request "Where is the filing cabinet?" I also did not receive a response. Its odd that no one in the village had any idea where the cabinet was and I directly asked. She stated that she gave the mayor and email and a text with no response. That is frustrating. Ms. Cookston stated that the file cabinet could go where they originally put it but the table that is there now is larger than the cabinet. There is also a place for the cabinet where there are chairs sitting in the office. She stated that this gives new meaning the word childish. Why are we not getting our work done and talking about a gosh darn filing cabinet.

Council President Zwissler thanked Ms. Cookston for her for all of the things that she does for the village.

Councilor Wolfe thanked Ms. Cookston for the cabinets and stated that we will get that back where it belongs.



Councilor Ruton reiterated her motion that the cabinet Ms. Cookston donated be rekeyed to where the only people who can access it are Council Clerk Hans and Council President Zwissler. Furthermore she asks that Council Clerk Hans get quotes to see that we can keep a cabinet locked.

Ms. Cookston stated that she would be happy to write the check for the rekeying of the locks.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Geiger asked if the cabinet currently has a lock in it.

Ms. Cookston stated that it has a push lock in it.

Councilor Geiger stated that we don't have to put one of those bars in it.

Ms. Cookston stated that you have to decide if you are ok with a lock and key that can easily be mimicked and replaced. It would be up to council's per view on how they want to lock the cabinet up. I do know that until the childish behavior goes away I would make sure that it is locked.

Councilor Ruton stated that no one else other than Council Clerk Hans and Council President Zwissler should be able to get into it and have keys to it.

Ms. Cookston reiterated that she will pay for the lock whatever type you decide on.

Councilor Poorman asked what records are in that cabinet.

Councilor Ruton stated that they are court files.

Councilor Poorman asked if they are within the retention time period of 3-5 years.

Ms. Hans stated that they are open court cases for Mayor's Court files and the retention period doesn't apply to open cases.

Councilor Geiger asked are these Mayor's Court files, we are not talking about ordinance files.

Councilor Ruton stated that there are Mayor's Court files, ordinances, resolutions because they have come up missing and 2-3 weeks later have reappeared. If the state was to walk in and start doing an audit and those files are missing we could potentially find ourselves in trouble.

Councilor Geiger stated that if they would walk in and Ms. Hans is not here they couldn't get into the file.

Councilor Ruton stated that Council President Zwissler would also have a key.

Ms. Cookston stated that you have to produce a key within 24 hours.

Ms. Hans stated that someone could be contacted to come to the office.

Council President Zwissler stated that it is doable.

Councilor Poorman asked where the files are at.

Ms. Hans stated that the file that she presently has is pretty close to full. She has a small amount of space for files. However, if council wants anything else locked up they will need more space. Ms. Hans further stated that the lock on the present cabinet is failing so she needs to get that lock redone anyway. The other cabinet was empty and that was going to have council historical records placed in there that are backed up in electronic form on the server.

Mayor Wells asked what council historical files are. Define council historical records.

Ms. Hans responded that they are council meeting minutes and books. Council Ordinances which are old ordinances where the quality of the records are deteriorating from people rifling through them. They are also backed up on the server in electronic format for anyone to be able to view at any time.

Mayor Wells said when you say rifling through them, the only knowledge that I have is of Office Clerk Cade was asked and you very much appreciated her scanning in those files to help you out to have them electronically. Nobody has looked at those. Mayor Wells further stated that she can't stay silent there are some serious accusations here Ms. Ruton. I am telling you

Councilor Ruton called for the question.

Mayor Wells said Excuse me do you not hear that the Mayor wants to defend herself against theft and

Councilor Ruton stated that she did not say you Mayor Wells, I said someone.

Mayor Wells stated that she is responsible for what goes on in this office and the building.

Council President Zwissler called for the question.

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

**Nays: Geiger**

**Motion Passed 6-1.**

Mayor Wells until our police chief.

Council President Zwissler called for citizen's comments.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Wells stated that she has a comment as a citizen. I know my friends don't want me to do this but gosh darn it people. First I want to say for the citizens, the residents here I'm not talking to you I'm talking to. The attorneys said on 6/10/19 about the 6/10/19 meeting. On 6/7/19 about the 6/10/19 meeting, I do not understand how council splits the need to read an ordinance or resolution on three separate occasions but do not declare it as an emergency. The only reason to not read a piece of legislation three times is to dispense with the three reading rule and adopt it as an emergency. By waiving the second and third readings council is precluding the public hearing on a piece of legislation. You have done it over and over again at nearly every meeting. Charter section 4.08 seems to suggest this too because if "an emergency ordinance or resolution fails to receive the

required 2/3 vote" it is adopted as a non-emergency. In other words, council waives the three readings and passes something as an emergency or it does not.

Regarding the cabinets, the Mayor's Court files have never been locked up except after our new police chief informed your Mayor's Court Clerk that they had to be locked up. That they needed to be locked up. You know you can't have OHLEG and LEADS stuff out on your desk. It's my time. Out on your desk like she did every day until I became mayor. There was a face of a subject in an OHLEG or a leads report on her desk I saw them. I didn't know that I wasn't allowed to look at them. To disseminate that information is a Felony OK. Members of this council have represented you all without your knowledge. Some people have already told me that. Members of this council have come to our office and said council wants, Clerk/Treasurer, we need a PO for \$700 so we can lock the cabinets back there the ones that I just told you were out of date and we don't need to have. There are five vertical file cabinets back there, you can go back and look at them and see how old they are and look at the records retention. Records retention has been Ms. Cookston, Ms. Hans and her children. Her children have been disposing of records which is illegal too.

Ms. Hans interjected and stated that they are not records retention.

Mayor Wells said ok whatever. Anyway why do we have all of these old records ok. I'm in charge. You guys are in charge of legislation and you are in charge of presenting a budget. And for some reason before my term members on this council did nothing but promote the strong mayor form of government. This is all political I very much am offended, offended by the fact that you people are insinuating that we have allowed records to be taken, stolen, missing are you kidding me. I'll tell you what Clerk/Treasurer has had her stuff messed with we are locking our offices now. Talk about childish behavior and stuff going on in this office. It's, it's embarrassing. I'm telling you, we run and I run a professional office every single employee that we have does a good job. We have some issues now with some push back on me from one person ok because they don't want to your attorney that you are paying is saying that there is a dividing line between administrative and legislative. So we, \$120 dollars somebody wanted a purchase order to take cameras down. We need these cameras for Mayor's Court Clerk whether for Mayor's Court Sessions and the Magistrate has said that she wants them. OK so you know you want to take them down whatever, but I can tell you that I am in charge of where every chair, every desk, where everything goes. The file cabinets and everything and I and by the way I emptied out a file cabinet for you Council Clerk Hans in the back which is one of Ms. Cookston's and I do appreciate it. It was two months ago, it wasn't two weeks ago. It's amazing to me how the facts get schewed to whatever you are trying to promote at the time. And obviously that's all I have got to say. I am just so disgusted with all of you.

Charlene Hayden, 67 Lighthouse Lane, Buckeye Lake. Ms. Hayden stated that she was sorry you have to hear this again. You stole my thunder. First I would like to thank Casey Clark for getting the fliers ready for the two levies we had on the May ballot and for helping to organize the levy information distribution. I also want to thank the residents who helped to pass out the fliers and who talked with people who had questions. I know that Genie Braithwaite, Kelly Spangler Teresa Hillis, Teresa Kaylor, Kellie Green, Karen Cookston, the mayor, Arletta Ruton and Dave Ruton, Council President Zwissler took fliers to the businesses and I imagine that Councilor Poorman took fliers to Pet Plex. I'm sorry if I missed anyone and I'm sorry that this is late but I have been out of town until about two weeks ago. We have two commissions working very hard. One is the Planning Commission they are going through the planning and zoning rules to update and clarify them or add them so they will be easier to interpret and administrate. This process includes

reviewing planning and zoning rules from the surrounding communities. We also have a very hard-working Charter Review Commission. From what I can see from the brief time I've been back this commission is trying to make the new charter much more democratic which is something I think we need obviously after our discussion this evening. The one we have now leans to the autocratic side since it allows the mayor to determine the village decisions. Now I wrote this earlier today and I did not know that we would have all of this discussion this evening, but I feel like my opinion needs to be heard. All of this good work plus the time and efforts of the village council trying to do what is right for the village seems to be overshadowed by the village administration. How many ordinances have been vetoed by the mayor? The most recent one was the one saying that the cameras were to be taken down. When asked at the last meeting, about why the cameras were not taken down the mayor didn't even have the courtesy to answer the question. This ordinance became a law by council's vote. Why isn't it being followed? Is this mayor above the law? How many other ordinances have been passed, vetoed by the mayor and then brought back to council to pass. How many of those ordinances have not been followed. This is non-productive time for council and the community. This is a time council could be using to move the village forward. The mayor should have the same goal. Another very recent issue in the village office concerned the issue of the disappearance of the file cabinet. I won't go into that because we have already beaten that to death. We know what happened to it, but I wanted to the point I wanted to make is people asked the mayor where is the cabinet and they got no answer. Why not. It is childish, that's very childish. Sadly we have another big issue and that is the treatment of our employees. Obviously, something is not right or we wouldn't have so many employees leaving for other jobs. Some of these employees have been here through the last three mayors. The word is getting out that this is not a place to work. We cannot afford to lose any more employees. Council I want you to know that there are a group of concerned citizens who applaud you for what you are trying to do for the village and we hope that you will continue to move things forward. Also I'm sure you know that there are government entities available to help you deal with an individual who doesn't follow the laws of the village and the laws of the state. For the sake of this village and its residents, please help us move forward. We are in a time where good leadership now will make a difference in how our village looks in the future. It's really important. Thank you for listening to me. I appreciate it.

Bergene Spangler Braithwaite, 87 Lighthouse Lane, Buckeye Lake. Ms. Spangler Braithwaite stated that the Harbor will be hosting a farmer's market on Thursdays from 4-7pm beginning on 6/27/19. She asked that if you know of any produce vendors and people who sell homemade products to please let the Harbor know. Ms. Spangler Braithwaite asked everyone to support the events.

Council President Zwissler stated that the Licking County Health Department is supporting the farmer's market as well.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Councilor French:** Councilor French welcomed Brian Burfield to the police department.

**Councilor Poorman:** No comment.

**Councilor Masone:** Councilor Masone stated that whoever created the charter in 2003 gave the Mayor a lot of power. He stated that he has served with another mayor who knew how much power he had but he didn't use it. This mayor knows how much power she has and uses it. Councilor Masone stated that we have been neutered since 1/1/2018.

**Councilor Ruton:** Councilor Ruton thanked the police department for providing bicycles to children in the community. She stated that shows that our police department cares about the community. Councilor Ruton thanked Mr. Ryan and Councilor Wolfe with the Chamber of Commerce for their donations to the Police and Fire Departments.

**Councilor Geiger:** Councilor Geiger stated that there is a fund at the Yacht Club for community needs and he will be asking for funds for bicycles and helmets for children in the community.

**Councilor Wolfe:** Councilor Wolfe thanked Ms. Cookston for her donations of file cabinets. He thanked Mr. Carroll and the Charter Review Commission for their time and commitment spent on the proposed charter amendments. Councilor Wolfe thanked the Fire Department employees for coming to the meeting. He welcomed Brian Burfield to the village police department.

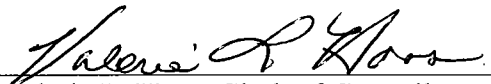
Councilor Wolfe scheduled a Finance/Community Development Committee meeting for 6/24/19 at 6:45pm to discuss the LEADS lease. He stated that he would like to see everyone attempt to make that meeting a green meeting and walk or bike to the council meeting on 6/24/19. Lastly, Councilor Wolfe told Councilor Masone that his comments were very well stated.


**Councilor President Zwissler:** Council President Zwissler thanked stated that council is grateful for the donations from the Buckeye Lake Chamber of Commerce. She also thanked Clay Carroll and the Charter Review Commission for their hard work to get the proposed charter revisions to council. Lastly, Council President Zwissler thanked the Police Department for all of their hard work.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Council President Zwissler to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

**VOTE:**       **IN-FAVOR: All YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 7-0**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:   June 24, 2019

  
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Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council

  
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Catherine Olohan Zwissler, Council President

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