

Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on November 13, 2021 at 10 am

1.0 Mayor Ehrbar calls council to order – RC: J.Wolfe_Y__, G.Finger_Y__, E.Longbrake_Y__, S. Stevenson __ ABSENT __, G. Ritchie __Y __, P.Seeholzer_Y__.

Joe Wolfe motions to excuse S. Stevenson form November 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, second by G. Ritchie.
All in Favor, Motion Passed.

2.0 All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4.0 Discussion and/or amendments to the October 7, 2021 Council minutes. Motion to accept/amend the Minutes as presented,
RC: J.Wolfe_Y __, G.Finger __Y __, E.Longbrake __Y __, S. Stevenson __ ABSENT __, G. Ritchie __Y __, P.Seeholzer_Y __.

5.0 Discussion of Pay Ordinance No. 1213: Motion to accept the Pay Ordinance as written,
RC: J.Wolfe_Y __, G.Finger __Y __, E.Longbrake __Y __, S. Stevenson __, ABSENT __, G. Ritchie __Y __, P.Seeholzer_Y __.

7.0 Committee Reports

7.A. Police - Chief Craig reports:

October 14th, 2021 – November 13th, 2021

Report(s) = 10

Department Phone Call(s) = 250

Arrest(s) or Charge(s) = 01

Reason(s): Felony Warrant (OCCSO)

Traffic or M/M Ticket(s) = 04

Reason(s): DUS (X1), Open Container (X2), Open Burn (X1)

Warning(s) = 08

Reason(s): Speed, Open Containers, Allowing Underage

Driver, Stop Signs

Accident(s) = 03

Reason(s): OVI & Underage Driver

House/Business Check(s) = 220

Reason(s): Out of Season

Boat Patrol (Activity) = 00

Reason(s):

Vehicle Lock-out(s) = 08

Reason(s): Locked keys in vehicle.

Assist w/other agencies = 11

Reason(s): KIEMS & KIFD.

KIPD had Active School Shooter Training at KI School with officers; we will do training with the school kids this winter.

Officer Campbell, Bartus II, & McFaul attended Datamaster Class, Updates for OVI (SFST's), FTO & Police Leadership.

Thank You for those that supported us for the KIPD levy!! Congratulations to Joe Wolfe, Mary Gaitner, Scot Smith & Max Eaton on their election for council. Thank You Pat Seeholzer, Greg Ritchie & Eric Longbrake for your service as councilmembers.

7.B. Safety Committee – P. Seeholzer reports: No Meeting; No Report

7.C. EMS – Russ Maust reports: EMS Runs 16 Clinic Calls 9

In this last month it was noted that the spare truck was having electrical issues with the emergency lights. None of the lights would turn on. The truck was taken to an ambulance dealership in Niles, Ohio and repaired for \$373.63. All emergency lights are now operational.

On November 19th of this year an Appreciation Dinner is being held for the Fire and EMS volunteers at the Town Hall. I would like to request that Council waive all of the fees associated with the use of the Town Hall for this event.

G. Ritchie makes a motion to waive all fees associated with renting the Town Hall for the Appreciation Dinner on November 19, 2021; second by P. Seeholzer. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
Last month's training was on OB Labor & Delivery. We had an excellent turn out for this training event. This month's training will be on Environmental Emergencies. As always, I would like to praise and thank the volunteers of Kelleys Island EMS.

7.D. Fire Dept. - Chief Skeans reports: Fire Runs 6

The Fire Engines have all had their yearly pump tests. All trucks passed the pump tests with no issues. While the trucks were being tested the Volunteer Firefighters also had their annual fit test for the SCBA masks. All Firefighters passed. A final count of masks was made and we are two masks short of having a mask for all personnel. These two masks will be ordered shortly.

There were two significant fires this last month. These were both handled in a very professional manner and both structures were prevented from burning down. This year's training regime is showing excellent results in Fire Department performance.

In the near future, the spare ambulance will be moved into the Fire Station for heated winter storage.

Open burning permit season is open. Permit applications are available at the Village Administration Building and open burning may proceed with the approval of an application.

7.E. Finance – G. Ritchie reports: Finance Committee met on November 4, 2021 to discuss and draft the 2022 Appropriations. The result is in legislation on First Reading today.

7.F. Lands & Buildings – G. Finger reports: Cornelius Daniels Painting has completed work on the windows and doors of both the Town Hall and the KI Police Station.

7.G. Airport – J. Wolfe reports: Will be attending the annual call to FAA on November 23 to discuss Airport Projects.

7.H. Planning Commission – J. Wolfe reports: No meetings. No report. There are four Planning Commissions coming up.

7.I. Design Review Board – R. Maust reports: No meeting. No report.

7.J. Board of Zoning Appeals – Gary Finger: No Report

7.K. Transfer Station – E. Longbrake: No Report.

1. 7.L Village Administrator – We were informed by the Ohio Department of Public Safety – Emergency Management Agency (EMA) that our application for the Flood Mitigation Program was ineligible for funding because the Village does not participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. This was a grant application for \$3.3 million. I am working with ODP-EMA to find out how we can apply and participate in this program.

2. We were informed by the Army Corp of Engineers that they are applying for funding for East Lakeshore flood mitigation. I am researching this to see if our non-participation in the National Flood Insurance Program will have any impact on this funding source.

3. The Kelleys Island Chamber has moved out the Goliath House. They requested to store their items there until they find a place to take them, The Mayor gave them permission for this short period of time. Lisa will be sending out the final invoice.

4. I met with Lisa and starting in 2022 we will hold monthly Department Head meetings to go over budgets and issues. I wanted to do this in 2021 but time got away.

5. Dave Lambros and I met, and we have come up with a new zoning permit application that will give the Zoning Inspector more information for decision making. Also, per Bobby's request we are adding that no burning of construction material may occur on a build site, a dumpster must be on site as well as a port-a-let. Bobby had to put our four fires on build sites in one week.

6. The Public Entities Pool (PEP) representatives met with us to go over the Village's liability insurance. As a result, we have been requested to develop a sidewalk maintenance program and they want an inventory of all Village computers. I will work on the computer inventory. The sidewalk maintenance will need some work since our ordinance requires homeowners to maintain their sidewalks. I met with Dave Lambros about this, and he helped with references to the Ohio Revised Code.

7. I have met several times with Peggy Brewer who lives in Sunset Point HOA along with Mary Gaitner regarding the replacement of Ms. Brewer's waterline. She has stated that her waterline was damaged when the new water meter was put in at her neighbor's house. I met with Brandon and Bobby about this. The Water Department has given Ms. Brewer a 30% on two water bills associated with the leak. She is requesting 50% of cost of replacing her waterline which the request is a little over \$1,800.00. I am asking Council for input on this as I feel I do not have the authority to respond to this request. I will be sending Council Ms. Brewer's request and associated pictures.

7.M. Streets & Sidewalks- S. Stevenson reports: Absent / No Report.

7.N. Park Board – T. Pieratt reports the Park Board has been discussing a watering system in Memorial Park to keep the baskets and flower beds watered. Also, KILIA has agreed to purchase a sign for the Kelleys Island Community Park. G. Finger states that the Park Board will need to apply to the Design Review Board for approval of the design before purchasing and placing in park.
Mary Gaitner questions condition of slide in Memorial Park, removed or replaced. Bobby Skeans states that it will be removed and not replaced.

7.O. Mayor's Financial Report- Mayor Ehrbar: Mayor's Court report submitted by Rosalyn Ahner
November 2021: For the month of October 2021 the court collected a total of \$2285.00: \$40 Computer Fund, \$40 Court Improvement Fund, \$12 Library Fund, \$133.00 Other Costs. \$2149.00 General Fund. All

funds collected were from payment plans and fines. State was paid \$133: \$36 Victims of Crime, \$90 HB1 (state indigent support fund), \$0.00 State Bond Surcharge, \$7 Drug Law Enforcement/Justice Program Services.

Erie County Municipal was paid \$0.

Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund \$3. Bank / Online payment expenses totaled: \$77.00 (Credit Card & US Bank service fee). Two Bonds are being held at this time. Court has paid a total of \$18768.00 to the Village General Fund in 2021. Court has paid a total of \$14352.46 to the Village General Fund in 2020.

Court has paid a total of \$33837.90 to the Village General Fund in 2019. Court has paid a total of \$31425.03 to the Village General Fund in 2018.

There are currently 11 cases pending for 2021

There are currently 19 cases / tickets pending going back to 2002.

2021 – 98 tickets issued

2020 – 37 tickets issued

2019 – 120 tickets issued

2018 – 157 tickets issued

7.P Legal- D. Lambros: Absent

7.Q Treasurer - I. Klonaris reports that Financials are included in Council Packets. Still waiting for BhmCpa to finalize 2019-2020 audit. Appropriations on First Reading. I am hoping to post Sue's job by December 1st. She is planning on retiring on August 18, 2022. The plan is to get someone that we can intermittently train over that time.

7.R. Telecommunications Oversight and Development Committee- J.Wolfe reports: No Meeting. No Report.

7.T. Shoreline Protection Committee- E. Longbrake reports: No Meeting. (next legislation numbers O – 22 and R - 15) Thank you to S. Wermuth and D. Lambros for their assistance with this committee over the last four years.

9.0 First Readings:

9.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – O - _____: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO (THE VILLAGE) AND HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC (HW) FOR STREET LIGHTING SERVICES.

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: J.Wolfe _____, G. Finger _____, E. Longbrake _____, S. Stevenson _____, G. Ritchie _____, P. Seeholzer _____

Motion to pass,

RC: J.Wolfe _____, G. Finger _____, E. Longbrake _____, S. Stevenson _____, G. Ritchie _____, P. Seeholzer _____

9.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-_____ : ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREG RITCHIE)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: J.Wolfe __, G. Finger __, E. Longbrake __, S. Stevenson __, G. Ritchie __, P. Seeholzer __

Motion to pass,

RC: J.Wolfe __, G. Finger __, E. Longbrake __, S. Stevenson __, G. Ritchie __, P. Seeholzer __

9.3 ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO (THE VILLAGE) AND SQUIRE, PATTON AND BOGGS (S,P,&B) FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES NECESSARY TO OBTAIN FUNDING FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS ON KELLEYS ISLAND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMAN JOE WOLF)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: J.Wolfe __1__, G. Finger __Y__, E. Longbrake __N__, S. Stevenson __ABSENT __, G. Ritchie __N__, P. Seeholzer __2__

Motion Not Passed

Motion to pass,

RC: J.Wolfe __, G. Finger __, E. Longbrake __, S. Stevenson __, G. Ritchie __, P. Seeholzer __

9.4 ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE HIRING SEASONAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: J.Wolfe __1__, G. Finger __Y__, E. Longbrake __2__, S. Stevenson __ABSENT __, G. Ritchie __Y__, P. Seeholzer __Y__

Motion to pass,

RC: J.Wolfe __1__, G. Finger __Y__, E. Longbrake __Y__, S. Stevenson __ABSENT __, G. Ritchie __2__, P. Seeholzer __Y__

10.0 Second Readings:

10.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE REZONING PERMANENT PARCEL NO: 54-01306.002 FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) TO LOW-DENSITY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE (R-1) IN VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRRBAR)

I. Wolfe makes a motion to table 10.1 Ordinance, second by G. Finger. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: J.Wolfe __, G. Finger __, E. Longbrake __, S. Stevenson __, G. Ritchie __, P. Seeholzer __

Motion to pass,

RC: J.Wolfe __, G. Finger __, E. Longbrake __, S. Stevenson __, G. Ritchie __, P. Seeholzer __

11.0 Third Readings & Emergencies:

11.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BASE RATE SALARY RANGE FOR PAID FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME PERMANENT EMPLOYEES, ESTABLISHING COST OF LIVING INCREASES, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO: 2020-0-35

(INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMAN GREG RITCHEE)

Motion to pass,

RC: J.Wolfe __Y__, G. Finger __2__, E. Longbrake __Y__, S. Stevenson __ABSENT __, G. Ritchie __1__, P. Seeholzer __Y__

THE FOLLOWING REQUEST SUSPENSION OF THE THREE READING RULE TO ALLOW PASSAGE TODAY:

11.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-_____ : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO MAKE CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS INTO CERTAIN FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMAN GREG RITCHE)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,
RC: J.Wolfe __Y__, G. Finger __1__, E. Longbrake __Y__, S. Stevenson __ABSENT__, G. Ritchie __2__,
P. Seeholzer __Y__

Motion to pass,
RC: J.Wolfe __Y__, G. Finger __1__, E. Longbrake __2__, S. Stevenson __ABSENT__, G. Ritchie __Y__,
P. Seeholzer __Y__

12. Items from the Mayor:

First, I need to respond to some items that were stated during the election campaign season that were false. First, it was stated that I am Anti- Police. I had a career in law enforcement for 42 years as a patrolman, a supervisor in Cleveland and as this Island's Chief. I am pro-police and always will be. But I am pro-taxpayer too and frugal with hard earned tax dollars.

Second, I need to respond to items regarding our Police Chief. I know this is an important job and that our Chief has a tough job. However, I reject his statement that I misstated facts when I went door to door to discuss the levy. I gave factual information and my opinion as someone who respects the island residents and their hard-earned tax dollars.

Next, regarding our Canine, according to Weekly activity reports from the Chief, the Canine has not been used to investigate any criminal activity in over a year.

Regarding the police boat, it was given, not purchased, to us through the Federal Government for use in the Northern Border Initiative. Salaries, fuel and maintenance were once paid for by the Federal Government, but that money was cut back in the last year of my term as Chief. That is when I attempted to return the boat to the Feds.

Also, it is true that court revenues have fallen by 50 percent. Yes, initially the COVID pandemic had an obvious effect on citations and revenue. However, COVID is now being used an excuse for not issuing citations. We have had two years of record tourism on the island. This makes no sense.

Next, it has been stated that the Chief has not been given a raise and that he makes \$15.00 per hours. This is another series of false statements. This year he will make a salary of \$60,000.00 in a part time capacity. With hospitalization and payments to the pension and FICA funds on his behalf, the total package will be close to \$95,000.00. The position has been given a CPI (consumer price index) each year since I have been Mayor.

Finally, evidently the issue of automatic rifles has become a hot topic on the island. I have spoken several times with the Sheriffs of Ottawa and Erie Counties whose departments DO NOT possess these weapons due to their danger and potential liability. Accordingly, I am ordering the Chief to remove these rifles from vehicles and have them secured and locked up in the station.

I appreciate the time to set the record straight and look forward to continuing to serve as your mayor.

13. Items from Council:

14. Old Business

15. Public Comment:

16. New Business:

17. Correspondence

18. Motion to adjourn,

RC: J.Wolfe __Y__, G. Finger __1__, E. Longbrake __Y__, S. Stevenson __ABSENT__, G. Ritchie __Y__, P. Seeholzer __2__

Meeting Adjourned At: 10:37



Lisa M Klonaris, Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor Ronald E. Ehrbar