

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
April 12, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Council President Geiger at 7:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by Councilor French.

Roll Call: Present: Kitty Zwissler (0, 0), Melissa Beard (0, 2), Don Cable (0, 0), Bill French (0, 0), John Geiger (0, 0), Linda Goodman (0, 0), John Lemmon (0, 0)
(Consecutive, Total Absences)

Staff Present: Mayor Peggy Wells; Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council;

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Citizen's comments received from Chad Mehler of 351 Highland Avenue with the subjects of Dead Trees and Mobile Homes and read by Councilor Cable. Council President Geiger said the tree issue could be referred to Toby Miller and the Mobile Homes issue is being reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and later, Council.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Zwissler, seconded by Councilor Cable, to approve the March 22, 2021 regular council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor French, to approve the April 5, 2021 special council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to approve the Treasurer's report dated April 8, 2021.

Roll call vote: Yes: Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to name: Margaret Hanson, Mark Pyle, Sherry Segna, Cindy Stewart, and Carole Winkel as the group of people to be appointed to the Charter Review Commission.

Roll call vote: Yes: Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Finance Committee was going to have a meeting but did not because several items to be looked at were not ready yet. Legal fees will be looked at during the next meeting. When looking at the budget, for any department heads or anyone spending money, we have laid out specific items for their budget. If there is an item that is not something that has been previously talked about, please bring it to Council to be talked about and the numbers looked at, such as before a new project or new individual to advise, etc. Especially at the beginning of the year.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: Meeting held April 5th. Water contract between the village and Millersport was further discussed. Committee recommending to take it to Council to be voted on. Talked about a change order for the North Bank storm water project, with the Committee recommending to take it to Council to be voted on as well. Toby is putting together a Resolution for service building to give permission to talk about a price for the project.

Rules Committee: No report.

Community Development Committee: Meeting held tonight.

Free yard sale days - June 11-13 2021.

Rummage Sale at the Harbor – June 19th \$10 for a table from 9am-3pm

Music and Art Fair at the Harbor - May 29th from 12pm-6pm

New restaurant - Kulture Kitchen. Councilor Zwissler encourages people to go to restaurants around town.

Comprehensive Plan is very outdated and should be updated. Talked about the presentation by MKSK for the revitalization of the area to the left of the North Shore boat ramp.

Personnel Committee: Lissann Woodrow, our new office clerk, started working today. Ordinance on the agenda tonight to be voted on for the approval of the update to the Employee Handbook (Employee Benefits section).

Report of Council President: New fire ambulance arrived outside the Council Chambers at this time. President Geiger described the vehicle and his excitement for the services it will provide for the village.

Report of Mayor: Mayor Wells talked to Dick Gray of Goodwill, who will be hiring 40 employees in May and would like to use the Council Chambers (and the Harbor as well) to conduct their interviews May 17-19th. Goodwill's target date for the grand opening of the new building here in the village is July 30th. The separate strip mall unit addresses will be labeled A B C D E (E will be the inventory pole barn toward the back).

The Pavilion near the water tower is to be built this week. Schedule of construction is included with the meeting minutes. Councilor Lemmon asked if there was a plan or time frame for a parking lot. Mayor Wells said there was no original intention for a parking lot for this project, as far as the money we have already. It is intended to be a part of the plan in the future and so any

money left over would be good to use for it. As for lights, it was originally set to be engineered to have a motion detector but she says Toby did not want that.

Mayor Wells talked to Police Chief Harget about the fence that blew down between the drive-thru and the Buckeye Lake Brewery. He recommends a fence be rebuilt for safety, so there will be a 4 foot fence.

Skatepark at Ryan Braden Park – Downtown Cycle looked at it and thinks it is not worth fixing and that the village should spend \$30,000 to redo the whole skatepark. The skatepark has always been the most used item at the park and is about 18 years old. Councilor Cable suggested an all-concrete park. LSP – Lake Side Posse, a few young boys many years ago in the village, went around to fairs and different places and raised the first \$5,000 for the park. Councilor Lemmon commended Mayor Wells for her work with guiding the young boys in their fundraising endeavors.

Mayor Wells wrote a letter of support for the North Shore Park and Pier to Congressman Troy Balderson to earmark money for the project.

Mayor Wells recommended a few restaurants in the surrounding area – Papito’s Kitchen in Baltimore and Ghostwriter Public House in Johnstown.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2021-14 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE NORTH BANK ROAD STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Cable, to adopt Ordinance 2021-14.

Roll call vote: Yes: Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Ordinance 2021-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PROVISIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor Zwissler, to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Zwissler, Beard, French, Geiger, Goodman

Abstain: 0;

Nays: Cable, Lemmon; Motion Passed 5 – 2

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to adopt Ordinance 2021-15.

Roll call vote: Yes: Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Two resolutions (2021-01 and 2021-02) to be pulled from the table and rescinded at the next Council meeting, as they have been taken care of with other Resolutions.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Lemmon said that right now there is no one running for Council seat. Soon that will change, as Council seats will be open. Current Council members cannot take a raise if they were to vote on a raise. If Council would like to vote on a raise for future Council people, now would be the time to do it.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Zwissler: Encourages people to start looking at the Comprehensive Plan and look at Planning and Zoning and some of the changes that will and should impact the Comprehensive Plan. Thanks for the support.

Councilor Beard: No comments.

Councilor Cable: No comments.

Councilor French: New safer and more reliable ambulance in the village. Thanks to Kitty Zwissler for working on the lake dredging project that will happen within 6 months.

Councilor Goodman: Thanks to those who stepped up to be a part of the Charter Review Commission. New medic was very badly needed and she is happy to have it. Fire and Police Chiefs now have their own reused but new-to-the-village vehicles.

Councilor Lemmon: Spring is here, an exciting time for the lake.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Zwissler.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

NEXT MEETING: April 26, 2021


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


John Geiger, Council President