

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes  
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook  
**March 10, 2025**

**Call to Order:** By Council President John Lemmon 7:00p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence:** Led by Council President John Lemmon.

**Roll Call:** Present: Don Cable, Kellie Green, Deb Julian, Douglas Keener, John Lemmon, Sue Wadley, Tom Wolfe  
Absent: None

**Staff Present:** Linda Goodman, Mayor; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Amanda Hoppel, Clerk Treasurer; Jerry Brooks, Interim Fire Chief;

**Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Councilor Wadley, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve the February 24, 2025 regular council meeting minutes.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green, Keener

**Abstain:** Julian; Nays: 0; **Motion Passed 6 – 1 - 0**

**Approval of Clerk Treasurer’s Report:** Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve the Treasurer’s report dated March 6, 2025.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener

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

**APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Goodman read her State of the Village for projects completed in 2024 and some key points of what will be worked on in 2025 which can be found in the meeting minutes binder.

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**Finance Committee:** Held a meeting tonight with discussion on legislation on the agenda tonight including money appropriated for the part-time employee for Parks and Recreation. Discussed change order for stormwater project. Also talked about windows and doors replacement for the village office.

**Public Safety Committee:** No report tonight.

**Public Service Committee:** Meeting held last Monday. Minutes in packet. Working on stormwater project. Next meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Rules Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Community Development Committee:** Meeting held tonight. There are a few ordinances on the agenda tonight for dedicating existing village property as park space and parking space. Will be a nice spot for the kids to play within the neighborhood.

**Personnel Committee:** Meeting held tonight. Revisited pay ordinance. Will make recommendation to change the code enforcement officer position from stipend to hourly, 20 hours per week. With the addition of full-time Fire Chief, our policy and handbook allow for exempt people to earn comp time up to a cap. Since that position operates at a different capacity than our other exempts (they work 12-hour shifts instead of 8-hour shifts), we will amend and impose a cap of 88 hours for that. Will come back next week and have further discussion about reviewing the pay grid and comparable salary scale.

**Report of Council President:** Thanked the mayor for her hard work. She is the third mayor that he has harassed about Veteran's Day and he appreciates that she will be doing something for them and he knows that the veterans will appreciate that as well. Also, Council Clerk has put in a lot of time and effort.

Councilor Cable inquired about the VFW area near Hereinafter. Mayor stated that cannot be moved, per the VFW.

**Report of Mayor:** No added report aside from the State of the Village.

**Citizen's Comments Regarding Legislation on Tonight's Agenda:** None.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinances for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading –**

**Ordinance 2025-05** - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE.

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wadley to adopt Ordinance 2025-05.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener

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

**Ordinance 2025-06** – AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE.

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wolfe to adopt Ordinance 2025-06.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener

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

**Ordinance 2025-08** - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Julian to adopt Ordinance 2025-08.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener

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

**Ordinances for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – None.

**Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** –

**Ordinance 2025-09** - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 – 2025 PAY PLAN AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to suspend the rules.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener

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

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wadley to adopt Ordinance 2025-09.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener

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

**Ordinance 2025-10** – AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE.

Motion by Councilor Wadley, seconded by Councilor Keener to amend Ordinance 2025-10 to include an emergency clause for the second reading at the next council meeting.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener

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

**Ordinance 2025-11** - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3 FOR THE WEST NORTH BANK STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener

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

Council wanted clarification within the ordinance about the change from Change Order Number 2 to this Change Order Number 3.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Green to amend Ordinance 2025-11 to add a Whereas section about the amount change from Change Order Number 2 to Change Order Number 3.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener

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

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Ordinance 2025-11 as amended.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolutions for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading** – None.

**Resolutions for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – None.

**Resolutions for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** –

**Resolution 2025-05** - A RESOLUTION DEDICATING EXISTING VILLAGE PROPERTY AS PARK LANDS AND AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO OVERSEE SAID LANDS.

This will move to a second reading.

**Resolution 2025-06** - A RESOLUTION DEDICATING EXISTING VILLAGE PROPERTY TO BE USED AS PUBLIC PARKING – MYERS AVENUE.

Councilor Julian thinks we should look at the specifics on zoning for public parking being next to R-2 housing to see if this needs to go for a public hearing for these two resolutions, 06 and 07.

This will move to a second reading.

**Resolution 2025-07** - A RESOLUTION DEDICATING EXISTING VILLAGE PROPERTY TO BE USED AS PUBLIC PARKING – SECOND STREET.

This will move to a second reading.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

**Codification Update** – Council Clerk is working on this in her free time. She is now working on the ordinances that were before her time so she is trying to organize documents on the village server and on the website while also getting them sent to the company.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

**Updating Windows and Doors on Village Office Building** – Have an estimate from Richardson Glass. Committee would like more estimates for redoing glass on the front of the building. Will get two more bids done the same way. Need to clarify if there will be tinted glass.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS –**

Casey Clark – 241 Lakeview Drive – As many have stated, there is a police levy on the ballot May 6<sup>th</sup>. She thinks it is really important for voters to understand the reason for the verbiage on the ballot. The issue reads: “Property Tax - Additional 4-mil for a period of 3 years for the purpose of police protection services.” In Casey’s opinion, the verbiage is very misleading since this is not an additional levy, it is a new levy. That is a wording required by the Ohio Revised Code. Per the Ohio Revised Code, there are only three types of levies: renewal, replacement, and additional. This levy is not a renewal nor is it a replacement levy so we are left with ‘additional’ even though at the end of 2025 all current levies funding the police department will have expired. The current levy for the police department expires at the end of 2025 and when this new levy passes, funding will not start until 2026 and it will be the ONLY levy funding the Village of Buckeye Lake Police Department. So, when you vote ‘YES’ on Election Day on May 6<sup>th</sup> or vote early starting April 8<sup>th</sup>, please remember this is NOT an additional levy. It will be the ONLY levy funding your police department and it is a NEW levy.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS –**

**Councilor Lemmon** – The 5mil Police levy actually expired at the end of 2023 and the 3mil expired at the end of 2024. Both Police levies at this point have expired. We do not have a current police levy. This would be the only Police levy if it passes.

**Councilor Wadley** – Thanked mayor for her State of the Village. Nice to see a summary on one document.

**Councilor Wolfe** – Casey, thank you for your explanation and thank you for taking lead of the Police levy. This comes up in May. If you want Police protection, we are going to need to pass this. At the last meeting, Stryker came to give a presentation of LifePaks as our old ones are expired. Around \$180,000 with a power cot. Would like the quote to go over to the Finance committee for review as it does expire soon. Need to have current medical devices on our squad vehicles.

**Councilor Cable** – Time changed over the weekend. Weather is warmer which will bring more people out and about and in the streets. Be careful out there. If you’re walking, get out of the street. There are some blind spots around the village. Buy local.

**Councilor Green** – Thanked mayor for her report. She was a very busy mayor and it’s nice to see this printed. Councilor Green will be knocking on doors campaigning for the Police levy. We need to support our Police levy. Signage can go out on May 1<sup>st</sup>. She does not want to live in a village without first responders.

**Councilor Julian** – Mayor is on top of a lot of different topics all the time. Appreciates it. She is helping move the village along in a positive direction. We should have a pretty good response for the Police levy. She looks forward to that and to Spring time.

**Councilor Keener** – Thanked the mayor for her report. Thanked Casey. Buy local.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Lemmon to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Regular Council Meeting – March 24th, 2025

  
Samantha Torres, Council Clerk

  
John Lemmon, Council President