

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
November 9, 2020
Amended Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: By Council President Geiger at 7:10 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Present: Kitty Zwissler (0, 0), Melissa Beard (0, 6) Don Cable (0, 0),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Bill French (0, 0), John Geiger (0, 0), Linda Goodman (0, 0),
John Lemmon (0, 0)

Staff Present: Peggy Wells, Mayor; Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer; Toby Miller, Water
Superintendent/Public Works; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Rex Adkins,
Code Enforcement Officer; Ryan Wyse, Fire Chief

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor French and seconded by
Councilor Zwissler to approve the amended October 12, 2020 regular council meeting minutes,
per Councilor Lemmon's request.

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

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor French and seconded by
Councilor Cable to approve the October 19, 2020 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 Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable and seconded by
Councilor Zwissler to approve the October 26, 2020 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 Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon seconded by
Councilor French to approve the Treasurer's report dated November 5, 2020.

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Tom Price, the new Planning and Zoning
Commissioner, introduced himself to Council.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Finance Committee meeting was held November 9. Recommended 3 items to full council that can be seen on Ordinance 2020-61.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: Service Department meeting was held on November 2nd. Councilor French read over the submitted November 2, 2020 meeting minutes.

Rules Committee: No report.

Community Development Committee: Next Community Development meeting will be at 6:30pm on Monday November 23rd to discuss the future of Buckeye Lake: where we are and what we hope to achieve. Calls were made to many of the businesses in Buckeye Lake to encourage them to go after COVID-19 relief grants.

Personnel Committee: Personnel Committee met before the Council meeting to discuss 2021 proposed raises. They voted to recommend to full council a 2% raise for the police department hourly officers. Next Personnel meeting will be November 23rd at 6:00pm to finalize the discussion of raises for the fire department.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins spoke about the many hardships he had this year, but gave a detailed report about code enforcement and complaints. Complaints have gone down in the past two years, but that could be due to COVID. Maintaining a 98% conviction rate on court cases. Councilor Zwissler helped Rex Adkins with a property where an elderly woman needed social service help.

Report of Mayor: The Mayor read over her submitted written report. There is a 2-week delay on preliminary engineering drawings of the pavilion.

Councilor Cable asked about an email that was sent about the council area and computer access wondering if the Council rules need to be reviewed. Mayor Wells clarified that Council members have a key to access the Council Chambers, including the new computer and their mailboxes, but asked that Council members not come and sit in the office where staff is working, as it is disruptive. Adding items and ordinances last minute to the agenda was discussed, and the avenue of how that is done as well. Some of Council does not want last minute items and hope this can stop in the future unless it is an emergency.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading –

Ordinance 2020-51 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to adopt Ordinance 2020-51, seconded by Councilor Zwissler.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Ordinances for 2nd Reading –

Ordinances for 1st Reading -

Ordinance 2020-60 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020-49

CREATING PAY LEVELS AND SALARY SCHEDULES FOR EMPLOYEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO.

Ordinance 2020-61 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-51 PERMANENT
APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to amend Ordinance 2020-61 by correcting the fund codes in the appropriations table, seconded by Councilor Zwissler.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-61, seconded by Councilor French.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to adopt the amended Ordinance 2020-61, seconded by Councilor Zwissler.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Ordinance 2020-62 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT
OF THE LEASE OF 5186 WALNUT ROAD AND AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE LEASE AMENDMENT WITH THE JULIAN
FAMILY.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading –

Resolution 2020-12 A RESOLUTION CREATING NAME FOR UNNAMED
STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE.

Resolutions for 1st Reading – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

I. LEADS Food Pantry building lease contract – Councilors Zwissler and Goodman would like the LEADS contract to be a month-to-month lease. It is a needed asset to the community. Mayor Wells mentioned it is a \$0 income and that it is an organization that pays rent to other places where they rent space. Council overall hopes to see them be more open and available to help the public. Tabled discussion for now.

As an added item for unfinished business, Council President Geiger brought up that Council had promised the Planning and Zoning Commission that recommendations on the Zoning Regulations Book would be sent to them. Council thinks it should be given to the attorney to see if it is in sync with the ORC.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon to forward the revised Zoning Regulations book to the village solicitor, Brad Nicodemus, seconded by Councilor Goodman.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: Zwissler; Motion Passed 6 – 1

II. Discussion took place about the remaining balance of the current COVID-19 CARES ACT funding. Clerk Treasurer Jennifer Dennis provided a run-down of the expenditures and the COVID task force committee gave suggestions for ways to spend the remaining balance. Numbered by their agreed suggestion of priority, Council overall agreed to using the remaining \$57,696.23 balance for:

1. \$44,000 for fire department turn-out gear
2. \$2,400 for UV-Lights
3. \$610 for police department vinyl back seat for SUV
4. \$1086.23 stackable washer and dryer for police department
5. \$650 Ryoby brand sanitizing sprayer to kill germs
6. \$6,000 3 laptops for fire, police, and village use for COVID shut down
7. \$2,800 7 @ \$400 each hand dryers
8. \$150 disposable cheap blue pens to reduce cross-contamination

NEW BUSINESS:

I. Discussion took place about purchasing a 70” tv “viewing monitor” for the Council Chambers for multiple uses across various departments. The proposed item was on sale at the time, hence the declaration of emergency.

Ordinance 2020-63 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-51 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Cable to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2020-63, seconded by Councilor Lemmon.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: Goodman; Motion Passed 6 – 1

Motion by Councilor Zwissler to adopt Ordinance 2020-63, seconded by Councilor Cable.

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

Abstain: 0;

Nays: Goodman; **Motion Passed 6 – 1**

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Cable: Emails and calls received regarding hurt feelings and mean-spirited conversation. Reminder: we all make the decision to stay, conform, or leave. Also, no one likes to be blind-sided before decisions are to be made.

Councilor Lemmon: Spirited conversations and unique personalities. Keep moving forward the best we can.

Councilor Goodman: Thanked residents for voting for the police levy. Veteran's Day is this week. Please take a moment to say a prayer for all veterans.

Councilor Zwissler: Thankful to residents who voted. Working with the Department of Aging to work on getting COVID testing here in the Village. Thanked Councilor French and all who paid for the levy signs.

Councilor Beard: Seconded what everyone else said. Reminder: it's nice to be nice.

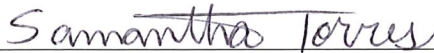
Councilor French: Thanked the voters. We accomplished a lot of things tonight.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm

NEXT MEETING: November 23, 2020


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


John Geiger, Council President

