

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Village Hall
November 13, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Council President Zwissler at 7:02 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Present: Kitty Zwissler (0,0) Bill French (0,0), John Geiger (0,0), Arletta Ruton (0,1),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Tom Wolfe (0,2)

Mayor Wells

Absent: Robert Masone (4,10), Doug Poorman (1,2)

Staff Present: Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council; Toby Miller, Water Supervisor.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, French, Geiger, Ruton, Wolfe
Motion Passed 5-0.

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Councilor Wolfe to approve the Treasurer's report dated November 6, 2019, seconded by Councilor French.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zwissler, French, Geiger, Ruton, Wolfe
Motion Passed 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Council President Zwissler introduced Mike Kennedy and Gary Babcock, auctioneers from HER Realtors, to discuss auctioning off village owned property.

Mayor Wells asked Mr. Kennedy to explain if the village were to choose the option of auctioning off 55 7th St. what process they would follow and the options including the costs.

Mr. Kennedy stated that they charge a 10% buyers' premium with a minimum cost of \$1,000 if the property sells at auction. If it doesn't sell at auction, there is a \$500 minimum cost. He also explained that the village pays for the cost of their advertising and the property gets listed on auctionzip.com, the MLS, realtor.com, Zillow.com, and trulia.com. Mr. Kennedy stated that they can create and place the print ad or the village can do that.

Councilor Geiger asked if this would be a one-day auction that was advertised in advance.

Mr. Kennedy stated that it would.

Councilor Geiger asked if they have experience in auctioning government owned property.

Mr. Kennedy stated that they sold a piece of property with a house on it a few years ago for the City of Heath, Ohio.

Council President Zwissler asked how much the property at 55 7th St. is worth.

Mr. Babcock stated that he did a street view of the property.

Mr. Kennedy stated that they could do an absolute auction or a reserve auction.

Council President Zwissler asked if the village would have to sign a contract with HER to move forward.

Mr. Kennedy stated that they would.

Mayor Wells asked if there is a standard advertising timeframe for an auction.

Mr. Kennedy stated that they like to advertise 60 days in advance to allow people to line up their financing.

Mayor Wells stated that the village doesn't have a key to the property and it has issues. She asked if we need to warn people before entering the property.

Mr. Kennedy stated that they would sell the property as is and the buyers will be made aware that the property is sold as is.

Mayor Wells asked if the village should put up a sign on the property. She also asked if the City of Heath did on the property they auctioned off.

Mr. Kennedy stated that they did not and they did not have to.

Mayor Wells asked if they do the auctions at the property site or another location.

Mr. Kennedy stated that they do auctions in multiple locations. During the winter, they would probably do the auction at the village office.

Council President Zwissler asked if they could get an itemized contract for auctioning the property.

Mr. Kennedy stated that they could.

Councilor Geiger asked where their offices are located.

Mr. Kennedy stated that they are on Rt. 79 in Heath.

UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEES SHALL GIVE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Finance Committee: Councilor Wolfe stated that his committee has a meeting scheduled for 11/25/19 at 6:00pm to discuss the 2020 budget.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: Councilor Ruton's committee met prior to the council meeting. Councilor Ruton stated that Mr. Miller went over the stormwater updates stating that they may have to gravel over the pipe being laid until spring due to the weather. Councilor Ruton stated that the paving of the basketball court may also be pushed back until spring due to the weather. She asked Councilor Wolfe if she could schedule a Public Service Committee meeting for 11/25/19 at 6:30pm following his finance committee meeting to discuss the renewal of the ADR contract.

Councilor Wolfe decided to move his Finance Committee to 11/25/19 at 5:30pm to allow for time to review and discuss the 2020 budget.

Councilor Ruton stated that there are trees on Hunts Landing Road in front of the Landings at Maple Bay. Some of the trees in the village right-of-way may need to be cleared according to Mr. Miller to keep the road dry. The committee discussed how to manage this.

Councilor Ruton stated that Pam Reed donated Christmas decorations to the village.

Lastly, Councilor Ruton stated that the committee discussed the purchase of a new truck.

Personnel Committee: Councilor French stated that the committee is discussing raises for the remainder of the employees.

Rules Committee: Councilor Geiger stated that the rules committee needs to continue their review and update of the remainder of the council rules. He expects to continue that process after the first of the year.

REPORT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Council President Zwissler thanked Councilor Ruton and the fire department for the excellent fundraiser. She stated that one week ago, Tressa had a giveaway of new hats and coats at the Harbor. Council President Zwissler was happy to see so many people benefit from this. She stated that Linda Goodman helped to outfit the children in color-coordinated clothing.

Council President Zwissler stated that the Trick or Treat/Trunk or Treat was great despite the bad weather.

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

Mayor Wells stated that she did not have a written report. She asked if the rules committee was going to deal with the attendance issue of a particular councilperson.

Councilor Geiger responded saying that there is not support for that at this time.

ORDINANCES

3rd Reading

2nd Reading

2019-42 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH OHIO ROW CONSULTING FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE RIGHT-OF-WAY PROGRAM.

1st Reading

2019-45 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO.

2019-46 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS.

Councilor Wolfe stated that he and Councilor French met with Med Bill where they discussed the need for an increase. He then introduced Ordinance 2019-47

Mayor Wells asked where the contract was for this ordinance.

Councilor Wolfe stated that Med Bill created the last contract.

Councilor Ruton asked if Med Bill sent anything to the village.

Councilor Wolfe stated that Med Bill has asked the last two administrations and this one for an increase.

Mayor Wells stated that this is the first she has heard of this.

Councilor Geiger stated the Med Bill has been good to the village and he thinks that we should do this.

Councilor French stated that they charge 10% for soft billing where he is from.

Council President Zwissler asked if we do soft billing for runs inside of the village and hard billing for runs outside of the village. She asked why the number of runs have changed.

Councilor Wolfe stated that he has information on that and can get it to her.

Councilor Geiger asked if we make a run for Hebron do, we hard bill?

Councilor Ruton stated that in our community we soft bill and outside of our community we hard bill.

Mayor Wells stated that you don't know that.

Councilor Geiger stated that can be verified through Med Bill.

2019-47 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW CONTRACT WITH MED BILL RESOURCES FOR EMS SOFT BILLING SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO.

RESOLUTIONS:

3rd Reading

2nd Reading

1st Reading

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor French: No comment.

Councilor Ruton: Councilor Ruton read a letter stating the following information:

Thank you to all who attended the Spaghetti Dinner Saturday night to help raise money for the Coats, Hats, Scarves and Gloves Campaign and for Operation Toy Drive. The drives are being sponsored by the Buckeye Lake Police Department and the Buckeye Lake Firefighter's Association. Donations can be made at the Fire Department or the Police Department. I want to give Kroger's in Hebron a huge thank you as well for putting out a donation box and Englefield Oil for their forthcoming donations. If you want to adopt a family for Christmas, you can do that as well. We will be getting our list of families from the Salvation Army. Thanks to all who helped Saturday.

I want to say a huge thank you to all who supported Tom Wolfe and I for re-election. You haven't heard the last of us, we will continue to be a voice for the Village and its people. Tom and I are both very proud of the fact that we ran clean campaigns. We ran our campaigns based on our platforms. We did not smear or slander our opponents, we did not lie about our opponents, we did not steal our opponents political signs, we did not steal our opponents flyers from the doors of the residents that were not home, we did not go door to door to coerce voters to change how they were going to vote, we did not take voters back and forth to the polls to once again to try and coerce them into changing how they were going to vote. It goes to show just how low some people are willing to stoop to get what they want, even if it means breaking the law. These individuals that stoop to this level have no morals, scruples, or integrity. Am a very firm believer in what goes around comes around and Karma bites. I want to end this with an old saying, "Oh, what a tangled web we weave when we practice to deceive." I have enjoyed serving my community and will continue to do so.

Councilor Geiger: Councilor Geiger stated that Trunk or Treat was neat for the kids. He hopes that they can increase the participation next year. Bob Young, his neighbor, dressed up as a gorilla and decorated his vehicle as a cage. His wife Lynn helped him hand out candy.


Councilor Wolfe: Councilor Wolfe welcomed the new council members. He stated that he plans on being helpful. Councilor Wolfe stated that he has been on council for the past four years. He plans to stay active in the community. Most of you know how to reach me or you can contact me through Council Clerk Hans. Thank you for your time.

Council President Zwissler: Council President Zwissler thanked everyone who had the courage to run for council. She thanked Bob Young for participating in and dressing up for Trunk or Treat. Council President Zwissler thanked Margaret and John Hanson and the Cranberry Bay Homeowner's Association for the hot dogs at Trunk or Treat. She also thanked Donna Holycross, Genie, T and Kelly who were all out in the bad weather for Trunk or Treat. Lastly, Council President Zwissler stated that it is a joy to help out the kids and families.

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

VOTE: IN-FAVOR: All YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 5-0
Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 25, 2019



Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council



Catherine Olohan Zwissler Council President