

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
January 22, 2024

Call to Order: By Council President Linda Goodman at 7:01p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by Council President Linda Goodman.

Roll Call: Present: Don Cable (0,0), Linda Goodman (0,0), Kellie Green (0,0), John Lemmon (0,0),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Adam Miller (0,0), Sue Wadley (0,0)
Absent: Deb Julian (0,0)(excused)

Staff Present: Mayor Jeryne Peterson; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Amanda Hoppel, Clerk Treasurer (appointment confirmed tonight); Jason Harget, Police Chief; Toby Miller, Public Works Superintendent; Dick Williams, Planning and Zoning Commission Chair; Rex Adkins, Code Enforcement Officer; Kevin Strang, Zoning Inspector; Bradley Nicodemus, Village Solicitor;

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Wadley, to approve the January 8, 2024 regular council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Lemmon, Miller, Wadley, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 6 – 0

Approval of Clerk Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to approve the December 2023 reconciliations and Treasurer’s report dated January 18, 2024.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Lemmon, Miller, Cable
Abstain: Wadley; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 5 – 1 - 0

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Floor vote to confirm Amanda Hoppel as the Clerk-Treasurer / Chief Fiscal Officer for the Village of Buckeye Lake.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Lemmon, Miller, Wadley, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 6 – 0

Brad Nicodemus – Solicitor for the Village of Buckeye Lake – Brad has asked to speak to council tonight. Unfortunately, there has been some news reporting that council should be concerned with but he wanted to address it in a public meeting. A Columbus Dispatch report the other day quotes Mayor Peterson as saying that Brad has accepted some of his \$100 hourly rate for work that he is not doing. This is a very serious professional conduct violation and potentially a crime. Brad explained to council an overview of how billing works. Not everyone sees the bills. He has printed off six copies of every invoice from January 3, 2022 through December of 2023. This should help explain how it goes. Mayor and Council President receive a copy of this every month in email. Brad uses a program called Cleo that is an attorney document management system that tracks their time, their clients, allows time input, and there is an app that has a timer. At end of each month, click button to generate a bill for clients based on the hours logged. As a municipality, it is a little different in how the notice goes out. He sends two letters. Because the Village is a municipality, the fees are public record but the work being done is attorney-client work product, so it is protected. If people ask for the invoice or work being done, the packet that council received serves as that public record. Attorney’s fees are tracked separately. Public letter is emailed once a month to the mayor, council president, and fiscal officer. Detailed invoices break it down per item and those go out and fiscal officer takes care of them and mayor and fiscal officer sign the checks and are sent to him. He put the past two years in this packet for them. The detailed breakdowns are in the office or he can generate them for them to see. Brad stated that council can waive privilege to show the details of the invoices if they choose. Councilor Wadley asked these are monthly bills and nothing has changed in the past

two years with regards to the process? It has started and remained the same? Brad said that is correct. Brad's concern in the newspaper article is that, other than December 2023, he has not had any inquiries about bills. Brad read an email from Mayor Peterson on December 15, 2023 about a balance owed. Brad responded to her email saying that the prior invoice was paid late and was not paid by the time the November invoice was generated in December. Therefore, the unpaid balance was included on the new invoice and that is where the difference is coming from that she states in her email. Payment was due on December 1, so on December 2, the system automatically adds interest of 1.5% per month so \$72.64 of interest was automatically added. Another invoice was printed and dated December 4th, check received December 6th and applied towards that balance. He is here in a meeting because the allegation is stating that Brad has billed incorrectly and billed for time that he has not done which should be on an invoice somewhere. He is here to ask publicly to Mayor Peterson: what day and time is alleged to have been inappropriate? Mayor Peterson stated she does not have his last statement in front of her but she does remember there were a couple of areas that Brad is claiming that the services rendered were the mayor x another person and she says she has not had any collective corresponding conversations with Brad for a long time. She asked if he has the recent invoice. He said he does and if she has it in her office, he is happy to wait for her to get where it is noted. Mayor Peterson said if he has it, it is the very first item at the top of the page and it says someone else plus the mayor and she did not have any conversation or email with him. She stated most of his conversations and emails have been designated and directed to another individual and because of her professionalism, she shan't say who those people are. Brad said he sees the one she is talking about that is dated December 5th. Mayor Peterson said she has had no conversations with him. Brad stated he believes since that has been reported in the newspaper that he can talk about that and that is one of the letters he received from her to resign, he verified his professional conduct rules. She said the letter was sent on the 8th and asked how he could have made a comment about something that was mailed certified on January 8th when he had not even received it yet now had he signed for it, per the post office? She said she had nothing in December. Brad asked if December was the email she had sent him, terminating him? She said nope. Brad said okay, is that the only one? She said she has not had any conversations with him. He said yes he understands that but it does not mean he has not had correspondence from her. She said she does not know if now is the time, but if he wants it public, they can discuss it further. He said he is happy to. She said I'm sure you have all the time in the world. Brad said he can look at his emails. Mayor Peterson said since she has the floor right now, she would like an explanation as to why he did not call and there was no correspondence on Tuesday night's Mayor's Court and the clerk of courts had to call him at ten minutes until 7:00 to find out he was not coming and Kylie had come in late and she asked if Kylie is an employee of his in Whitehall? Brad said correct. Mayor asked if he sent Kylie here that night knowing that it was illegal to have that court without him being here? Brad stated it was not illegal to have that court and it was previously disclosed. Mayor interrupted to say the point is, it was not disclosed to the people that it matters to and that is the people that showed up for court and the mayor's clerk. Brad stated the mayor's court clerk was aware because it was discussed at the prior mayor's court date because he specifically asked for the docket for that time because he would not be here on that night and needed to make sure all of the pre-trials were accounted for. There was a pre-trial that night and he took care of it with the attorney on that case prior to that court date, leaving the only thing to be done that night as arraignments, which they do via an arraignment form and it was handled. Mayor Peterson said you always have an answer, don't you? You try to, don't you? Brad stated he has the truth. Mayor said so do I. Councilor Cable asked Councilor President if they could keep it moving. She said yes and Brad continued, saying that he is here and will hang out as council has general questions, we usually go through the Council President so he is not getting five emails on one subject. As they review the invoices, if council has questions, feel free to email or call him and he is happy to come back for other meetings.

Report of Council President: Council committees were listed out loud. A list is available of the members and chairs. In February, there will be an annual report of the overview of 2023 and projected projects for 2024. In March, Planning and Zoning typically gives an annual report. Updates on items in the village – update on

library. There was a board meeting for the Licking County Library Board last week. Pam Reed, President of the Friends of the Buckeye Lake Library board updated to say there wasn't much movement. They will have another meeting in February to decide or confirm the location for the library. Please continue to show your support for the library; many have been supportive. Thanked BL Fire Chief for the successful and timely ice rescue training last week. Police Department also participated. Active weekend on the lake and Winterfest is coming up this weekend, so the training was timely. Have fun at Winterfest this weekend, support safety forces, buy locally. President Goodman stated that there have been various media outlets in the village and in the area, we encourage freedom of speech and we support the Second Amendment and strongly encourage verified evidence supported articles. President Goodman has received a letter from Mr. Paul La Fayette who was a part of the agreement that the mayor presented at the previous meeting. She is aware that Paul received a call from the Columbus Dispatch. President Goodman read the letter from him that she received on January 18, 2024 about the invoice the village received to be paid to Freeman, Mathis, and Gary. There has been some conversation with Mr. La Fayette and the money will be returned to the village for the payment of that invoice. A question was posed to numerous people about who is the solicitor for the village: when President Goodman was asked, she stated Brad Nicodemus. The reporter from the Dispatch told her that when he asked Mayor Peterson, she stated Paul La Fayette. Mr. La Fayette was asked and he stated that he was not. The confusion came when Mr. La Fayette expressed to the Dispatch that his firm had never been the solicitor for the village nor acted on our part, had never billed us, and had never received payment from the village. Members of council know that they did represent us, not with consent, but they presented themselves in Licking County Court as the new solicitor for the village. We were billed for those services and there was a breakdown of those services and in the breakdown on the invoice, it stated they were presenting themselves as prosecutor for the Village of Buckeye Lake. Discussion on paying that bill was held a few weeks ago and council agreed we needed to be financially responsible and pay our bills. We did not agree with receiving it nor would we want any more to come up in the future. President Goodman appreciates Mr. La Fayette's professionalism but there continues to be confusion. Councilor Wadley asked if the village has anymore outstanding bills for them. President Goodman said not to her knowledge and Mr. La Fayette has said there will be no more bills from Freeman, Mathis, and Gary. Councilor Lemmon asked if Mr. La Fayette said he does not plan on being solicitor? Brad Nicodemus came to the microphone to say that Mr. La Fayette called Brad's office by phone last week. Mr. La Fayette indicated to Brad, again apologizing for the confusion, he did not know some of the background, but at this point in time, he was very blunt to Brad in saying that if Brad were to resign today as solicitor, Mr. La Fayette would not be interested in becoming solicitor.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget – Call report submitted. Gearing up for Winterfest this Saturday, will start up at 4am. Great to see thousands of people having a great time in the community. New Officer Jenkins is doing great and is a great addition. Continued training will start again in 2024. All officers are up to date on training for 2023 but will continue in 2024. Chief has started recertification for the Ohio Collaborative for 2024. There have been some high-profile felony investigations so far this year. Councilor Wadley asked if he posts about their certifications on the website? Congratulations. Also asked what can we do about the parking out front on council nights? Chief stated he knows there is an issue next door and will try to enforce it as much as they can. Councilor Cable stated it is posted.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Keisha Amspaugh – Absent, written report submitted was read by Police Chief Harget. Councilor Cable stated now is a great time for the ice training because the weather will start to warm up and it could be dangerous and every day it will get a little thinner.

Public Works – Toby Miller – Streets are doing a great job, new full-timer. Long weird hours removing snow. Anchor's Way and Park section is finished to alleviate some of the problems. Chamber of Commerce sign should be going up soon. Two pieces of legislation on the agenda tonight. SS4A firm was selected and this will

allow us to get into contract with them and will take 12 months to complete and want to be ready with it before June gets here. Appropriation ordinance is for the municipal building roof estimate. Attempted to catch and divert the water. Miller Roofing came in to do some temporary repairs that did not last. The area that is damaged is easy to see but difficult to get a picture of. 3 quotes in the packet. Equipment on the roof from when Lee's Chicken rented the space at the end of the building will be removed. PVC encapsulation. This happened just before Christmas. It has gotten dramatically worse with the weather. Toby did not get the third quote until this past week. Bringing this to council as quick as we can and ongoing damage is occurring and a week of rain in the forecast. Chief Harget stated it looks like something out of a horror movie. He has condemned the police bathroom because the damage is bad. His officers use the restrooms in the main office. Councilor Cable gave kudos to the Street Department as he received some calls from unbiased other jurisdictions stating that the Buckeye Lake Street Department has been on top of the streets with the weather. Miller Roofing is no association to Toby Miller or Councilor Adam Miller.

Parks and Recreation – Absent, no report.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins – 2023 year-end report submitted. Short-term rentals are on the website now with details for the process. 11 applications have been turned in. Reminded all that if you have a short-term rental in the village, you are required to have an annual license. Will give some more time before doing active enforcement. Brad Nicodemus – short-term rental legislation has been many different iterations and amendments; because of these amendments, it becomes a problem when trying to cite someone so they are looking to put them together as one piece of legislation to replace the others. Councilor Lemmon asked if a date could be added for when the time for enforcement begins. Rex stated there is a new person in the office taking over for office / zoning clerk Lissann: Devin. Kevin and Rex have helped by stopping into the office to help her or answer questions.

Planning and Zoning – Dick Williams – Called next meeting – usually meet on the first Thursday of the month. Need to keep track of the issue of their vote to add R2 classification to 6 parcels of land on Route 360. Fairfield and Licking County have to agree. Came to Planning and Zoning. Moved forward to give it a current designation as the surrounding lots. Letter in archives. Rewriting of zoning code. Licking County was going to choose the consultant for doing that. Goodman – that is a grant that takes a while. They have not yet chosen who that will be. It is not dead; we are just waiting to get some word then it will move forward.

Zoning – Kevin Strang – Year-end report submitted. Activity included 264 on-site visits to look at a problem or complaint or to see what is happening at the job site versus what is on the application, 284 electronic / telephone communications, and 27 stop-work orders for the year. Things seem to be running along smoothly. He works with code enforcement officer Rex Adkins. Councilor Wadley asked how many hours does he work. Some weeks not much or others 20 hours. Previous year – 297 on-site visits, 119 electronic contacts, and 12 stop-work orders.

Report of Mayor – No report submitted.

Citizen's Comments regarding Ordinances or Resolutions on the Agenda –

Jimmy Hudson – 2028 Blacks Road in Hebron – Jimmy stated there are some things that council really needs to know about. There is some corruption and racketeering going on. On October 29th, a former police officer pulled him over for speeding even though he was following at least 3-4 cars. He is 46 years old and has never had a ticket or anything. Jimmy stated the officer violated his rights, threatened his dog on him, refused to identify himself, refused a superior officer. He stated if you don't believe him, look it up on YouTube because he made Mr. May go viral. President Goodman asked Mr. Hudson how this relates to legislation or can this go

in the other section of citizens comments. Mr. Hudson said oh it relates, you will see. President Goodman stated he had three minutes. He stated he guesses they did not know about his YouTube videos as Mr. May and Mr. Harget or Mr. Nicodemus, somebody destroyed the body camera and dash camera footage and that is kind of a felony. He said for the legislation, he is about to tell them exactly why they need a new solicitor. He said the officer pulled out a newspaper and was reading it while Mr. Hudson waited and at this point, he was filming. He said the officer said he needed his phone number. Mr. Hudson asked if that was a law and the officer said yes it is. Mr. Hudson asked what law? The officer said I need to get ahold of you. Ohio Law only requires name, date of birth, address. He stated that Mr May violated his Fourth Amendment rights. He only gave it to him out of fear or being attacked by his dog. He stated the officer threw his ticket in the window and the top part of it with date, time, and location was cut off. He had to call to get his court date and his call was conveniently returned after his court date. He said he was given a new court date over the phone. He stated Ohio Law says proper service must be in person or over certified mail; it says nothing about a phone call, that is illegal. He says he was never served. He turned in an official complaint about Mr. May for violating his rights and unprofessional conduct. He says he also filled out a public records request form for public information and neither were answered by Chief Harget. Freedom of Information Act of 1966 5 U.S.C. § 552 is not a request, it is a right and it is a law along with the Ohio Open Records Act of 1963. He says Mr. Harget and Mr. Nicodemus purposefully violated the state and federal laws by refusing to respond to him multiple times. He said he gets to mayor's court and the magistrate who, he says, is not elected and in fact is one of Mr. Nicodemus' employees, had no value or respect of anyone's time as she was late, just like she has a history of doing, he claims. He said Miss Kylie Keitch is Mr. Nicodemus' employee for the City of Whitehall. It is his cute little sissy, kind of like Vanna White. President Goodman interrupted him asking him to please stay on subject. He said he is and that he has freedom of speech. He said they are kind of involved in this extortion and racketeering with the Chief of Police. He said Mr. Nicodemus is also a defense attorney who undermined a \$1 million investigation against corrupt police officers in 2021 forcing Kathleen Garber to resign her position as prosecutor because Mr. Nicodemus cannot stand having a female tell him what to do. It is not just his 1972 calling and wants his woman's underwear back on his face, he acts like the Taliban over here. He said he owns a half a million-dollar home in Fairfield County and claims to live in an apartment in Whitehall to keep his position. He has been asked to resign and asked to recuse himself from special prosecution over his buddy Mr. Mayor Ginther in Columbus, he won't resign on that either. He said Mr. Nicodemus is a criminal who they bring in to protect other corrupt politicians and the police department. He said this makes perfect sense on why so many of ya'll like him so much. President Goodman stated he is four minutes into his three minutes for comment and to please wrap it up. He said he was about to present to them his lawsuit against them. He said Mr. Nicodemus and Chief Harget have violated his rights on multiple occasions now and the maximum fine of a traffic ticket is \$150. He asked how much has Mr. Nicodemus billed them for this \$150? Mr. Hudson said he is suing the Village of Buckeye Lake for \$2.5 million. They have refused multiple requests and subpoenas and even Judge George's own orders to give him the radar calibration records. He said the chief has not calibrated the radar and has no record. Chief Harget said that is not true and Mr. Hudson pointed to Mr. Nicodemus and said then he is lying. President Goodman interrupted to say his time is up and to please file with the appropriate court. She said we appreciate you coming and you are welcome to come. Mr. Hudson said that he left blank a few unnamed defendants and she now knows that there are not proper radar calibrations in this town and you are violating his rights if you continue with this trial and he will name her as one of the defendants. She said yes sir, thank you.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2024-04 - AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF A NEW VILLAGE PROSECUTOR/SOLICITOR AND AUTHORIZING/DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CLERK/TREASURER TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH FREEMAN, MATHIS AND GARY LLP LAW OFFICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Green to table Ordinance 2024-04.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Lemmon, Miller, Wadley, Cable

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 6 – 0**

Ordinance 2024-05 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP AND THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE FOR COMPLETION OF THE BUCKEYE LAKE COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN UNDER THE SAFER STREETS FOR ALL PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Lemmon, Miller, Wadley, Cable

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 6 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Wadley to adopt Ordinance 2024-05.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Lemmon, Miller, Wadley, Cable

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 6 – 0**

Ordinance 2024-06 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-62 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Lemmon, Miller, Wadley, Cable

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 6 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Wadley, seconded by Councilor Cable to adopt Ordinance 2024-06.

Discussion: Councilor Lemmon understands the urgency of this and he would like to see the information.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Lemmon, Miller, Wadley, Cable

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 6 – 0**

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Codification of Ordinances – President Goodman stated that discussion on this was started last year. Very important that the village gets it done. In the past it has been cost restrictive. We were able to talk to some folks last year and we have some information from them. The discussion was that we would wait until 2024, as the company would bill the village over a two-year period which is helpful for the budget. If everyone is in agreement, we will move forward with that at the next meeting and we will have more print material. It is not a process that happens quickly but will be a blessing.

Gaming Machines – Councilor Lemmon stated that we have not seen any money from gaming machines, though he has brought it up in the past. One was chased out of town, being told it was illegal but there is another one right next door still in operation. We have not collected any of the fees. He has asked previous and this mayor when are we collecting fees. The answer was that it is not legal to have it operating. If that is the case, why is it not shut down? It should be shut down or be collecting fees, but to chase out someone running the exact same type of business and not let them operate two doors down and not even collect the fees on the other is a very bad look. He would like to know when the fees will be collected or if it is being shut down. Mayor Peterson said she is being told it is being shut down. Chief Harget said that those fees can be collected and they can serve the papers. Councilor Lemmon said he just wants to make sure it is done right.

NEW BUSINESS –

Chief Harget addressed Mr. Hudson's comments about the police radars. He said that Mr. Hudson was a defendant in a speeding case and he represented himself. Chief said he worked through the solicitor for all of the public information requests so nothing was hidden and nothing was withheld. It is called a motion of discovery even if you represent yourself. He was not ignored and he has everything that he asked for. He has the opportunity for this case to be continued so he can review all of the forms that he asked for. Police officers do not calibrate radars, they are not technicians. This is done by the manufacturer. When you buy a new costly unit, they get calibrated by a certified technician. Officers check the calibration with tuning forks which is the protocol for each agency. He said it is up to each agency whether they want to send their radar units to the lab, even when there is nothing wrong. He says there is nothing by law that says they have to do that and he was told that it is a waste of money to do so. The only time they are required is if the officers have an issue with checking the calibration with tuning forks if there is an error. He also provided where two units were taken out of service, not due to calibration but because of screen issues. He also attached for Mr. Hudson's reference an article that "the eyes have it." If you are a certified police officer, you do not have to have a radar unit to write a speeding ticket. Police departments are not required to have units calibrated unless there is a problem. When he took over as Chief, he states that he did have all of the units calibrated to see what was working and what needed to be replaced. He sent everything to the lab to be checked and everything is spot-on. He said they have had zero issues with calibration with their units in their cruisers. He will not have a unit that is not operational. There is also an internal test for calibration with a button that is pressed and also with the tuning forks. Two types of calibration that the officers do before they go on their shift and at the end of their shift and any issues are reported to the chief. Mr. Nicodemus came to the microphone to state that Mr. May used a personal radar gun but that he provided those calibration check records as well. Officers have to testify for each traffic offense and state what they did for checking calibration.

President Goodman stated that Mayor Peterson hired a personal attorney to file a petition of insufficiency of the recall election. She said Mr. Nicodemus issued a letter back to Mr. Gonzales on January 17, 2024 citing the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure and that, in fact, everything was sufficient. We did not hear anything from Mr. Gonzales. Councilor Lemmon asked if they were waiving privilege on that letter? Mr. Nicodemus said that letter went to opposing counsel, reiterating what the council clerk had done with regards to timeline.

President Goodman stated there were allegations made on social media by Mayor Peterson on a business page that she owns against council members, for the solicitor being in the back pocket of council members. We all take that very seriously and we know all of the documentation that is provided and it is an open book. Finance records are open. Mr. Nicodemus has made us aware of his billing practices tonight and you all have copies of those. She stated she was even questioned by the Columbus Dispatch because he had the understanding that council had some type of special stipend with Mr. Nicodemus and we all know, to our knowledge, that is not true. Councilor Wadley stated she does not think it warrants a response. Councilor Lemmon does not want to be

slandered but would like to let it go. President Goodman stated we all know who we are and how we do business and how this village does business. Councilor Wadley said it is not accurate and true. Mayor Peterson said the other side says the same. An audience member said if Mayor Peterson is going to speak, could she speak up so everyone can hear. Mayor Peterson said she said it is the same on her side. She knows the truth so when you have a truth and a truth you meet somewhere in the middle to get to the whole bottom of everything. President Goodman said we have financial records and invoices and where the bills are paid. Finance Chair and Council President can also request to see things from the fiscal office.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS –

Shelly Myers – 507 Providence Lane – Jerryne, shame on you. When you ran for mayor, your propaganda said “no personal agenda; community first.” The truth: absolutely not. Going against the people who voted you in, that was only 133 and considering that was a general election, not much to brag about. But you were elected by the people. But that is where it ends. Just because you were elected, that is not the finish line. That is not when you can do whatever you want. You must be held accountable for your actions or lack thereof. In reviewing the reports and information public records as an HR professional, you would be fired in the private sector. It’s your way or the highway. You do not play well with others. You do not know how to communicate with others at all, whether it is personally or professionally. The only way you know how to communicate is through attorneys. You do not know how to follow standard rules and guidelines, whether it is where you live or where you work. You blame others, typical of your narcissistic ways. In your role as mayor, it’s an embarrassment on our village with a vote of no confidence, censuring, lawsuits, turnover of your staff, and more. Instead of looking long and hard in the mirror and reflecting on how you got here, the last thing you are doing is anything positive. You are not walking the talk of your campaign of “community first.” You are the cause of added expense. Are you going to face the people or force the people to walk up out of this job just like your last job? Jerryne, take the high road. Save your ego; you’ve got to go. That’s why I will encourage others and why I will vote NO on February 27th.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Cable: Winterfest is coming up; everyone be safe. There are a lot of people everywhere. Pay attention. The ice on the lake will become extremely unsafe as it warms up every day; be extremely careful on the ice. Saturday and Sunday is very nice. Be safe, dress warm. Congratulations to Amanda.

Councilor Lemmon: Congratulations to Amanda and thank you to Mr. Nicodemus for coming tonight. We are going to have a lot of turmoil in the next month. Hope everyone tries to be careful what you say in public and what you send out in an email and in public format. Personal attacks are just wrong. This council has done really really well over the last couple of years to not do that. Not to go in and publish things and call people liars and the things that we had many years ago when other people were on council. Do not ever want to see this council go back to that. We cannot control everyone. Everyone has the right to say what they want to say but there are limits to rights and slandering people, quite frankly, is not one of your rights. You can be held accountable personally. Do be safe for Winterfest; it’s a lot of fun. We know there is a lot of drinking going on. There is plenty of transportation out there. You may have to wait a little longer than you would like but it is out there and you can get home safe.

Councilor Miller: Welcome to Amanda, he is new here too. Thank you to Mr. Nicodemus for coming and clarifying everything. Chief and Toby did great. Can’t wait for this Saturday.

Councilor Wadley: Welcome to Amanda and Devin. Thanks to all of the employees who are riding the storm out over the last couple of months. She knows that they feel the effects of some of it. You truly are appreciated in everything that you are doing for the village. Keep doing what you’re doing. Keep your head down and keep

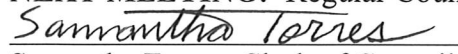
going. Councilor Wadley worked with Brad because she was the clerk for Mayor's Court before she came onto council. Brad was always in communication and if he was not going to be here, he would tell her the week before. So she feels very comfortable and confident that he has always communicated when he will be here and when he is not. Thank you to Brad for riding the storm out with us.

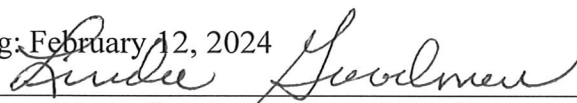
Councilor Green: Thank you to Mr. Nicodemus for the clarification. She is sorry that he had to come here in person and publicly defend himself. She lives on Anchors Way and told Toby and his employees that the curb down there looks fantastic and it will really help the delivery trucks that go through there. Thanked Mr. Adkins for the tenacity in getting the short-term rental software up and running, as that was a lot of work.

Councilor Goodman: Agrees with Mr. Lemmon that there will be turmoil and there have already been personal attacks. Everyone, hold your heads up high and act like who your mama raised. Thanks to the staff for weathering the storm. She would like to point out again that this is a citizen initiative and the citizens have every right to do this. Let's move forward the best we can. Know that this council strives to stay as positive as possible and there is a lot of work to be done and we need time to get some work done. Be careful this weekend; it is a great weekend at the lake. Come, have fun. Thank you to Mr. Nicodemus for coming tonight. Thank you to the Chief.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Miller. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting: February 12, 2024


Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council


Linda Goodman, Council President