

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

June 27, 2022

Call to Order: By Council President Linda Goodman at 7:15p.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 (0,1), Sue Wadley (0,0), Tom Wolfe (0,0)

Staff Present: Mayor Jeryne Peterson; Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Jason Harget, Police Chief; David Ruton, Fire Chief; Toby Miller, Public Works Supervisor; Rex Adkins, Code Enforcement; Kevin Strang, Zoning Inspector; Annetta Macedonia and Barb Sills, Parks and Recreation Commission

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to approve the June 13, 2022 regular council meeting minutes.

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

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable, to approve the Treasurer's report dated June 21, 2022.

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Licking County Auditor Michael Smith spoke to council about the placement of levies on the ballot for voters. He spoke about dollar amounts and renewal versus replacement levies. He passed out an information sheet that is included with the minutes. Two classes of property – Class I - Residential / Agricultural and Class II - Commercial / Industrial that have two different effective rates. As values increase for Class I, it effects those effective rates in a different manner than it does for Class II. Renewal means the village would not collect any more revenue from the levy. The levy started out at 5 mill and over the years with increased valuations has dropped down to 3.3282510 mill. If the village replaces that, it would be at 5 mill which would replace the millage and would pick up the increase valuation since the levy passed which would generate additional revenue. Information needs to be submitted to the Board of Elections by 4PM on August 10th. This would be the last opportunity to get the levy passed without an interruption in revenue collection. The county auditor's website has a levy calculator on it for residents to see what the additional cost would be. There will be a January 1, 2023 tax reassessment to be paid in 2024 which happens every 6 years. The auditor's office could put out a personalized postcard for each property to state what their own increase would be.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Ordinance 2022-26 on the agenda tonight was recommended from the Finance Committee.

Public Safety Committee: Chairman Thompson deferred his report, as the Fire and Police Chiefs were there to report tonight. No Public Safety committee meeting to be held in July.

Public Service Committee: Next meeting will be rescheduled from the first Monday of the month (which falls on July 4th when offices are closed) to July 6th at 6:30pm.

Rules Committee: There was a committee meeting this evening where they discussed council rules #6-8 about the order of business. Next meeting to be held July 25th at 6:00pm.

Community Development Committee: No report.

Personnel Committee: Quick meeting held tonight. Will finalize changes to Employee Benefits in the Employee Handbook during their next Personnel meeting which will be July 25th at 6:30pm, along with discussion on parental leave for staff and the addition of the Juneteenth Federal holiday.

Report of Council President – President Goodman had a meeting with Michael Smith and Brad Cottrell from the Licking County Auditor’s Office about the Operating Levy. She thanked the Police Department for their movie night on Saturday. Fireworks on the lake will be Friday July 1st. Will be very busy. Be safe. Will light them at Fairfield Beach. Civic Association Boat Parade will happen on Saturday July 2nd. A lot of fun and a nice event. Starts at Liebs Island at 11am and ends at Waterfront for judging of the boats. Comprehensive Plan survey for residents is available online; please fill it out. Stakeholders open house will be on July 21st at 4pm for residents to talk about the Comprehensive Plan. Location details will be posted soon.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget – Donut with Dallas event went well. Lucky to have K9 unit and Officer May for narcotics and also for community public relations. They will soon reach out to Lakewood Schools to present to the kids there. Movie night was great on Saturday. It was their first time so they learned a lot. Had about 40 people. They have to pay \$300 for a motion picture license for each movie played, new or old. Chief asked that if anyone would like to sponsor a movie to please contact the Police Department. No movie this weekend due to July 4th festivities. The movie is free and there is free popcorn and slushies. Thanked the Fire Department for being there and glad to let people see those departments in a different role rather than someone hurt or in trouble. 241 calls for service in May. All officers working on Friday for the fireworks. Chief attended an ODNR meeting about it and will be supported by them as well.

Fire Department – Chief David Ruton – May 2022 report submitted. Councilor Thompson asked what the write-off policy is for billing? Chief Ruton said that the billing company sends the bill to the insurance company. 3 months at the most. No one is hard-billed. Medicare approved a 5% increase this year and the Fire Department increased 5% too. Chief said extra holiday for the year will cost a lot to cover. Fire truck is waiting on parts to be fixed.

Public Works – Toby Miller – Meyers /Central Avenues and park parking lot paving is complete. There is berm and cleanup work to be done. Neal Avenue will be paved Wednesday or Thursday. State Route 79 will remain 1 lane north and south on Friday for the fireworks due to wet concrete for curbs being poured. Meyers / East Street needs storm water work done before it can be fixed. Bridge project is in phases. Two separate projects: bridge project and TAP project. Phase I is center islands, part of the crosswalks, curbs, berm; Phase II is sidewalks, curbs, crosswalks, and outside lanes; Phase III is the bridge project. Traffic will be congested until Fall, as Phases II and III may overlap some. November 30th completion date. State Route 37 between truck stop and SR79 will be closed for 5 weeks per Councilor Wadley beginning July 11th. Licking County Health Department was in the village on Thursday spraying for mosquitoes. Councilor Goodman said it was very strong. Toby Miller said, until we can get someone licensed, have to deal with the county doing it. Once a week they will spray at dusk or dawn.

Parks and Recreation – Annetta Macedonia & Barb Sills – Passed out project tracker with their statuses. The Commission refers to the building at 118 Third Street as the Recreation Center. The Commission is looking to still put baseboards in the restrooms, do painting touch-up inside, waiting on concrete pad and handicap ramp poured out front, landscaping to be done, and a final major cleaning of the building. They appreciate council for

the opportunity to have this building and for their generosity in the budget this year. Thanked Toby Miller and his crew for their help, especially over the Winter. This help has saved nearly \$10,000. They thanked the volunteers, as well as commission members and their families for their tremendous help and contributions. The kitchen is very limited to prepared food and drink setup for the time being. Just a refrigerator for now, no microwave or oven. They hope to open the interior of the building by July 1st. One event scheduled for July 14th: BLRC would like to hold a meeting there which would be great exposure. Wi-fi is up and running in the building. The Commission is planning a grand opening with an open-house type format with a 60th anniversary theme. Information will be on the website about the permit, application, regulations, fees, and rules for renting the various parks facilities. These will be updated to include rental of the Recreation Center. Surveillance is up at the park and is tied to the police and it is money well spent as there has been graffiti and vandalism in the past. The Commission welcomes village officials to use the facilities but to contact Parks Aide Samantha Torres to check that the date requested is available. The Village of Buckeye Lake Recreation Center / Rec Center name communicates the intent of the building. There have been quite a few people responsible for the construction and shaping of the building, as well as the history. Commission member Barb Sills passed out a concept for the history timeline to be put on the walls inside the building. The village is happy and grateful to those who helped in the establishing of the Youth Association / Recreation Center. Names and events will go on the walls in categories. Barb is talking to J-me Braig who may have information in the archives at the Buckeye Lake Museum to fill in the blanks. They asked if the summer intern, council, and anyone listening to the meeting could offer any help with more research. It will take documentation to determine what goes on the wall, not just hearsay. There are a lot of people who contributed to the success of the building and of the Youth Association. Barb is working on finalizing a brochure to have available to help promote the use of the building. Councilor Cable thanked the commission for their hard work on the building. In the last three years, the budget for Parks and Recreation has improved. Additional equipment will be ordered soon. There is funding available for greenspace. Mayor Peterson said that Intern Delaney Horton is working on applying for a Parks and Recreation ADA grant and LEADS will gift Little Tikes playground equipment to the village.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable, to accept the Village of Buckeye Lake Recreation Center (Rec Center for short) as the official name for the building at 118 Third Street.

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

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins – Quarterly report submitted. 14 new high grass complaints. 75 complaints altogether, some of which have been taken care of. 72 active cases, 10 additional cases active in court. 4-5 have been taken care of. Ordinance 2022-25 on agenda tonight for property maintenance admin fees and procedures.

Zoning – Kevin Strang – Report submitted. Has processed 16 zoning applications and has done 26 on-site visits for various zoning projects and 9 electronic communications. Not every person on the report has a permit that has been issued, as they still need to pay or need to submit more information. No permits are issued until completely sure.

Planning and Zoning – No representative / no report.

Report of Mayor – Mayor Peterson said the lunch program has been going well. Sporadic days in terms of number of people who come to receive lunches. No lunches will be served on Monday July 4th. She will attend a meeting with elected officials for Intel construction plans and what is next for that project. She has introduced herself to new business owners in the village. Worked with code enforcement and zoning. If you see something, say something and it will be looked into.

Councilor Wolfe requested a 5-minute recess.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2022-25 – AN ORDINANCE SETTING POLICY, PROCEDURES, AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO, LICKING COUNTY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Goodman, Julian, Lemmon

Abstain: 0; Nays: Cable; Motion Passed 6 – 1

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Julian, to adopt Ordinance 2022-25.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian, Lemmon

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Ordinance 2022-26 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2014-17 TO UPDATE THE REGULATION OF THE OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED, UNDER-SPEED, OR UTILITY VEHICLE, OR A MINI-TRUCK, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian, Lemmon

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Cable, to adopt Ordinance 2022-26.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian, Lemmon

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Ordinance 2022-27 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2014-18 TO AMEND THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR UNDER-SPEED VEHICLES AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian, Lemmon

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Cable, to adopt Ordinance 2022-27.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian, Lemmon

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading –

Resolution 2022-09 - 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: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian, Lemmon

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Wadley, to adopt Resolution 2022-09.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Cable, Goodman, Julian, Lemmon

Abstain: Wolfe; **Nays: 0;** **Motion Passed 6 – 1 – 0**

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

Resolution 2022-10 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING A RENEWAL TAX FOR THE CURRENT ELECTION 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 Wadley, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian, Lemmon

Abstain: 0; **Nays: 0;** **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Wadley, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to adopt Resolution 2022-10.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Cable, Goodman, Julian, Lemmon

Abstain: Wolfe; **Nays: 0;** **Motion Passed 6 – 1 – 0**

Resolution 2022-11 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING A RENEWAL TAX FOR THE CURRENT ELECTION AND PROVIDING AN INCREASE OF TWENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (.25) FOR A TOTAL MILLAGE OF FIVE AND TWENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (5.25) 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 Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian, Lemmon

Abstain: 0; **Nays: 0;** **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Julian, to adopt Resolution 2022-11.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Cable, Goodman, Julian

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** Wadley, Wolfe, Lemmon; **Motion Passed 4 – 3**

Resolution 2022-12 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING A REPLACEMENT TAX ON PROPERTY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR FIRE AND EMS PROTECTION AND SERVICES 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: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian, Lemmon

Abstain: 0; **Nays: 0;** **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to adopt Resolution 2022-12.

Discussion: Councilor Lemmon stated that this is necessary and the Fire Department needs to have it but it will not get them to where they need to be in order to be fully funded but is a lot better than the situation they are currently in. President Goodman stated that the Fire Department is still funded through next year and this levy could go on the ballot in the Spring of 2023, or again in Fall 2023 if needed, whereas the Operational Levy, there is no more funding. The Fire Department has expressed their feelings that they have never had an issue

passing a Fire levy. Councilor Lemmon said that budget choices will need to be made and he would like to see it on the ballot in Fall 2022 and if it fails it can go back in the Spring. Fiscal Officer Jennifer Dennis said that she and Mayor Peterson sat down with Chief Ruton to discuss it. She said that the necessity could be passed tonight but the Fire Department is considering suggesting that council hold off until Spring of 2023 to put the Fire Levy on the ballot. Councilor Julian has huge concerns about putting two levies on the ballot at the same time.

Roll call vote: Yes: Cable, Lemmon

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Goodman, Julian; **Motion Failed 2 – 5**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

LEADS Food Pantry Lease – Letter received from Nathan Keirns at LEADS in response to council’s request for \$600 a year from LEADS to cover the cost of the sewer bill for that building that is paid for by the village. Councilor Julian asked why the village pays for the sewer bill. Councilor Lemmon said that often times Licking County Water and Wastewater wants the utility bill in the owner’s name. Councilor Wadley said she thought it was required for sewer to be in the owner’s name. Councilor Julian suggested to leave it the way it is and LEADS pay \$50 a month to the village to pay it for them. Councilor Julian clarified that the village should also need to be receiving proof of insurance from LEADS.

Payment to Steve Schilling – Councilor Cable clarified that it came out of the Public Service Committee meeting that the village is to pay Steve Schilling \$2,500 in lieu of a water tap fee. Councilor Julian said there is another request at that address and Mayor Peterson said that the village is waiting on a survey person to confirm where the property lines are and that there was a request to move a dumpster over near the telephone pole and put a gate up to be accessed from village property and allow delivery trucks access there as well. There was damage to a fence from when a truck backed into it in the past. Toby Miller also mentioned that restricted parking signs are here and need to be put up.

NEW BUSINESS – Chief Harget spoke about a new crime and tip email address for non-emergencies: tips@buckeyelakevillage.com. Send them a message and they will look into it. Chief has his officers on the road a majority of the time and he will assign someone to these tasks as they come in.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Thompson: Kudos to Police and Fire Departments. Commendable and outstanding job restoring relationships.

Councilor Wolfe: No report.

Councilor Julian: Thanked Mayor Peterson for her time and effort on the Summer Lunch Program. Kids appreciate it. She appreciates the work on the recreation center and the effort put into preserving the history. She has a ton of neighbors who use the pickleball courts at the park, so it is not just kids who benefit from the parks.

Councilor Cable: Likes the new pictures in council chambers. Congratulations to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The village is reaping the benefits from past discussions. Annetta Macedonia is leading them well. Be safe this weekend and buy local.

Councilor Lemmon: Be safe. Deregulation on fireworks, so we may hear more of them this year. Please do not set them off in neighborhoods near homes.

Councilor Wadley: Please put your pets inside, the fireworks scare them. Hope to help people of the village understand how the funds will be used if the operational levy is passed. Thanks to Police, Fire, and Water departments. They are here to serve and are doing a great job.

Councilor Goodman: Please do not set off fireworks on your boat or dock. Have a good time this weekend. Thanks to Parks and Recreation, Police and Fire.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Cable, to go into executive session to discuss Fire personnel, council members only.

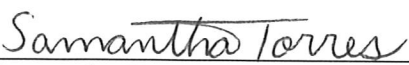
Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian, Lemmon

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 7 – 0

Council members entered into executive session at 9:23pm. Entered back into the open meeting at 10:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Julian. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting: July 11, 2022



Samantha Torres, Council Clerk



Linda Goodman, Council President