

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
June 28, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Council President Geiger at 7:03 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Present: Linda Goodman (0,0), John Lemmon (0,0), Kitty Zwissler (0,0),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Melissa Beard (0,3), Don Cable (0,0), Bill French (0,0), John Geiger (0,0)

Staff Present: Mayor Peggy Wells; Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Jason Harget, Police Chief; Ryan Wyse, Fire Chief;

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: No Citizen's Comments received.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to approve the June 14, 2021 council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: **Yes:** Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor French, to approve the Treasurer's report dated June 22, 2021.

Roll call vote: **Yes:** Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Had a meeting this evening before the Council meeting to discuss items on Ordinance 2021-23, which the committee recommended to council. Budget was discussed and spending seems to be right on target. Would like to have a standing Finance Committee meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm before the regular council meeting.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: Need to get an answer from Toby Miller about when the next Public Service Committee meeting will be, since village offices will be closed on July 5th, the original date of their next meeting.

Rules Committee: Had a meeting this evening before the Council meeting to discuss council rules. Regarding Rule 2A, it was discussed whether to change the 48-hour notice rule to be 24 hours, but the committee decided it stays at 48 hours' notice. Regarding Rule 41A, which is about requirements of attendance, the committee discussed possibly adding committee meetings as part of that rule. Discussion will be finalized at the next Rules Committee meeting to be held on July 12th at 6:30pm.

Community Development Committee: Kitty Zwissler, Linda Goodman, and Peggy Wells met with an appraiser about the 4 lots that the village is interested in selling – 191 Union, 119 Stewart, 129 Stewart, 52 Seymour. Community Development is always looking for grants and money for the village. Councilor Zwissler received a note from the Governor’s office today about new funds coming out of Senate bills 108 and 109 for millions of dollars to four different programs in Ohio. Starting tomorrow, June 29th, food & beverage, entertainment, lodging, and new small businesses will each have a grant to apply for where they can show that they lost money in 2020. Application, rules, and regulations can be found at businesshelp.ohio.gov. Community Development Committee is happy to help people. They are first come, first served.

Personnel Committee: Resolution 2021-10 on tonight’s agenda will be about updating the employee handbook. Next employee handbook work session will be June 30th at 3:00pm with department heads.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Police Department - Chief Jason Harget – Was called to a serious situation, could not attend.

Fire Department – Chief Ryan Wyse – Chief Wyse was notified by the grant writer that the Fire Department is in the pre-award (meaning they intend to award to the Fire Department) phase of the AFG grant. Resolution 2021-11 on tonight’s agenda will give Chief Wyse permission to accept the money when the grant is awarded. This grant will bring in over \$140,000 worth of fire equipment. Councilor Lemmon asked about grant matching money. Chief Wyse said it has a 5% matching amount on grant and grant writer was another 5%, for about \$15,000 total that the village would have to supply that Chief Wyse said should be in the budget. Federal government requires a competitive bid on grant money. This money will be used to replace all self-contained breathing apparatuses. Hoses, at least 16 nozzles at \$1,000 a piece, all used for fire equipment. 2021 BLASST fireworks – expecting a larger event due to other events around the area being canceled. Working with Lieutenant Cox and other chiefs around the area to plan for emergency response. 11 personnel to work the event and all trucks available. Golf cart available that can hold a laying person. UTV as well. Staging will be at North Shore Park for BLASST fireworks, with multiple rescue boats on the water. Chosen who they will go with for their updating their reporting software; looking at the contract now. Next month will be Chief’s 1-year employment anniversary with the village as fire chief. Will come up with a 5-year plan and other reports for what has been achieved so far during his time.

Public Works – Toby Miller – Out of town, no report.

Parks and Recreation – Kellie Green – Absent, no report.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins – Absent, no report.

Planning and Zoning / BZA – Summary report submitted for June.

Report of Council President – John Geiger – Planned to call for executive session later in the meeting for land acquisition.

Report of Mayor – Written report submitted. Councilor Zwissler said she rode with Mayor Wells to look at the run off complaints from Cranberry Bay and said that the run off was not coming from the mayor’s property but from the street and flooding onto her lots. She said the village still needs to look into what’s happening to the run off and who is responsible. Ribbon cutting ceremony for the pavilion was held on June 19th with 87 people in attendance. Pavilion did not cost money from the local budget. Value of the land at Mill Dam was used to satisfy the 50% match for the grant. Mayor Wells recognized many people for their efforts with the ceremony and the pavilion overall. On June 20th, Mayor Wells and Councilor Goodman delivered a Mayor’s Proclamation to the annual IBEW Reunion at the KOA. Deb Julian of the Planning and Zoning Commission has been assisting Mayor Wells with some of the zoning applications while waiting for a new zoning officer. On June 24th, Councilors Zwissler and Goodman and the Mayor met with appraiser Scott Kennedy to show him the 4 lots in the village to possibly be auctioned off. Officer Jeremy Jackson has resigned effective June 25th. We appreciate his efforts with the department. Personnel Committee plans to review the safety forces department salaries. Chief Harget has two candidates for the police department. Gutters on the back of the municipal building were replaced this morning by Joe Yoder for \$1,106. Mayor Wells expressed her concerns that the safety departments are not receiving the support that they need from the Public Safety Committee.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

ORDINANCE 2021-23 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-10 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to adopt Ordinance 2021-23.

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

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

RESOLUTION 2021-10 - A RESOLUTION AMENDING A SECTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.

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

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

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Cable, to adopt Resolution 2021-10.
Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

RESOLUTION 2021-11 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FIRE CHIEF TO ACCEPT THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) UPON AWARD AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor French, to suspend the rules.
Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Zwissler, to adopt Resolution 2021-11.
Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

RESOLUTION 2021-12 - A RESOLUTION EXTENDING RESOLUTION 2021-03 FOR THREE MONTHS, IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND ISSUANCE OF LAND USE APPLICATIONS REGARDING MOBILE HOMES AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to suspend the rules.
Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor French, seconded by Councilor Goodman, to adopt Resolution 2021-12.

Discussion: Councilor Cable asked why it is being extended and not being made permanent. Council President Geiger explained that it was originally done for a 3-month period and July has become the 3-month date but the Planning and Zoning Commission has not moved forward with making it permanent and they are needing more time.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

RESOLUTION 2021-13 - A RESOLUTION EXTENDING RESOLUTION 2021-04 FOR THREE MONTHS, IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND ISSUANCE OF LAND USE APPLICATIONS FOR MODULAR HOMES AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Zwissler, to suspend the rules.
Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor Cable, to adopt Resolution 2021-13.
Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Lemmon, Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilor Lemmon brought up that it would be a good time to get a work group or a resolution together to increase council pay for the next council members, since no current council member has announced that they are running again.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Goodman: Thanked everyone. There are a lot of folks concerned about the village and the residents. The village needs new smart, fresh people to give it serious thought, to step up, and run for council or office to help move the village forward.

Councilor Lemmon: Thanked Officer Jackson for his service in the village, he will be missed. Thanked the police and fire forces for the great job they are doing as well.

Councilor Zwissler: Thanked hard-working council, mayor, and village employees. Encourages people to get the word out about business grants. More people and more business means better pay for all services. Spend your money in Buckeye Lake.

Councilor Beard: No comments.

Councilor Cable: No comments.

Councilor French: Pavilion turned out very nice, it will be an asset to the community. Fire Department is well-run; looking forward to BLASST and is sure all will be in order for that.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable, to enter into executive session for land acquisition, with Mayor Wells invited.

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

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Council entered into executive session at 8:05pm.

Council entered back into regular council session at 9:21pm.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable, to authorize the mayor to negotiate for land acquisition and authorize the mayor to use a realtor if necessary.

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

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

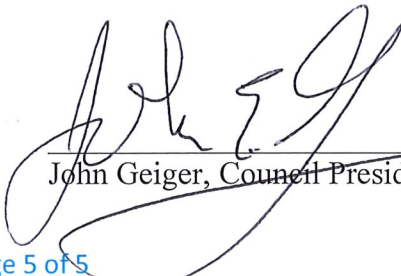
ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor French.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS ALL YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm

NEXT MEETING: July 12, 2021


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


John Geiger, Council President