

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Village Hall
May 26, 2020
Meeting Minutes

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

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

Roll Call: Present: Kitty Zwissler (0,0), Melissa Beard (0,1) Don Cable (0,0),
(Consecutive Total Absences) Bill French (0,0), John Geiger (0,0) Linda Goodman (0,0),
John Lemmon (0,0)

Mayor Wells

Absent: None

Staff Present: Valerie Hans, Clerk of Council; Vicki Wardlow, Police Chief; Scott Hite, Fire Chief; Toby Miller, Water Superintendent.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor French and seconded by Councilor Goodman to approve the May 11, 2020 regular council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yays: Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon
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 May 20, 2020.

Councilor Zwissler said there were supposed to be some changes but she will vote for the report as recommended.

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMISSIONS AND OTHER REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation: Mayor Wells provided a Parks and Recreation update. She stated that she was supposed to call back Annetta to speak during council. She hopes that Annetta is on here. Mayor Wells stated that she will give her a quick text. Mayor Wells then asked Council Clerk Hans to text her. Council Clerk Hans did not have Annetta's phone number with her.

Mayor Wells stated that there was a group of people interested in leasing the ball field and using the concession stand before the COVID-19 happened.

Councilor Zwissler stated that the Mayor is the only person who should sign the contract.

Mayor Wells stated that in the past the Parks and Recreation Commission have signed the agreement but if council wanted to change that she was ok with that. She stated that the issue is that the restrooms would need to be cleaned and sanitized every 2 hours which would be difficult and costly to accomplish. If the group that wants to use the field and concession stand and restrooms is willing to do that, they could have the key and only keep the restroom open for the time that they are using it. Mayor Wells stated that she can see closing the restrooms except for events and the person holding the event could be responsible for the cleaning and sanitizing.

Councilor Goodman stated that there are much more than just restrooms for the ballfield requirements.

Mayor Wells stated that the players have to stay six feet apart and they can't touch each other's equipment. Ball players have to wear a face mask in the dugout there is no tagging. There are a lot of things that will make it difficult. The umpires have to be 6' behind the players.

Councilor Zwissler if the people wanting to use the ballfields are willing to accept the responsibility, they should be able to use the restroom facilities.

Council President Geiger who is the group that is interested.

Mayor Wells stated that she thinks the coach is a former police officer somewhere and lives in the Millersport area.

Council President Geiger stated he thinks it is a semi pro team and these are adults and not kids.

Councilor Goodman stated that she heard that it was a travel team.

Councilor Cable stated that he knows some of the players and they are a youth travel team.

Mayor Wells stated that they will paint the building as part of the agreement and keep the restrooms clean. They are willing to make a considerable investment in the field. It will give more activity and a sense of safety at the park. To monitor the restrooms on a daily basis will be a very difficult task unless a member of the community wants to go down there every 2 hours to clean and sanitize them.

Council President Geiger asked if there was any further discussion.

Mayor Wells asked Mr. Miller to elaborate on the park agreement.

Mr. Miller stated that the park agreement is not a contract it is a rental agreement that has been done by the parks and recreation commission for the past 10 years.

Councilor Zwissler I wouldn't be willing to tie up the park for an entire season for one group.

Mr. Miller as far as I know they are renting the ball diamond.

Mayor Wells asked Mr. Miller if the rental agreement was for ten years or if we have been using the same form for ten years?

Mr. Miller stated that we have used the same rental agreement for the past 10 years.

Councilor Zwissler stated that she doesn't want an exclusive agreement after this year.

Councilor Cable thinks that the league coaches should make a presentation to the village before we make a decision.

Council President Geiger how many people would like to move this to the next meeting for a presentation. All council members agreed.

Planning Commission/BZA: Council President Geiger stated that the Village will have a gap in the process and they need to schedule a planning session with council and Planning Commission representatives. Each side will be limited to three people.

Zoning: Reports for the month of April 2020 was submitted.

Mayor Wells stated that she appointed Austin Wright as the Zoning Officer with a start date of May 1.

Council President Geiger asked Mayor Wells to continue her information in her mayor's report.

Code Enforcement: No report.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: Councilor Lemmon stated that his committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss the fire department grant writer contract and the amount of potential grants they could receive. The committee recommended the legislation pertaining to this to council. He stated that the committee discussed the police renewal levy and decided to move the 1st resolution on to council this evening. They also discussed the treasurer's report and suggestions. The clerk/treasurer wanted to talk with the police chief on the police appropriations.

Councilor Lemmon set the next Finance Committee meeting for June 8, 2020 at 6:30pm. He stated that the topics will be police funding recommendation, police levy information, legal fees, and other items. He will get additional topics to the Council Clerk as the meeting gets closer.

Council Clerk Hans reminded council members that she will be posting this meeting notice on June 2, 2020 as her last day in the office is June 3, 2020.

Council President Geiger asked council members to please note that date.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: Councilor French reminded everyone that his monthly Public Service meeting will be on June 1, 2020 at 6:30. He asked Mr. Miller if he has a topic for the meeting yet.

Mr. Miller stated that they will be discussing the standard topics for the monthly meeting.

Rules Committee: No report.

Community Development Committee: No report.

Personnel Committee: Councilor Goodman scheduled a Personnel Committee meeting for June 1, 2020 at 7:00pm. She stated that the topics will be applications, resumes and payroll.

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

Police Chief: Written reports for the month of April 2020 was submitted.

Fire Chief: Written reports for the month of April 2020 was submitted.

Street Supervisor: No report.

Water Supervisor: No report.

Others: None.

Report of Council President: Council President Geiger thanked the Clerk of Council, Valerie Hans. He stated that a year ago when he undertook the rules changes Valerie was indispensable in the process providing a compare and contrast to help the committee through the process. I want to personally and publicly thank her for that effort and for her help in his transition to Council President. He personally wished her and her family well. Council President Geiger stated that hopefully council will be able to move forward and things will work out for her as she wants them to.

Report of Mayor in writing, and verbally by request of Council: Mayor Wells stated that the village staff was called back to work in the office on May 18, 2020. The contractor finished creating a lobby behind a Plexiglas area. She stated that the office is practicing social distancing according to the governor's recommendations. Mayor Wells stated that the Village received a check in the amount of \$12,667.28 from workers comp for COVID-19 reimbursement. She stated that there is a new ice cream store, new boat trailer store and a new massage parlor that opened up next door to Donato's in the Village. Mayor Wells made a visit to the motel and requested that they get current on their bed tax the owner provided a check for \$2,800 to cover a few months of back bed taxes. She stated that the police have responded to the motel 70 times in the last month which included a drug bust and a stabbing. Mayor Wells expressed her concern over how the motel owner does business. Fire Chief Hite is arranging for a fire inspection to check for code issues and he will be accompanied by the police officers because of safety concerns. Mayor Wells stated that she still hasn't heard back on the grant application for the street building. She stated that she swore in new firefighters.

Mayor Wells stated that Samantha Torres last day with the Village was May 18, 2020 and she will be greatly missed. She is moving on to a new job with better pay at the City of Newark. Mayor Wells stated that Melanie and Nicole, the visiting clerks, have been training Jennifer Dennis, the new Clerk/Treasurer. She stated that they have placed ads for Clerk of Council and Mayors Court Clerk as well.

Council President Geiger wished Council Clerk Hans well as she moves on to her new job.

Mayor Wells stated that Code Enforcement will be advertising for grass mowing bids.

She also stated that the administration needs funding for legal services.

Mayor Wells stated that they have been studying the bills to create a list of funds needed annually for utilities.

Lastly, several council members have expressed an interest in the Planning and Zoning Commission. CDs were made of the meeting and sent out to council members.

ORDINANCES

3rd READING

2nd READING

1st READING

2020-23 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-51 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor French to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-23, seconded by Councilor Goodman.

Roll call vote: Yays: Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon
Rules Suspended 7-0.

Motion by Councilor French to adopt Ordinance 2020-23 as presented, seconded by Councilor Lemmon.

Councilor Lemmon stated that while he supports this, we need to work with the grant writer to make sure that we are all on the same page so we don't overspend.

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

2020-24 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN OHIO FIRST RESPONDER GRANTS, LLC AND THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE FOR GRANT WRITING AND SUBMISSION OF TWO APPLICATIONS TO FISCAL YEAR 2020 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor French to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-24, seconded by Councilor Goodman.

Roll call vote: Yays: Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon
Rules Suspended 7-0.

Motion by Councilor Goodman to adopt Ordinance 2020-24 as presented, seconded by Councilor French.

Mayor Wells asked council to amend their motion to include a change that the language should say Licking County and not Fairfield County.

Council Clerk Hans asked for a copy of the contract to attach to the legislation.

Mayor Wells asked if someone would revise the original motion.

Councilor Lemmon stated that they are not revising the motion; the suggestion was to revise the contract.

Mayor Wells stated that the language covers if there were to be a dispute of the two parties.

Councilor Lemmon called point of order stating that council is discussing the ordinance and not the details of the contract.

Council President Geiger stated that the legislation is to execute a contract between Ohio First Responder Grants LLC. He stated that the legislation doesn't state specifics of the contract.

Councilor Zwissler stated that council is talking about a very specific contract it is not an open book.

Council President Geiger called for a vote again.

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

RESOLUTIONS

3rd READING

2nd READING

1st READING

2020-04 A RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY FOR THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION, AND REQUESTING THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03, 5705.19j, 5705.25 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council President Geiger asked council members who has received copies of this legislation.

Councilor Lemmon stated that he emailed copies to everyone this afternoon after Council Clerk Hans sent it to him.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to suspend the rules on Resolution 2020-04, seconded by Councilor French.

Roll call vote: Yays: Zwissler, Beard, Cable, French, Geiger, Goodman, Lemmon
Rules Suspended 7-0.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to adopt Resolution 2020-04 as presented, seconded by Councilor French.

Councilor Lemmon stated that this is the first step in the process. He stated that Council Clerk Hans will send this resolution to the auditor to get certified. Council will have another resolution to consider in the next two weeks. He stated that without this renewal police levy, the Village would have a dramatic reduction in costs and possible layoffs in the Police Department.

Councilor Goodman asked if the police levy is replacement or renewal.

Councilor Lemmon stated it was a renewal.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Lemmon: Councilor Lemmon thanked the Police Department and stated that the Village has a professional Police Department. She also stated that without Council Clerk Hans and Visiting Clerk Gieseler's help I don't think we would have made the deadline to get this levy going. Councilor Lemmon thanked Council Clerk Hans for sticking to the deadlines and working right up to the end.

Councilor Goodman: Councilor Goodman welcomed the new Clerk/Treasurer and the new Water Clerk. She thanked Council Clerk Hans for her years of dedication to the Village. She stated that the summer food program is moving from Ryan Braden park to Water's Edge Church since the kids are used to going there during the COVID-19 shutdown. Councilor Goodman stated that lunches will be available Monday-Friday and that they are in need of volunteers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. She stated that school age children will have lunches in white bags and there will be brown bags for others in the home to take and eat. Councilor Goodman stated that the Salvation Army and the food pantry are well stocked and do not have a shortage of food. She stated that the Queen of the Lake the engine and paddlewheel are running, they are putting in carpet this week; and you may see it out as they are training captains on docking.

Councilor French: Councilor French welcomed the new village employees thanked Council Clerk Hans for her years of dedicated service. He stated that he found her to be very helpful.

Councilor Zwissler: Councilor Zwissler thanked Council Clerk Hans for her years of service and wished her good luck at her new job. She stated that the Community Development committee will be applying to get working capital for our businesses. She stated that they will be asking for \$150k to help the small businesses who have been hurting during the shutdown. She reminded everyone of how important it is to file the census as it will impact us for the next 10 years. Councilor Zwissler stated that the Mayor is going to put this on the water bill, but we

need someone to do a literature drop to the homes in Leisure Village who do not have village water.

Councilor Beard: No comment.

Councilor Cable: Councilor Cable shared in all of the other council members comments.

Council President Geiger: No comment.

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

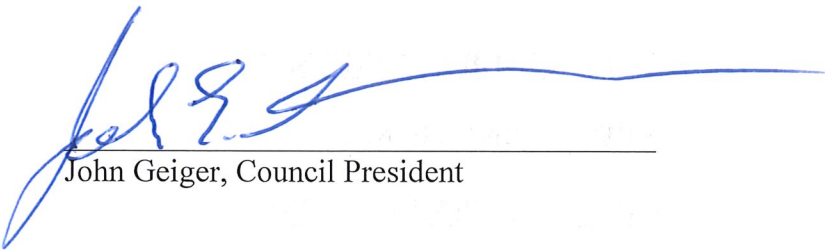
VOTE: IN-FAVOR ALL YEAS; MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

NEXT MEETING: June 8, 2020



Valerie L. Hans, Clerk of Council



John Geiger, Council President