

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
March 13, 2023

Call to Order: By Council President Linda Goodman at 7:04p.m.

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

Roll Call: Present: Paula Brunton (0,0), Don Cable (0,0), Linda Goodman (0,0),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Deb Julian (0,0), John Lemmon (0,0), Tom Wolfe (0,0)
Absent: Sue Wadley (0,0 excused)

Staff Present: Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council;
Rex Adkins, Code Enforcement Officer;

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to approve the February 27, 2023 regular council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Lemmon, Wolfe, Brunton, Cable, Goodman, Julian

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 February Reconciliations and Treasurer's report dated March 8, 2023.

Roll call vote: Yes: Lemmon, Wolfe, Brunton, Cable, Goodman, Julian

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

Fiscal Officer Jennifer Dennis stated that the village has received the first half tax settlement from Fairfield County of \$6,409.28. Licking County settlement should be coming soon. BWC audit was about 20 minutes and is completed. The village will owe \$700 but also received a roughly \$200 refund from them recently. The village also received \$700 from the opioid settlement with more money coming. Jennifer suggested that the Public Safety committee begin to talk about how to use that money. Budget and insurance changes for the permanent budget were made. Mayor written request to council about a Development Director was sent.

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS – Mike Fornataro of BLRC 2036 was invited to give some ideas on how BLRC and the Village of Buckeye Lake can work better together after a somewhat rocky start to their relationship. Mike explained that BLRC helps their member entities with grant requests that come after meeting with them to identify important projects. They have a contract with Van Meter Ashbrook & Associates who are in Columbus and have grant writers and people who understand the grants to help find those grant dollars. He stated that BLRC is not going out to find a project within a community and say that is the project we are doing. Instead, they will meet with the community and ask what are some important projects the entity has in mind and then they will put their people to work to find the funding mechanisms. Once the funding mechanisms are found, they will engage a company to write a scope of work proposal that would come back to the village for review to make sure it is going in the right direction which is all part of being a member entity on the BLRC board. If the village chooses a project, BLRC would administer the grant and be responsible for managing the contractors, payment to the contractors, invoicing to other companies and entities based on the project. He said there is a real cost, along with hours involved and so they take an administrative fee up front - 10% admin fee then 5% after that. Fee does not go to the entity that the grant was procured for. They had a project last year about the water quality of the lake and raised about \$80,000. President Goodman stated that the village has to have full knowledge of what is going on with the grants and they cannot be applied for in the name of the village, which is something that was done in the past. Mike stated there was a streetscape grant that their grant writer was working on with a former village council member and Mike assumed that the former council member was keeping the village and the rest of council informed along the way but he stated that does not appear to be the case. At the last moment, this grant apparently did not meet the criteria for streetscape so it

was modified to a grant application for funds to continue the engineering and early site work for the North Shore Park and Pier. However, when that was done, the village's name was left on it. So now Toby Miller is trying to administer a grant that is at the North Shore Park. Mike said that if the village would like BLRC to take that grant off of Toby's plate, they can make that happen. Mike said he did not know it had gotten that sideways. Councilor Julian asked Mike about the North Shore Park and Pier project asking who takes that project to the next step? If it is on village property or within the village's control, that is different than when it is on state or private-owned property. Mike said they are currently looking for funding for that park and there is no update because there has not been a funding avenue identified yet. The park could be done in phases. During Covid, the price was around \$33 million and most likely has gone up since then. He stated BLRC has been working to create awareness of the area in the state and has made some good solid contacts within state government all the way to Governor Mike DeWine pledging support for the Buckeye Lake Region. Councilor Wolfe asked about the lake capacity, to which Mike said he does not know but development is coming and BLRC tries to help communities with technical assistance if something is coming that needs researched. Development pressure is coming and it needs to be sustainable development that is something that we all can live with. Councilor Cable said the water quality has hugely improved. Councilor Cable asked if anything on the summary that Mike passed out is from the last year. Mike stated that they are working on an East Shore Promenade which is a park in Thorn Township on the far east end of the lake, almost a half a mile. They have a private property owner willing to do a long-term lease for it to be a public park. Mike had to create a community improvement corporation to take this on.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: No report.

Public Safety Committee: Absent, no report.

Public Service Committee: Informational meeting held last Monday. A lot of the projects are in the hands of other entities. Paving Union Avenue soon. Looking at Anchors Way and Park next. OPWC \$1,000,000 project to redo Cranberry Bay roads final approval may come at end of April, per Councilor Julian. Regular meetings will be the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

Rules Committee: Meeting held tonight. Began reviewing the council rules that they are to review yearly. Made it through Rule #3 tonight.

Community Development Committee: Resolution 2023-11 is up for a first reading this evening. It is a working document for the comprehensive plan. Next meeting will be March 27th at 6:30pm to go over short-term rental rules and fee changes.

Personnel Committee: Next meeting will be after the Finance committee meeting on April 10th.

Report of Council President: Hydrant flushing schedule for the village has been posted – March 13th – March 24th. It is advised to find out when your street's hydrants are being flushed and to not do laundry on those days, as it may stain clothing. Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 4:30pm sharp on April 8th, held by the Fire and Police Departments at Ryan-Braden Park. Columbus Blue Jackets Hockey is holding a Buckeye Lake Community night out on April 13th at 7pm against the Pittsburgh Penguins at a specially lowered price and every ticket comes with an added Family Value Pack Voucher to redeem at concession stands for food and beverage.

Report of Mayor: Absent, no written report. Council President Goodman read a request from the mayor for \$30,000 to be added to the mayor's budget for a Development Director.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading –

Ordinance 2023-08 - PERMANENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO, FOR 2023, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Lemmon, Wolfe, Brunton, Cable, Goodman, Julian

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

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Wolfe to adopt Ordinance 2023-08.

Roll call vote: Yes: Lemmon, Wolfe, Brunton, Cable, Goodman, Julian

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

Ordinances for 1st Reading – None.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

Resolution 2023-11 - A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Lemmon, Wolfe, Brunton, Cable, Goodman, Julian

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

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Wolfe to adopt Resolution 2023-11.

Roll call vote: Yes: Lemmon, Wolfe, Brunton, Cable, Goodman, Julian

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

Alphalink Training - Councilor Julian said that Alphalink sends cyber security training session emails but council is unsure if they should be doing them or not. Jennifer said she will get with Toby about the communication on that, but yes council members should be completing those training sessions.

Charter – President Goodman stated that work needs to start on the Charter to try to get it on the November ballot. Councilor Julian suggested a working meeting to figure out how they want to tackle that work. August deadline to submit it. Charter organizational working meeting will take place March 27th at 5:30pm.

NEW BUSINESS –

Liquor Permit – Margaritas at Buckeye Lake LLC –

Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Lemmon that council does not want a liquor permit hearing for Margaritas at Buckeye Lake LLC.

Roll call vote: Yes: Lemmon, Wolfe, Brunton, Cable, Goodman, Julian

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

Code Enforcement – Properties for Assessment for 2022 Lawn Maintenance -

Floor vote to approve the property assessment list received from code enforcement officer Rex Adkins.

Roll call vote: Yes: Lemmon, Wolfe, Brunton, Cable, Goodman, Julian

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS -

Holly Stein – 13 Beacon Light Lane – A copy of her citizen's comment about suggestions for short-term rentals is included in the meeting minutes binder for this meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilor Brunton: No comments.

Councilor Lemmon: No comments.

Councilor Cable: Thanked Mike Fornataro for presenting today. It is always good to hear what BLRC is working on. It is exciting and there is a lot going on around the lake. There is a place for their hard work in this comprehensive plan. Spring is coming; buy local, support new restaurants and new things coming in all over. Spend money in and around the village.

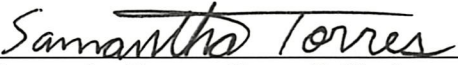
Councilor Wolfe: Thanked Mike Fornataro for presenting today.

Councilor Julian: A lot of new businesses coming in and a lot of new land being purchased by different individuals and it is exciting to see where all of this will go and how all of the pieces and parts will fit together. Need to stay true to our 2,800-person village and residents on what direction we take. We have a lot to accomplish this year. The quicker we can move on the zoning pieces and other things, the more sense of accomplishment we can feel at the end of the year. Stay focused.

Councilor Goodman: Thanked Mike Fornataro for coming and representing BLRC 2036. We will continue to work on the partnership between BLRC and the village.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Brunton. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting: March 27, 2023


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


Linda Goodman, Council President