Mayor's Report Village of Buckeye Lake July 23, 2018

- 1. For the second time, we have received written confirmation from the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy that Police Officer Stephen Ritter's 20-hours Continuing Professional has been completed/verified.
- 2. Thanks to Zoning Inspector Doug Stewart, the City of Whitehall has agreed to donate up to a dozen, approximately four-year old HP computers to the village. They will be used to replace older computers in the fire, police and administrative departments. A big thanks to Doug and the City of Whitehall.
- 3. Our engineering consultant, ADR's funding specialist Richard Waugh met last week with LCATS' Matt Hill about getting some financial assistance from LCATS for the design and matching fund requirements for our municipal bridge project. Any LCATS funding would supplement the 95 percent federal funding for the project through ODOT. We will be meeting with Matt Hill, ADR and ODOT to coordinate the tight design schedule. We will need to confirm our engineering consultant selection soon.
- 4. Fire Chief Clifford Mason and I visited State Farm last week to see what office equipment may be available via donation. I had previously applied to participate in their donation program. Thanks to former Buckeye Lake resident Kim Lust for bringing the program to our attention and helping me with the application. We have reserved some tables, work counters (primarily for the remodeled police department), metal storage cabinets for the fire and police departments, and upholstered, stackable chairs for council chambers. Thanks State Farm and Kim Lust.
- 5. So far we have received 24 public service hours from a hard worker who has been cleaning our offices, working on the police department renovation and helping the new police chief in organizing the office.
- 6. Last Monday, both chiefs, Toby Miller, Charlie Prince and I met to discuss how to improve safety at the unofficial MOPAR cruise on Saturday, August 11. Our tentative plans are to strictly limit any burnouts to between the hours of 6 9 p.m. and to the four-lane boulevard area from Wendy's to the North Shore Park entrance. Each outside lane would be closed to cruise traffic to put some distance between spectators and a possibly out-of-control vehicle. Drivers would be welcome to cruise down the two-lane portion of Ohio 79 in the village, but it would be a strictly enforced no-burnout area. We are seeking assistance from the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Fairfield and Licking County Sheriff's Departments and ODOT.
- 7. I made a follow-up visit to the Licking County Prosecutor's Office on July 10 to check on the status of the property at 90 Leroy.
- 8. A contractor finished spackling the drywall in the renovated police department on July 15.
- 9. Our code enforcement officer and I spent several hours on July 14 driving through the village.
- 10. Police Chief Vickie Wardlow and Officer Ritter participated in some training at the Whitehall Division of Police on July 18.

Respectively submitted,

Peggy A. Wells, Mayor