

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting  
Held in Village Hall  
**January 27, 2020**  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** By Council President Geiger at 7:07 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Wells

Absent: None

**Staff Present:** Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council; Vicki Wardlow, Police Chief; Scott Hite, Fire Chief; Rex Adkins, Code Enforcement Officer; Toby Miller, Water Supervisor/Public Service Director.

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Councilor French to approve the regular council meeting minutes dated January 6, 2020 Seconded by Councilor Goodman.

Council Clerk Hans brought up an email request from Councilor Zwissler to revise the meeting minutes from the 1/6/2020 meeting to include her question about the date on the Prosecutor/Solicitor's contract. Council Clerk Hans read the wording that was on the council tape and asked council members if they would like her to add the wording. Councilor French revised his approval of the council meeting minutes to include the wording that Councilor Zwissler requested.

**Roll call vote:** Yays: Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard.  
**Motion Passed 7-0.**

**Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Councilor Cable to approve the Treasurer's report dated January 24, 2020, seconded by Councilor Lemmon.

**Roll call vote:** Yays: Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard.  
**Motion Passed 7-0.**

**Parks and Recreation:** No report.

**Planning Commission/BZA:** Vice Chairperson, Casey Clark stated that the PC/BZA will present their annual report to council at the 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting in February.

**Zoning:** A report for the month of December 2019 was submitted.

**Code Enforcement:** An annual report for 2019 was submitted.

### **COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee:** Councilor Lemmon scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00pm to discuss the 2020 budget.

**Public Safety Committee:** No report.

**Public Service Committee:** Councilor French reminded his committee of the Public Service Committee meeting which is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:00pm.

**Rules Committee:** No report.

**Community Development:** Councilor Zwissler stated that her committee met prior to the council meeting. They discussed getting an updated list of businesses; and plan to put together a mailing for the businesses. They want to know what the village can do for the businesses; and they also want to educate the businesses about opportunity zones.

**Personnel:** Councilor Goodman stated that her committee met prior to the council meeting this evening. They reviewed resumes for Clerk/Treasurer and Zoning Officer candidates. She stated that they will be interviewing a Clerk/Treasurer candidate on February 5, 2020 at 6:30pm. She stated that they also plan to continue reviewing and revising the employee handbook. She would like new and existing employees to have a current copy of the handbook.

Council Clerk Hans asked Councilor Goodman how many of her committee members plan to attend the interview on February 5, 2020.

Councilor Goodman stated that the entire committee plans to attend.

Council Clerk Hans stated that she will post the interview as a Special Council Meeting to comply with the Sunshine Laws.

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

**Police Chief:** A written report for December 2019 was submitted. Several annual reports for 2019 were also submitted. Chief Wardlow stated that the reports detail statistics by officer, vehicle, fuel and types of calls. She also thanked Kevin Dorman for his hard work organizing the toy drive this past year. They were able to serve 250 children with the help of Englefield Oil. They hope to do this toy drive again next year.

**Fire Chief:** A written report for December 2019 was submitted. Chief Hite stated that he will have a full report at the February meeting. He stated that there was a minor accident at the firehouse on 1/19/20 involving a swing out door on a vehicle getting damaged. The vehicle is still in service and the materials stored in that bin have been moved elsewhere until the vehicle is repaired.

**Street Supervisor:** No report.

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

**Others:** None.

**Report of Council President:** Council President Geiger

**Report of Mayor in writing, and verbally by request of Council:** No report.

**ORDINANCES**

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor Wells asked council to refer Goodwill to a committee.

Council President Geiger stated that they were already referred to the Community Development Committee. He stated that all further discussion is on hold until the committee reviews this further and they get questions answered.

Mayor Wells asked who she should refer Mr. Gray to when he has questions.

Council President Geiger stated that he should be referred to Community Development Committee Chair Zwissler.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No comment.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** Theresa Hillis, 67 Nautica Way, Buckeye Lake. Ms. Hillis stated that she kept a log of all the questions asked during citizens' comments last year and most of those questions have gone unanswered. She would like to get questions answered.

Marianne Perine, 264 Park St, Buckeye Lake. Ms. Perine stated that the Buckeye Lake Area Humane Society got an anti-tethering law passed by the village. She reminded everyone that we are going into the cold months and to report instances of animals being tethered out for long periods of time to the police department.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Beard:** Stated that she would like to see citizens' comments moved to before the legislation portion of the meeting agenda.

**Councilor Zwissler:** Stated that we already paid the Licking County Humane Society an annual \$500 amount. She would like to see that money go to Buckeye Lake Area Humane Society instead.

**Councilor French:** Reminded council members that someone has to take and turn in meeting minutes to the Council Clerk from the council committee meetings. He stated that the meetings should reflect what was done, not what was said.

**Councilor Zwissler:** Thanked everyone who participated in Winterfest. She stated that the Harbor provided restrooms, refreshments and food trucks as well as an art show. She also stated that Schmidt's is interested in coming to the area.

**Councilor Cable:** Commended Council President Geiger on keeping the meeting on track and in order. He asked to consider bringing back the video cameras to council chambers.

**Councilor Lemmon:** Stated that Winterfest was a success. He thanked all of the village employees that worked hard on this event. He felt that the Harbor provided a great alcohol-free setting for Winterfest.

**Councilor Goodman:** Stated that Winterfest was great for everyone. She felt that the Harbor was a great example of a business that doesn't serve alcohol participating in the event. She would like to see more special events in the community.

**Councilor Zwissler:** Stated that the Harbor received a \$10,000 grant to put a new roof on the building.

**Council President Geiger:** Stated that Winterfest exceeded his expectations for this year. He stated that the Buckeye Lake 2030 membership invoice will be discussed at the February 10, 2020 meeting as they did not receive it in time to address it properly.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Councilor French to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Zwissler.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

NEXT MEETING: February 10, 2020

  
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Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council

  
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John Geiger, Council President