Mayor's Report Village of Buckeye Lake June 11, 2018

- 1. An Ohio Police Officer Training Academy representative came by last week to pick up all the training certificates for our paid and auxiliary officers as part of an audit of our 2017 training hours. Each officer must have completed a minimum of 20 hours of specified training in 2017. Only full-time Officer Steve Ritter and one auxiliary officer who is no longer active with us have meet the training requirement. They also picked up our records for 2016. Thanks to Code Enforcement Officer and Whitehall Division of Police Sgt. Rex Adkins for preparing the records for the audit.
- 2. Toby Miller, Rochelle Menningen and I recently meet with Alpha Link to get costs on an updated phone system. We also discussed the need to update our server capacity.
- 3. Our former interim fiscal officer Chris Kerby and Fiscal Officer Rochelle Menningen met recently to discuss issues and questions about our current village budget.
- 4. I have terminated part-time Police Officer Jeff Haas for being insubordinate and neglecting his duties as a police officer. He was given a multi-day opportunity to resign and elected not to do so.
- 5. Toby Miller, administrative office staff and I are compiling a list of surplus equipment.
- 6. Our volunteer police chief screening panel met for the first time on June 5. So far we have received 16 applications/letters of interest. The filing deadline is June 22.
- 7. We met with our casualty/liability insurance agent to review employee bonding.
- 8. Our code enforcement officer and I have prioritized the schedule to mow properties with high grass/weeds. Mowing started this weekend.
- 9. I am continuing to inventory and upgrade the police department's office space. As part of that effort, I discovered dozens railroad torpedoes in a cabinet. Fire Chief Clifford Mason was able to identify them and made arrangements for the Columbus Division of Fire Bomb Squad to pick them up. A technician on a motorcycle picked them up Sunday morning. They can become unstable and pose an explosive risk, primarily to your eyes, fingers and hands.
- 10. I made another personal visit to the Licking County Prosecutor's Office about the foreclosure status of the tremendous eyesore at 90 Leroy Street. This afternoon the assistant county prosecutor responsible called me to tell me that it will be expedited and transferred out of the Common Pleas Court to the Board of Revision. The Board of Revision can transfer it to the Land Bank so it can be cleaned up and ultimately turned over to a responsible owner.
- 11. We got confirmation today from the Ohio Department of Transportation that our grant application to replace the dual bridges going into the former truck stop with a single, multi-lane bridge aligned with Mill Dam Road has been accepted. The village share is five percent plus engineering. The actual work is three to four years out.

Respectively submitted,

Peggy A.'Wells, Mayor