Village of Buckeye Lake Mayor's Report January 22, 2017

- 1. Another house in our village has been demolished at the expense of the Licking County Land Bank. The address is 360 Central Avenue.
- 2. I have met with both the fire and police chiefs to outline my directives and expectations for 2018. Starting next month, both will be providing much more detailed monthly reports to us and will, at a minimum, attend the second council meeting of each month. The fire chief is excused tonight due to illness. I have directed the fire chief to contact the Licking County 9-1-1 Center whenever we don't have a crew onstation and request that mutual aid be immediately dispatched to eliminate the otherwise six-minute delay in dispatching mutual aid.
- I have also met with Licking County Sheriff Randy Thorp and Central Ohio Drug Enforcement (CODE) Commander Lt. Paul Cortright about what assistance they can give us in battling drug trafficking. Both were very helpful and Lt. Cortright offered to conduct overt interdiction operations with his team in the village and to train our officers in how to conduct them on their own. I accepted his offer. I directed the police chief to immediately have our officers stop focusing on revenue-driven enforcement of traffic laws (monitoring the speed of vehicles entering or leaving the village or watching isolated stop signs for full-stop compliance). Traffic law violations that threaten the safety of pedestrians, school bus riders and other drivers will continue to be strictly enforced. The time previously spent on revenue-driven traffic enforcement will be redirected to the overt interdiction of drug trafficking within the village. The police chief enthusiastically agreed to this change of focus. Anyone who wants to supply addresses of suspected drug houses or activity, please speak to Chief Hanzey or myself or you can report it anonymously. Note: CODE is a multi-county drug enforcement group that is headquartered the LCSO.
- 4. Charlie Prince is conducting an EMT/Paramedic wage survey of area department as a resource for our salary increases for these positions.
- 5. I've accepted the resignation of Deb Julian from the planning commission. Deb did a great job and devoted a lot of personal time as secretary. We appreciate her efforts and would like to see her continue to be involved in some way.
- 6. We've advertised the officer manager position and the opening on the planning commission.
- 7. Thanks to new Council Member Bill French for performing a building inspection for our village offices and providing a written report.
- Thanks to Randy for painting over the writing on the reserved parking spaces.
- Toby and I attended a meeting at ODOT with ADR last week to discuss several future projects.
- 10. I've called ODNR regarding the status of the contract on the spillway lot. It's been circulated around the proper offices and is now on the director's desk so we should hear something soon. That will provide another \$22,000 to our budget.

Respectfully Submitted, a. Wells