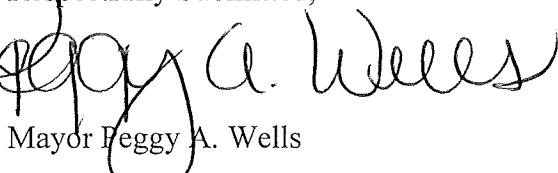


**Mayor's Report**  
**Village of Buckeye Lake**  
**November 26, 2018**

1. We continue to benefit from State Farm's generosity and the downsizing of their Newark office. We have reserved about 25 more stacking chairs that match an earlier donation that we are using in council chambers. This latest donation means we can replace all the chairs for the public in council chambers. We've also reserved several side chairs for visitors in our offices, wall hangings, shelving, four more tables and office supplies including three-ring binders, report folders, adding machines, staplers, storage boxes and trash containers. We are very grateful for State Farm's generosity.
2. Village attorney Dan Hayes' last day was November 24. I am continuing to talk with possible replacements and hope we can find a replacement at about the same hourly rate. One prospect, who represents another Licking County municipality, asked for \$265 per hour which is \$115 per hour higher than our current rate. He is no longer being considered.
3. We continue to make progress on the new office for the police department. Thanks to volunteers Al Segna, Anthony Ferrell and Julie Miller. The new front counter has been installed and is being painted.
4. Clerk-Treasurer Rochelle Menningen and I continue to gather information from department heads about their needs and projections for 2019. We have also been discussing some payroll increases for next year.
5. I am continuing to fill in as zoning officer until we find a replacement. We do have some interest in the position.
6. We've also upgraded the municipal building's electrical system so all of our administrative offices are now tied into the generator and can keep operating in the event of a power outage.
7. I attended the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation's Directors meeting on November 14, in Millersport.
8. Toby Miller and I attended an ODOT meeting at District 5 headquarters concerning the municipal bridge and Ohio 79 sidewalks/curbs project. Both projects are on track.
9. Thanks to Street Supervisor Randy Bucy for putting up Christmas lights on the village offices building.
10. The trench repair work in the Myer Addition on Highland, Central and at the corner of Slocum and Park has been slowed by poor weather. One of the two layers of asphalt has been installed. The contractor hopes to complete the work next week. The total cost is \$51,000 and is coming out of village funds.
11. The complex wind-down of our former health insurance cooperative, OPEC-HC, continued with a November 15, status conference in Franklin County Common Pleas Court. One creditor has filed a motion to expand the receivers' authority to pay other creditors. Currently, the receiver is limited to paying outstanding medical bills. Proposed orders from the parties are due November 28. Our group is opposing expansion of the receivers' authority at this point. Our potential liability could be another \$25,000 or so if Jefferson Health Plan and other creditors are able to assess former OPEC-HC to pay their claims.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mayor Peggy A. Wells