

Mayor's Report
Village of Buckeye Lake
April 9, 2018

1. On behalf of the village staff, residents and businesses, we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Fire Chief Pete Leindecker. We appreciate his many years of dedication and service to our village. Our staff has collected a donation to be made to the fire department in his memory.
2. I was invited to meet with MedBill to review their procedures and concerns regarding collection issues. Apparently, there's been an issue with a patient who has been cashing insurance checks instead of turning them into the village to pay the invoices for their own EMS transports. I signed off on the collection of those charges which will likely lead to garnishment.
3. Longtime Licking Township Trustee and Buckeye Lake Village resident Ron Acord recently passed away and we express our sincere sympathy to his family. Ron and his wife, Sheila, made their home on Lynnwood Circle. We acknowledge Ron's longtime service and contributions to his community.
4. After two attempts on March 30, Police Chief Hanzey failed his firearms re-certification at the City of Reynoldsburg Police Department's indoor firing range.
5. We sought a second estimate on our property and liability insurance that was up for renewal on April 1. We've used the same company, Public Entities Pool under USI, for 25 years. The 2017 premium was \$30,000. We've saved \$10,000 this year by switching to the Ohio Plan with Gardner Parker and it's also better coverage. Our interim clerk-treasurer sat in on the interview and agreed it's better coverage.
6. Our new office clerk, Cheryl Cade, started on April 2 and she's was very productive last week and is picking up the training quickly. We were three years behind on submitting our zoning permits to the county auditor's office and we're now current. She is also accepting water payments and helping with phone calls and walk-ins.
7. We received our official letter from Ohio Public Works Commission confirming our grant to rebuild Hunts Landing Road. Construction will be done this summer.
8. On Tues, April 3, we were happy to have Jim Bartoe come back to serve as our Bailiff for Mayor's Court. He does a great job and we're pleased to offer him this important job so he can keep up his auxiliary hours.
9. I was honored to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony with Millersport Mayor Gary Matheny for the Harbor Community Center. Thanks to Dr. Poorman, Kitty Zwissler, Ron and Trudy Craig, Lou Maresca, Marianne Perine, the Kesslers and the rest of the board and volunteers. They've really transformed the interior of the building and had a fantastic turnout ... good food, great music and a lot of people signing up for classes.
10. We were glad to see BLFD and HFD collaborate on training at the old house next to the Harbor Community Center before it gets torn down soon.
11. I will attend the April 11 hearing in Franklin County Common Pleas Court concerning the receivership for our former health insurance provider, OPEC-HC. We have intervened in the case with 10 other former members to make sure OPEC-HC's remaining assets are used to pay medical bills and to protect ourselves from possible assessments by the receiver to pay Harmon's claims. Other local interveners are Licking Township, Village of Hebron and Union Township. We are represented by Mark Stemm.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy A. Wells, Mayor