

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting  
Held in Village Hall  
**September 23, 2019**  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** By Council President Zwissler at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Roll Call:** Present: Doug Poorman (0,1), Arletta Ruton (0,0), Kitty Zwissler (0,0),  
(Consecutive Total Absences) Bill French (0,0) John Geiger (0,0), Robert Masone MD (0,7)

Mayor Wells

Absent: Tom Wolfe (0,2)

**Staff Present:** Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council; Vicki Wardlow, Police 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 September 9, 2019 Seconded by Councilor Ruton.

**Roll call vote:** Yays: Poorman, Ruton, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone  
**Motion Passed 6-0.**

Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the regular council meeting minutes dated September 16, 2019 Seconded by Councilor French.

**Roll call vote:** Yays: Poorman, Ruton, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone  
**Motion Passed 6-0.**

**Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Councilor Ruton to approve the Treasurer's report dated September 18, 2019, seconded by Councilor French.

**Roll call vote:** Yays: Poorman, Ruton, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone  
**Motion Passed 6-0.**

**Parks and Recreation:** No report.

**Planning Commission/BZA:** No report.

**Zoning:** No report.

**Code Enforcement:** A report for the months of August 2019 was submitted.

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee:** Councilor French stated that the Finance Committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss the 2020 budget. He stated that Ms. Menningen thoroughly explained the budget to the committee.

**Public Safety Committee:** No report.

**Public Service Committee:** Councilor Ruton stated that her committee will meet again on 10/7/19 at 6pm.

**Rules Committee:** No report.

**Community Development:** Councilor Poorman stated that the farmer’s market has ended for the season. They are hoping to get an earlier start next year for the farmer’s market.

**Personnel:** No report.

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

**Police Chief:** A written report for August 2019 was submitted. Chief Wardlow stated that she requested that council return the funds received from the gun sale back to the police department. She also stated that they will be sending their third and final destruction notice to the prosecutor’s office soon. The police department will be working on providing for needy families in the community this season.....6:00

**Fire Chief:** A written report for August 2019 was submitted.

**Street Supervisor:** No report.

**Water Supervisor:** A written report for August 2019 was submitted.

**Others:** None.

**Report of Council President:** Council President Zwissler stated that there was an ad in the Shopper for Fall Clean Up. She stated that Fall Clean Up is 10/1/19-10/4/19 from 8am-6pm and 10/5/19 from 8am-4pm. Council President Zwissler also read the reminder that anyone wishing to make improvements to their property needs to get a zoning permit. Lastly, she read the notice reminding residents that there is no open burning allowed in the village.

**Report of Mayor in writing, and verbally by request of Council:** A report dated September 23, 2019 was submitted. Mayor Wells directed council members to item #2 and explained that the land bank is interested in selling 4924 Walnut Road to the village. She asked council members to consider going into executive session to discuss the price of this property.

Mayor Wells stated that Code Enforcement Officer Adkins suggested that the village consider hiring a seasonal laborer to mow grass on properties.

Councilor Poorman asked if this would solve the liability issue that was discussed previously.

Mayor Wells stated that she assumes that it would.

Councilor Geiger asked where is 4924 Walnut Rd.

Mayor Wells stated that it is next to Foxie's Jewelry.

## **ORDINANCES**

3<sup>rd</sup> READING

2<sup>nd</sup> READING

1<sup>st</sup> READING

**2019-37** AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-14 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2019-37, seconded by Councilor Poorman.

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

**Rules Suspended 6-0.**

Motion by Councilor Ruton to adopt Ordinance 2019-37 as presented, seconded by Councilor Poorman.

Councilor Poorman asked if the amount that we are expected to receive is up from last year.

Ms. Menningen stated that the amount is comparable to last year.

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

**Motion Passed 6-0.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> READING

2<sup>nd</sup> READING

1<sup>st</sup> READING

**2019-15** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to suspend the rules on Resolution 2019-15, seconded by Councilor Masone.

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

**Rules Suspended 6-0.**

Motion by Councilor Ruton to adopt Resolution 2019-15 as amended, seconded by Councilor Poorman.

**Roll call vote:** Yays: Poorman, Ruton, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone  
**Motion Passed 6-0.**

**2019-16** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Motion by Councilor Ruton to adopt Resolution 2019-16 as amended, seconded by Councilor French.

**Roll call vote:** Yays: Poorman, Ruton, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone  
**Motion Passed 6-0.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council Clerk Hans read a public notice from the Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water concerning the Landings at Maple Bay.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** Charlene Hayden, 67 Lighthouse Lane, Buckeye Lake. Ms. Hayden stated that there is a political sign in Cranberry Bay and the Board of Elections states that election signs cannot be placed more than 30 days prior to the election. She stated that this sign is at the corner of Anchor's Way and Union Ave. It is for John Lemmon.

Mayor Wells asked Charlie Prince in the audience if it was ok to place signs earlier than 30 days.

Mr. Prince stated that it was not constitutional.

Councilor Ruton stated that the village sign ordinance does not permit election signs to be placed more than 30 days prior to the election.

Mayor Wells stated that the state trumps our sign code.

Jessica Corum, Lakewood Local Schools Levy Coordinator. Ms. Corum passed out levy fliers and spoke about the upcoming school levy and bond issue. She stated that the levy does not ask for any new taxes it is just a renewal of the existing levy. The bond issue is to build an elementary school preK-5 and to demolish Jackson and Hebron Elementaries. She stated that the cost to remodel these buildings was not much less than the cost of replacing the buildings. Replacing the buildings allows the school district to get children from preK-5<sup>th</sup> grade in the same building. Ms. Corum stated that the current Hebron Elementary school is not ADA compliant and makes it difficult for children with disabilities to navigate on a daily basis.

Councilor Geiger stated that he attended Hebron Elementary School from grades 1-8. He stated that his 7<sup>th</sup> grade class planted a tree in front of the elementary school. Councilor Geiger stated

that Hebron Elementary School building was not in good condition years ago when he attended there.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Masone:** No comment.

**Councilor Poorman:** No comment.

**Councilor French:** Thanked Ms. Menningen for her hard work on the budget.

**Councilor Ruton:** Stated that she met with Mr. Dorman in the police department last week to plan for assisting families during the holiday season. Councilor Ruton stated that they would like to provide hats, coats and gloves and place drop boxes around the village to collect items.

Council President Zwissler encouraged the council members to get involved with supporting families in need.

Councilor Ruton also thanked Ms. Menningen for providing council members with the spreadsheet for the budget. She stated that she appreciates all of the time and effort that she spent on this.

**Councilor Geiger:** Thanked Ms. Menningen for her work on the budget. He stated that Ms. Menningen's presentation to council finance committee helped everyone to understand the budget better.

**Council President Zwissler:** Council President Zwissler stated that the fire department did a great job hosting the candidates' night last week. She stated that the next candidates' night will be on 10/23/19 from 6-8pm.

Council President Zwissler stated that Mr. Dorman and Councilor Ruton are working together as a cooperative effort between the police and fire departments and council to provide for families in need this season.

Council President Zwissler asked council members if they would like to go into executive session to discuss the purchase of 4924 Walnut Road.

**Motion by Councilor Ruton to go into executive session to discuss the purchase of 4924 Walnut Road, seconded by Councilor French.**

**Roll call vote:** Yays: Poorman, Ruton, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone  
**Motion Passed 6-0.**

**The recorder was turned off at 7:32pm. A brief recess was taken to allow for time to clear the council chambers.**

Motion by Council President Zwissler to come out of executive session, seconded by Councilor Poorman.

**Roll call vote:** Yays: Poorman, Ruton, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone  
**Motion Passed 6-0.**

**Executive session ended at 7:44pm.**

Motion by Councilor Poorman to authorize the Mayor to negotiate on the purchase of the property at 4924 Walnut Road, seconded by Councilor Ruton.

Mayor Wells stated that she may need council to further authorize her to sign the purchase agreement at a later date.

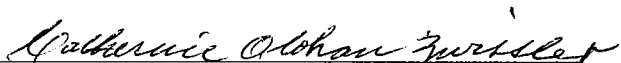
**Roll call vote:** Yays: Poorman, Ruton, Zwissler, French, Geiger, Masone  
**Motion Passed 6-0.**

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

**VOTE: IN-FAVOR ALL YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 6-0**  
Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2019

  
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Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council

  
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Catherine Olohan Zwissler, Council President