

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

September 11, 2023

Call to Order: By Council President Linda Goodman at 7:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by Police Chief Jason Harget to honor the sacrifices and legacy left by September 11, 2001 first responders and safety forces.

Roll Call: Present: Don Cable (0,0), Linda Goodman (0,0), Kellie Green (0,0), Deb Julian (0,0),

(Consecutive, Total Absences) John Lemmon (0,0), Sue Wadley (0,1), Tom Wolfe (0,3)

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mayor Jeryne Peterson; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Police Chief Jason Harget; Rex Adkins, Code Enforcement Officer.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve the August 28, 2023 regular council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable

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

Approval of Public Hearing Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to approve the September 6, 2023 public hearing minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable

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

Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Cable, to approve the September 6, 2023 special council meeting #1 minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable

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

Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve the September 6, 2023 special council meeting #2 minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable

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

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable, to approve the Treasurer's report dated September 7, 2023.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS – None. President Goodman welcomed the Mayor of Thornville

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: Committee meeting held tonight which can be viewed on Facebook. The committee made some recommendations. Creating a fund for Summer Food Program for the 2024 budget to accept donations. Timeline has been put out for the 2024 budget. October 9th committee meeting will be moved to October 23rd.

Public Safety Committee: Next committee meeting will be held on September 25th at 6:30pm.

Public Service Committee: Meeting held last Wednesday September 6th. Much of the discussion is ongoing project updates. Starting to pave Union Avenue at the end of next week. Citizen's comment from Linda Sims at

their last meeting regarding the paving width of Cranberry Lane.

Rules Committee: First Rules committee meeting with new Chairperson Kellie Green will be held on September 25th at 6pm. President Goodman stated that Rules committee does not normally have enough to cover to need a meeting every month, but with Kellie being new, she may want to. It is up to her.

Community Development Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Personnel Committee: Meeting held tonight. Reviewed some updates to the employee handbook, adding a social media policy and a consistent tobacco and alcohol policy. No Personnel committee meeting until November 13th after the Finance Committee meeting.

Report of Council President: Public hearing to be held on October 9th at 6:30pm to discuss the new planned mixed-use district. Planning and Zoning Commission made a motion at their meeting last week to pass this on to council. Council members now have a copy of the Article 12 changes from OHM to look over and review and they can vote on it that night after the public hearing with emergency legislation since it is very time sensitive. The document is for new mixed-use developments. It is not retroactive. Mosquito spraying and street sweeping still happening through October. Fiscal officer has tendered her resignation. She has been a wonderful asset to the village and she joined us at a time when we really needed some stability in that department and she has done an excellent job of getting things cleaned up and getting the village moving forward. The village has done well in their audits. She will be missed. She will return from vacation on Monday. She has said that she is willing to help train.

Report of Mayor: Written report submitted. Jennifer Dennis has taken another position to expand on her career. It is a good opportunity for her; she will be going to a larger area with a great title and pay to go with it. Mayor Peterson will miss her deeply, but she likes when people expand their wings and progress themselves forward in a career that they have an admiration for.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading –

Ordinance 2023-41 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-08 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Based on the recommendations of the Finance Committee, motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Green to change line 1000-750-341-0000 Accounting and Legal Fees from \$10,000 to \$5,000 in this ordinance.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable

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

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable to adopt Ordinance 2023-41 as amended.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable

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

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2023-48 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Ordinance 2023-48.

Discussion: Councilor Lemmon said this has a recommendation from the Finance Committee and it was discussed in the Public Service Committee.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Ordinance 2023-49 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-08 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Lemmon to adopt Ordinance 2023-49.

Discussion: None.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Ordinance 2023-50 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-08 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Julian to adopt Ordinance 2023-50.

Discussion: Councilor Lemmon said this has a recommendation from the Finance Committee.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Ordinance 2023-51 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TAX PAYMENTS TO LICKING TOWNSHIP, PURSUANT TO ORC 709.19 FOR PARCELS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE AND REMOVED FROM LICKING TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO ORC 503.07 AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Councilor Lemmon said there is a recommendation from the Finance Committee to move this ordinance to a second reading and possibly a third reading to give the mayor time to bring more information.

This will move on to a second reading.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

Resolution 2023-16 - A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable

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

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Julian to adopt Resolution 2023-16.

Discussion: Councilor Lemmon stated this is annual housekeeping. Accepting what the budget commission has said and the county auditor will accept that and tax money will be delivered to the village.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable

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

Motion to by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Julian to reconsider, override the mayor's veto, and adopt Ordinance 2023-15.

Discussion: Councilor Lemmon re-read from Section 2 of the Resolution that the Council of the Village of Buckeye Lake wishes to work together and move forward with Mayor Peterson. Among everything else here, he feels that is very important. He encourages the Mayor and President Goodman to sit down and move forward and see what they can do for the health of the village. A lot of this surrounds employees and we have no better asset in our village than our employees and we do not want this between us, the mayor, and the employees.

Mayor Peterson read a comment that is found in the meeting minutes binder for this meeting. She added that a toxic situation has been made in her administration and she asked that all of council give input as to how we correct it because this cannot keep going. She stated that she cannot censure or come after council, they are elected officials. They are elected and put here by the people of this community, such as she is. She thinks that respect all the way around needs to be gratified and accepted and done. She stated that if council does not like her sitting here, then she suggests that they do something to remove her. She said she has done nothing but sell our community, do everything to obtain funds for this community, as well as development for this community. She said they have now blackened the eye once again with the actions that they perceive.

President Goodman stated that she would like to respond and that the response is in the packet that council has received at the last council meeting with the supporting documents on the Resolution. Mayor Peterson has also received them. President Goodman stated that a lot of the information that Mayor Peterson just asked for or questioned, she has already received those answers from the village solicitor, Brad Nicodemus. She stated to clarify, council did not start an investigation into the mayor and her administration. There was an employee written complaint and proper procedure was followed. That employee went to their supervisor. Their supervisor is obligated to report it. The question became: who did that supervisor report it to because of the complaint including the mayor. That question was put to the solicitor and the solicitor gave guidance on this, for the legal liability for council and the village to follow. It was suggested that an HR attorney be obtained because the solicitor represents the village. He does not represent the mayor; he does not represent council. Upon his suggestion to council, they contacted employment law attorney Jonathan Downes, whom the village has used before. She stated they were also told per the solicitor that they did not have to have a written contract with Mr. Downes, that verbal was fine. Council did not take any steps without obtaining legal advice, whether it be from Mr. Nicodemus or from Mr. Downes. At that point, it was turned over to Mr. Downes, because there is a legal obligation that when there is a written formal complaint, it has to be followed up on. She stated that council did not do that investigation; the professionals who are trained in this did it. The mayor was invited to take place in those interviews. She was given the opportunity and she declined. When it was completed and the report went out, it went out to staff and it went out to the mayor on the same day. Mayor Peterson interrupted to say it did

not and that she thinks they should get on with whatever they are doing here. Councilor Lemmon called a point of order and asked President Goodman to please continue. President Goodman stated that she would just say that it is in the public documents. There are letters from everyone who is involved with this that backs up the process.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

Trick or Treat Night / Trunk or Treat Event date – Councilor Julian stated that the Trunk or Treat event should really be on Saturday October 28th with a Halloween movie to be played. It was asked if neighborhood trick or treating would still happen. Mayor Peterson stated that Saturday night is not a good night for neighborhood trick or treating because there are high school football games and that night most adults are participating in various Halloween functions which may cut into some children not able to participate. Councilor Wadley suggested looking at the partnership for the Harbor Community Center’s event as well. President Goodman stated that trick or treat is often on the Thursday before Halloween. Mayor Peterson will speak with the surrounding areas to see about Trick or Treat and their plans.

Short-term Rentals – Rex Adkins stated that one of the major road blocks for short-term rentals is that the intent of the short-term rental ordinance may not have been to make them annual inspections and annual permitting. That road block throws up the question of which module they will need to use in the iWorq system for filing these permits on the computer because there are two modules for the system. One is a permitting module which is currently what they told the company to use because the ordinance was written that way with annual permitting and annual inspections. The other module is for licensing and annual renewal, which Rex thinks President Goodman was trying to say that the ordinance was going towards. If it is true that council wants licensing and annual renewal, Rex can let iWorq know that they would rather have the short-term rental licensing module. This will allow them to use the same permit number over and over again every year until that unit decides they no longer want to be a short-term rental unit. Rex stated that if we continue to wait longer, it could end up costing us more with iWorq because right now we are under a timeline with them where they have given us this period of “free time” where we can make these changes in the iWorq system. They are allowing us to make changes to all of our modules and then adopt a new module that they will set up, give us training, and give time to use it and become familiar with it before going full speed with it. Councilor Lemmon stated that as far as the inspections and annual, he knows we had a recommendation from the former Fire Chief that they are supposed to inspect all of the businesses and they should do the same for the short-term rentals but they do not always get to all of the businesses every year. He was wondering if they could do a “may be inspected.” Councilor Julian stated that the current Fire Chief has a different checklist anyway. Councilor Julian also stated that another road block is that in the legislation we have an application and the Fire Chief’s inspection. She wants to take those out so if they have to be updated, they do not have to come back to a legislative move. Rex asked do we want to make it an annual permit process which means that every year, we would have to come back and start the whole process over again and they would apply with a new application. They would get a new permit number and they would have to provide all of that documentation again and go through the inspections. Councilor Wolfe stated he did not think that was the original intent to have them come back and do that. The other option is the licensing module where we would receive an application initially and provide the documentation, go through the inspection process, the applicant would receive the permit with a license number, then they would come back and renew that license. Councilor Wolfe stated that he thinks that is the intent. Rex said okay, that is what he needed to get the go ahead to be able to progress with iWorq to get the module set up. Rex told President Goodman to let him know if council wants to discuss the other talking points in a committee meeting later on because then we would need to look at amending or changing the legislation.

Rex said the village solicitor suggested that in order to clean it up a little bit, to maybe look at rescinding all of the ordinances from the past and replacing it with one clean ordinance with everything in it. Councilor Lemmon said there will be more things that come up as we move on and that council was anticipating that so if it is nothing that is pressing, yes, the talking points could be brought up in committee and if there are more things that come up, council can work on that over time. They will probably change every year for the next 3-4 years until there is something more solid. Rex said he hopes not because that will mean more changes to the iWorq module. Rex said there are documents in the old ordinances that could get taken out to work on. Council President Goodman mentioned starting to administrate them and Rex said that they have been. They are going to reach out to iWorq again to get the new module set up and start the training on that and then they will input the applications that they have now with the documentation into that new module. Permits now will go to the end of next year.

NEW BUSINESS –

Planned Mixed-Use District – Planning Commission Chairman Dick Williams and Commission member Bob Scherman came to the microphone. Mr. Williams stated that consultants OHM came up with a draft and redraft for the planned mixed-use district update to Article 12 of the Zoning Code book and the commission had gone over it with vigor. He said it went from 8 pages to about 18 pages, but it is not about the length, it is about what is in there. It is in tune with the comprehensive plan for the village. Mr. Williams said that they feel it is at a point where the Planning and Zoning Commission felt that it was appropriate to make the motion to recommend it to full council to take the next step on its implementation. He said this is a tool where staff can work with developers to come to a consensus and an acceptable plan for going forward. The thoughts and guidance are in there and the intent is to give a philosophy and direction. Both men are happy with what they see with the document. Councilor Julian asked if the PDD – PUD – PMUD areas are designated with a point in time to say this is a PUD – PDD – PMUD so then it does not, from the Zoning book standpoint, impact our current existing housing 20 years from now? President Goodman shook her head that yes, it would be documented that these areas were established in 2024 or whichever year they are established and that it is not retroactive. Councilor Julian stated that she thinks it is an important point for residents to understand that this is for unused land right now. President Goodman said that this is for planned mixed-use, not for areas like Myers Addition that is residential. Councilor Lemmon said that the developer would have to go in and buy all of those homes and own all of that property in order to do a planned mixed-use district. They could not go into Myers or Cranberry Bay and say “now we will make Cranberry Bay this mixed-use development.”

Bob Scherman stated this document focuses more on going forward. What is established is established and that too needs to be addressed and that will be the second piece to this. He thinks it is highly important as we have potentially two big developments going in and our current code is not sufficient. This proposal here is very strong and very well-written. It comes from the experts and, reading through it, it seemed to him like it covered all of the bases that we might have to worry about with a large developer. This gives us some teeth to those developers. President Goodman stated that in the next 12-18 months, our entire zoning code is going to be redone by the same company, OHM, which we are becoming very familiar with. We pulled article 12 out of that to do first because it was time sensitive and the developers are knocking on the door. We should hear in the next few days our final word on the grant funding for the rest of the zoning code. She heard that the city of Columbus has not rewritten their zoning code in 50 years. Mr. Scherman said as they read through the article, really try to picture and visualize for things like the allotment of up to a five-story building. Think about the impact and what is being allowed. Councilor Lemmon stated that most of these are parameters we can negotiate and look at a bigger picture and it allows the village to work with the developer. Councilor Julian stated that we really need the input of the Fire Chief because those are very big decisions from a safety perspective.

President Goodman asked council to pencil in their changes and they can be discussed with Kim Littleton when he comes to the meeting. She stated it will not go to a committee; it comes straight to council for a vote that night.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS -

Charlene Hayden – 67 Lighthouse Lane – Charlene read a comment that is found in the meeting minutes binder for this meeting about the censuring of Mayor Peterson at the last council meeting.

Charlotte Basnett – 67 Lighthouse Lane – Charlotte stated that she feels like she is one of the old timers of the village. She has either had property or lived here since 1974 and in that time, she has seen many council meetings. She has tried to go as often as possible and they range anywhere from 10-12 minutes to what we see today, which is a big difference. With that comes lots of controversy and misinformation, emotions, all sorts of things. She decided to do a little research and she looked up the qualities of a good leader. She thought tonight she would mention them in case any of them ring a bell. This is a university study and she thinks if we would follow these ten rules, we would probably accomplish a lot more and have a much better feeling for each other. She has been through a lot of council and she has to say that she would consider this one of the better ones. In that case, we need to get something done. We cannot sit and fight, fuss, who said that and who did not say this and that. We have got to stop this. We have been the laughing stock for a long time about our council and our community and she is sick of it. She loves this place, obviously, or she would not have been here all this time. Look what is happening in the development and everything. We have got to be big boys and girls.

Charlotte listed the ten qualities of a good leader:

1. Be passionate about your work
2. Communicate clearly
3. Don't worry about being popular
4. Keep your mind open
5. Work for the employees (they are the ones who get the work done)
6. Be positive and encouraging
7. Respect others
8. Lead by example
9. Build relationships
10. Never stop learning

Come on folks, let's roll.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilor Wadley: Thanked Planning and Zoning Commission for all the work they have done on the document. She has yet to read through it but she will do that. We do not want to forget the 9/11 date. She knows that that has become a saying, but our safety forces have put their lives on the line every day when they go to work. Their families do not know if they are coming home sometimes. We all need to just remember that. Thank you for the leadership workshop we just had. Thank you to the employees that work for us whether they are in the field or in the office. Jennifer will be missed; she truly was an asset. She has gotten to know her even on a personal basis and she will miss her and she hopes that we do not lose many more employees as we work through our turbulence.

Councilor Wolfe: Thank you to Chairman Williams and Mr. Scherman for their work on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Welcome to the Mayor of Thornville and thank you for coming. It is a pleasure to see her tonight. And thank you to the citizens who commented tonight. Wonderful meeting.

Councilor Julian: She has multiple times requested and asked for meetings since she is head of the Personnel Committee to discuss some different issues and except for one time, was rejected. She feels like we have had at least one really good meeting and the fact is, when we have employees, there will always be some issues circulating even though the employees do not report to us. She thinks that we are all here for a reason: to work together for the betterment of the village. If any one of us took this position, any one of the elected officials here, that we felt like it was for us to bump our ego or feel better, wow, we are in the wrong spot. This should be and is selfless work on behalf of our fellow residents. We have 2,800 residents and the only reason why we are here is to be financially responsible, make sure that we get things done that we need to get done in the village, be practical about how we spend our money, and listen to people and keep them safe. That is the only reason why we are here. She does not really feel that anyone has a different agenda and she would welcome any part of the administration, the mayor, any department heads to reach out to us because we are all here for a reason. We should not be working independently; we should be working together. Her husband is on 24-hour shift at Columbus Fire today and more than anything, may we never forget September 11, 2001. She heard on the news today that that is one of the things: that everyone came together on 9/11 and slowly but surely, over the last 22 years, lots of people have been born since then, obviously, but there are a lot of people that just think it is another day and it will never be just another day.

Councilor Green: For those of us who lived through 9/11, at school she has children that were not alive during that time period. It changed our lives forever and she wants to thank our first responders then and today for what they do. She is very excited about the planned mixed-use district and the moving forward that we are doing with the short-term rentals. The growth is happening in the village and she is thrilled about all of it and she thinks this document will help facilitate that. She was not able to speak with the mayor after the meeting the other night and wanted to thank her for making a couple of comments defending no private streets anymore and some things that we know are a problem in the village. She appreciated the comments that she made and the direction that she took it. It made Kellie feel better knowing that we see some mistakes that were made and we are not going to let them happen again.

Councilor Lemmon: Thank you to Jennifer Dennis, our clerk treasurer. Over the last 4 years, he has worked very closely with her in his position here on council that he was fortunate enough to take. There were several different clerks before her of different qualifications. The finances were in really bad shape. We brought in two traveling clerks initially and kept them on when Jennifer came on and got a lot of things straightened out. She kept putting out fires and was putting them out for 4 years. Anything we did not know for sure how it was supposed to be done or did not know what to do, she called and found the right answer. She did not make it up; she found out what the policy should be and what the law says. She would call the auditor's office first and did an outstanding job to not get involved in politics, one side or the other. She was an outstanding treasurer and outstanding person. She became a very good friend to work with and he wishes her the best on her endeavors. We have 8 elected officials here. Every single one of us is here to make the village a better place. When he is on the end of a disagreement, he stops and tries to re-evaluate his position and why is everyone telling him that he is wrong. He does not just assume that he is right and everyone else is wrong. That is hard to do and you take things very personal but you do have to sit back and have broad shoulders. No one is here for their ego because if they are, their ego is going to get hurt. You need to check your ego at the door and there is not one person here that he does not have respect for. He hopes we can move forward together.

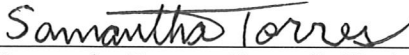
Councilor Cable: Thanked Councilor Lemmon for his praise of Jennifer who has done a good job. He sits here and many times he goes down a path he wants to go but that is not really the right thing to do. He struggles with that many times because he is very emotional. He would like to thank the citizens this evening for expressing themselves in a manner that was very professional, more so than himself. He has notes with him that are very close to being read but he would like to say, as an elected official, and he is an elected official, not appointed, he represents the citizens and he would like to consider himself a leader of the village, not a victim of the village. There are times where we want to say things that show victims. He does not think so. The victims in this whole

situation are the citizens of Buckeye Lake. Some of the things that the citizen said were exactly right; he had #1 listed as his own #1. The arrogance and non-humility that we have for self-reflection and looking in the mirror, it is very difficult for him to stop. It is not the time nor the place. Thank you to the citizens for reeling him back and taking him off the ledge and he hopes that all of us, himself included, the mayor, the president, all of council, can look in the mirror and say “what do we need to do better? What can we do to say maybe I was wrong? Maybe I wasn’t.” But to hide behind legislation, documents, victim, he says “let’s go, get the flashlight out, lift the lid, and find out where the roaches go.” That is what we do many times. Thank you to President Goodman.

Councilor Goodman: 9/11: we all remember where we were and what was going on and no one could believe that day. She heard something today that struck home that what we really need to remember is 9/12, the next day and how this country came together. Maybe we can remember that and take a lesson from it. Certainly, we all wish the country would go back to supporting one another and being there for one another and that can apply right here in our village. She has reached out to the mayor on a few occasions and asked to meet and talk or mediate. All of council have said that they would like to work through these issues for the betterment of the village. That is why we are here; we are not here for ourselves. We are here for the residents who elected us. We are here to support the wonderful staff that we have. Let’s think about 9/12 and how everyone came together and worked together. She hopes that that could happen because this village does not belong to any one of us sitting up here. It is not her employees, her police department, her fire department, it is our village and we are here to take care of the people in this village that elected us.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Green. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting: September 11, 2023



Samantha Torres, Council Clerk



Linda Goodman, Council President