

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes  
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook  
**March 14, 2022**

**Call to Order:** By Council President Linda Goodman at 7:06 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), 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; Kevin Strang, Zoning Inspector;  
David Routon, Assistant Fire Chief;

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Councilor Thompson, seconded by  
Councilor Wadley, to approve the February 28, 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 Special Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by  
Councilor Cable, to approve the March 9, 2022 special 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 February 2022 Reconciliations and Treasurer's report dated  
March 10, 2022.

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

**APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** Council sang Happy Birthday to Mayor  
Peterson!

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Finance Committee held a meeting this evening before the council  
meeting where they voted to recommend the permanent budget as written as part of Exhibit A for  
Ordinance 2022-08 on the agenda for second reading tonight. They discussed bed tax and  
waiting for the Fire Levy until after the Operational Levy is passed to see how that will affect the  
General Fund. Next meeting will be April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to discuss items some items within the  
police budget, along with discussion on fees for golf cart inspections.

**Public Safety Committee:** Public Safety Chair Max Thompson has had great meetings with  
the police and fire chiefs. Staffing is still an issue for both departments. Talked about cruisers  
and in-car computers. Fire department is focusing on staffing and maintaining current equipment.  
They have \$150-170,000 in grants for the purchase of new appliances like hoses, couplings, and  
attachments. President Goodman stated that ARPA funds could possibly be used for the police  
computers.

**Public Service Committee:** Meeting minutes submitted. Committee had a meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> with discussion on putting together a street repair schedule. Chairman Cable stated that based upon the solicitor's opinion, the village has the ability to regulate weight and size limits on large vehicles for the streets. Planning and Zoning Commission will put that topic on their agenda for general discussion. The Committee will get right-of-way fees from other municipalities. Next meeting will be April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Rules Committee:** No report, but new Rules Chair Sue Wadley stated she will work with the members of her committee to set up a time to meet.

**Community Development Committee:** March 28<sup>th</sup> committee meeting that was changed to 6:30pm has now been cancelled.

**Personnel Committee:** Next Personnel meeting will be in April to discuss the Employee Handbook.

**Report of Council President** – The village does have a leash law that went into effect in 1988 and we are looking for a noise ordinance. Promotion for the replacement levy that is on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot is very important and we need to pull together to get the word out and make signs and possibly promote it on social media.

**Report of Mayor** – No report.

## **ORDINANCES**

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

**Ordinances for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** –

**Ordinance 2022-08** – PERMANENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO, FOR 2022, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

**Discussion:** Finance Committee has recommended this as presented tonight. President Goodman asked if this could be passed tonight.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Julian, 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 Lemmon, to adopt Ordinance 2022-08.

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

**Ordinance 2022-09** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022-2023 PAY PLAN.

This will move on to a second reading.

**Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – None.

## **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 2022-06 – UPDATE OF THE DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

This will move on to a second reading.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

President Goodman would like to work on cleaning up the unfinished business list.

**I. Village parking lot and signage** – Councilor Lemmon said the cost to repave the municipal building parking lot was at \$85,000 at one point and could be higher now. President Goodman stated that, at the very least, it could use some work, along with the driveway that goes to the drive-thru and back to the street and police departments. Councilor Julian suggested that the ingress and egress (enter and exit) of the parking lot needs to be better defined. President Goodman suggested signage that restricts parking for the general public in the village parking lot to certain times or certain spots. Councilor Lemmon suggested a Class-A tow-away zone, a contract with a towing company, proper signage, and informing of the police department who would have the authority to have the vehicle towed away. Councilor Wadley said it is a challenge for Mayor’s Court on Tuesday evenings, and a challenge for committees and commissions on meeting nights. Councilor Julian suggested bringing in Kevin and Rich from the Brewery and the Chef Shack for the discussion. President Goodman mentioned how dark the front of the building is at night after meetings and Jennifer Dennis said it is being looked into.

**II. Village-owned vacant lots** – President Goodman asked if the village would like to sell more of the vacant lots. Councilor Lemmon stated that it was said before that the comprehensive plan was going to be looked at before deciding which ones to sell next. Councilor Cable said that two properties at the corner of Lake and Myers were talked about briefly. Councilor Lemmon said the lot across from it could be sellable as well. Sixth Street property could possibly be a parking lot to house 20 cars. President Goodman encourages all of council to go around the village and take a look at the lots.

**III. Village logo / branding** – President Goodman stated that, with the comprehensive plan and grant applications that are being put in, the village needs something identifiable. Councilor Cable would like to see choices. Mayor Peterson explained the logo and said it is “workable” as far as certain elements that are able to be removed.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Julian, to vote “yes” or “no” on the logo presented. Yes means they approve, no means they do not.

**Roll call vote: Yes:** Thompson, Wolfe, Goodman, Julian

**Abstain: 0;**

**Nays:** Wadley, Cable, Lemmon;

**Motion Passed 4 – 3**

The logo presented will now be the village logo.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:**

Dave Routon – 99 Elmhurst – Dave came to the microphone to ask which committee did the new trash contract. Council stated it was the public service committee. He asked why the pickup day was moved from Monday to Friday because trash is now sitting all week from weekends. Council stated it is a different company and that is their schedule. Dave said if you go down his

street right now, there is a pile of trash across the street where someone cleaned all weekend and now it sits there. Council stated that they did not realize that was the reason pickup was on Monday in the past and that is the reason why they encourage citizens to come to the meetings, as the new trash contract was discussed in meetings numerous times. President Goodman stated that the village now has a recycling bin at Ryan-Braden Park.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Thompson** – At the mention of goals, his goal is to get the fire levy passed. He said it is extremely important to get through the unfinished business list.

**Councilor Wolfe:** He met with a former council member who would like Councilor Wolfe to follow up about North Bank storm sewer project, as some North Bank folks still have a stormwater issue. Complimented Council Clerk Samantha Torres on the council packets. Prays for world peace.

**Councilor Julian** – Need to look at fees and a number of things when it comes to planning and zoning, including a fee when someone is building that can benefit the maintenance of the roads. She requested that council get the planning and zoning commission on a monthly rotation to attend the council meetings to report what they are doing, and maybe someone from council can attend their meetings as well.

**Councilor Wadley** – She is glad to be here. There is a lot of opportunity to look at. Looking at fees is important. She is glad the village has a logo.

**Councilor Lemmon:** Glad to have Councilor Wadley. Really nice logo. The fire department is underfunded and their spending was not meeting where their funding was and it has come to a head this year. Councilor Thompson is working on the fire levy and that is extremely important, but even with the fire levy passing, the village would not see that money until 2024. The village needs to figure out where to get more money for the fire department for possibly this year but definitely next year. Could get some help from the General Fund, but the General Fund cannot help anything if the Operating Levy does not pass. If the Operating Levy fails, the village will have to look at how to operate. Fiscal Officer Jennifer Dennis commented to say that she wants the village to get away from the “rob Peter to pay Paul” mentality.

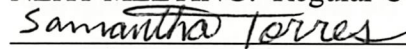
**Councilor Cable:** No comment.

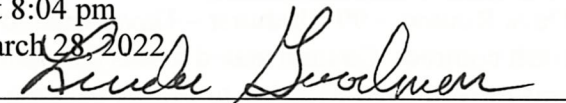
**Councilor Goodman** – Thanked the fire department members who came to the meeting tonight. Council is looking to find more funding and grant money for the fire department. Fire department in every municipality is always underfunded. She asked if it is time to look into an income tax and sales tax for the village. Prayers to Ukraine, all those who are suffering, and anyone with health problems.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Councilor Lemmon to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Thompson.

**Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council meeting on March 28, 2022

  
Samantha Torres, Council Clerk

  
Linda Goodman, Council President