

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
January 24, 2022

Call to Order: By Council President Linda Goodman at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by Council President Linda Goodman.

Roll Call: Present: Don Cable (0,0), Linda Goodman (0,0), Deb Julian (0,0),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) John Lemmon (0,0), Max Thompson (0,0), Tom Wolfe (0,0)

Staff Present: Mayor Jeryne Peterson; Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Toby Miller, Water Superintendent / Public Works; Jason Harget, Police Chief; David Routon, Assistant Fire Chief; Kevin Strang, Zoning Inspector; Rex Adkins, Code Enforcement; Kellie Green, Parks and Recreation;

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to approve the January 10, 2022 regular council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Julian, Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 6 – 0

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Julian, to approve the December 2021 Reconciliations and Treasurer's report dated January 18, 2022.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Julian, Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 6 – 0

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Personnel Committee Chair Deb Julian stated that the Personnel Committee recommended bringing both qualified candidates, Casey Clark and Rod Mitchell, forward for the vacant council seat.

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Julian, Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 6 – 0

Voting slips were passed out.

Votes for Rod Mitchell for the vacant Council seat: Cable, Lemmon, Goodman, Wolfe

Votes for Casey Clark for the vacant Council seat: Thompson, Julian

Rod Mitchell will take the vacant council seat by a margin of 4-2.

He was sworn in by Mayor Jeryne Peterson

Mayor Jeryne Peterson also swore in Keith Smith as a new member of the Planning and Zoning / BZA Commission.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Julian to accept Kaye Hartman as Council's appointment to the Planning and Zoning / BZA Commission.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Julian, Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 6 – 0

Kaye Hartman was sworn in by Mayor Jeryne Peterson.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to reconfirm Dick Williams to the Planning and Zoning / BZA Commission as stated in the Charter.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Julian, Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: Mitchell; **Nays: 0;** **Motion Passed 6 – 1 – 0**

Dick Williams was sworn in by Mayor Jeryne Peterson as a renewal to his seat on the Planning and Zoning / BZA Commission as a non-resident of the village.

Fiscal Officer Jennifer Dennis reported that she has closed out the year-end for 2021 in the UAN system, all quarterly and year-end reports have been completed, the W2s and 1099s have been mailed out. Federal and State tax reports have been completed, as well as reconciliations for city tax year-end, school district, BWC, ODJFS, and OPERS reports and reconciliations.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Held a meeting this evening where they recommended Ordinances 2022-06 and 2022-07 and Resolution 2022-01. Next Finance Committee meeting will be held on February 14th at 6:30pm. The second Monday of every month at 6:30pm will be their standing meeting time.

Public Safety Committee: No report. Had a meeting scheduled for tonight with Fire Chief Wyse but that was postponed. Next Monday evening, Chair Thompson will meet with Police Chief Harget to understand the Police needs for the year.

Public Service Committee: No report. First Monday of every month at 6:30pm will be their standing meeting time, with the first meeting on February 7th at 6:30pm. Chair Cable recommends public attendance at these meetings.

Rules Committee: President Goodman spoke to newly appointed Chair Mitchell about the duties of the Rules Committee.

Community Development Committee: Next meeting will be February 28th at 6:00pm with the subject of short-term rentals.

Personnel Committee: Held a meeting on January 20th to interview the two candidates for the vacant council seat – Rod Mitchell and Casey Clark. Next meeting to be held 6:45pm on February 28th to talk about the Employee Handbook.

Report of Council President – President Goodman announced a Special Council meeting to be held Thursday January 27th at 6:30pm for the resolution for placing a levy on the ballot. President Goodman stated that the solicitor Brad Nicodemus offered to come speak with council members about parliamentary procedure and answer any questions.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget – Congratulated the new members of council. Chief Harget found a cost savings of over \$1,200 for software that they use. Officer Aaron Wolfe will be promoted to Sergeant and sworn in as such at the next council meeting. The Police Department is looking to fill an officer vacancy. Looking to start an auxiliary program. Thank you to Rex Adkins for his help in the department and training. He passed out the December calls for service that came in at 178 calls. The Police Department is prepared for Winterfest this year.

Fire Department – Chief Ryan Wyse – Chief Wyse was absent but Assistant Chief David Routon was there in his place to say that the department is plugging away.

Public Works – Toby Miller – First Public Service Committee meeting of the year will most likely cover a lot of topics.

Parks and Recreation – Kellie Green – Parks and Recreation is focusing on getting the newly acquired Youth Center building up and running, hopefully by the end of March. Chair Annetta Macedonia met with Toby Miller and Jennifer Dennis to talk about bids and the work that needs completed. Toby’s crew has picked up a lot of the work that was going to be on the bids to try to save the village some money, such as lighting, ceiling tile replacement, new water heater installation, capping off unused wiring, and bringing toilets up to ADA requirements. After that work is completed, they will meet again to re-evaluate the bids and get a few more. May be able to asphalt the parking lot near there as well. Parks and Recreation member Barb Sills is working on a brochure to highlight the different parks and facilities available. They would like to get an overhang at the Youth Center building entrance. Councilor Wolfe mentioned the YES program out of Newark for the youth and said he could get some more information.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins – Welcomed the new council members. End of year report submitted with about 90+ complaints total for the year. 24 of them remain active (either trying to gain compliance from the homeowners or it is currently in court). 70+ of the complaints have been closed out (homeowner either came into compliance of the violation or the village addressed the violation). 1 house demolished and the lot has been cleaned up.

Zoning – Kevin Strang – Report submitted. Explained that he had to resign and be hired again as a contracted employee due to OPERS, effective January 1, 2022. He has had about 2 dozen applications to look at. Slow time of year. Councilor Wolfe would like to see someone from the Planning and Zoning Commission come and report to council.

Report of Mayor – No report.

Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Cable, to move Resolutions to be read before Ordinances on the agenda tonight.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Julian, Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Mitchell, Cable
Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

Resolution 2022-01 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING A REPLACEMENT TAX ON PROPERTY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE AND REQUESTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE LICKING COUNTY AND FAIRFIELD COUNTY AUDITORS AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Julian, Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: Mitchell; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 6 – 1 – 0

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to adopt Resolution 2022-01.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Julian, Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: Mitchell; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 6 – 1 – 0

There will be a Special Council meeting on January 27th for the second part of this levy submission process.

Resolution 2022-02 - A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AGREEMENT WITH NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIES LLC. FOR THE PURPOSES OF PREPARING AN ARPA GRANT FOR THE VILLAGE AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Julian, Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: Mitchell; **Nays: 0;** **Motion Passed 6 – 1 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Julian, to adopt Resolution 2022-02.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Julian, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: Lemmon, Mitchell; **Nays: 0;** **Motion Passed 5 – 2 – 0**

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading –

Ordinance 2022-01 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIES LLC FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TRAVEL, TOURISM, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Julian, Thompson, Wolfe
Abstain: Mitchell; **Nays:** Lemmon, Cable; **Motion Passed 4 – 1 – 2**

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Julian, to adopt Ordinance 2022-01.

Roll call vote: Yes: 0;
Abstain: Mitchell; **Nays:** Goodman, Julian, Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable; **Motion Failed 0 – 1 – 6**

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2022-06 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-67 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Julian, Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: Mitchell; **Nays: 0;** **Motion Passed 6 – 1 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Julian, to adopt Ordinance 2022-06.

Roll call vote: Yes: Goodman, Julian, Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: Mitchell; **Nays: 0;** **Motion Passed 6 – 1 – 0**

Ordinance 2022-07 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-67 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This will move on to a second reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Short-term rentals – Each council member has a copy of the most recent recommendations document for the short-term rental application. Planning and Zoning and council have had several meetings about this topic. Draft #1 is dated October 7, 2021 that had a Public Hearing on October 18, 2021 as a Special Council meeting. Short-term rentals were talked about again at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on November 4, 2021. Draft #2 is dated November 7, 2021 and there has not been a Public Hearing for this version. President Goodman thinks it should be gone through item by item and council needs to familiarize themselves with it. She also stated it applies to the entire village. Any public comments will be limited to 3 minutes. Councilor Julian requested that the updates and discussion on the document be presented first at any upcoming public hearings, as many of the questions and comments people had were addressed in the changes and could have saved time. There will be a Community Development Committee meeting on February 28th to speak more about short-term rentals.

Cranberry Bay Emergency Access Road - Councilor Wolfe said that council could consider denial of any building permits to Maple Bay Investors until the road is put in. He hopes that there will be cooperation soon.

NEW BUSINESS –

Councilor Wolfe does not like the layout of the council chambers. He would like everyone to be on the same level. Councilor Lemmon would like a podium for any speakers or citizens.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS -

President Goodman read a letter from Kitty Zwissler asking council for their help in getting the word out about free COVID-19 test kits available.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Thompson: Very productive meeting. Councilor Cable brought him up to speed as a new member. There is a lot to work on.

Councilor Wolfe: No comments.

Councilor Julian: Senses the positive energy within the group and it is her goal to keep it as positive and productive as possible and for everyone to move forward. Congratulated Councilor Mitchell.

Councilor Goodman: Agrees about the positive energy and we want what is best and to work together on it, even if there are things we disagree on. Winterfest 2022 is this weekend, which is a big deal in the village. Go out, support local businesses. Fireworks at 6:30am. Allows us to see what is possible and what is going to happen as far as growth within the village.

Councilor Mitchell: Thanked everyone for voting him onto council. Looks forward to working with everyone. A lot of important and big issues but he thinks council can keep it positive.


Councilor Lemmon: Welcomed Councilor Mitchell and is excited about the skills he brings.

Councilor Cable: Welcomed Councilor Mitchell. Winterfest needs to be fun but it also needs to be a safe time.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Wolfe.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

NEXT MEETING: Special Council Meeting: January 27, 2022 Regular Council: February 14, 2022


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


Linda Goodman, Council President