

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
May 9, 2022

Call to Order: By Council President Linda Goodman at 7:07 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 (0,1), 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

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor
Wolfe, to approve the April 25, 2022 regular council meeting minutes.

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

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

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by
Councilor Cable, to approve the Treasurer's report dated May 5, 2022.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Finance Committee held a meeting this evening before the council
meeting where they discussed the police fleet. Mayor Peterson will meet with the Chief of Police
to discuss the fee schedule for golf carts in the village. Finance Committee recommends
Ordinance 2022-18 that is on the agenda tonight. Fiscal Officer Jennifer Dennis stated that, based
on a quote that Fire Chief Ruton gave to her to do the diagnostics on the fire engine for \$3,700,
the Fire Department is out of money in account lines for Repairs and Maintenance. Her
suggestion is to take money out of the Contractual account and put it into the Repairs account,
but it is in a different program, so she will have to bring that to council to do it. Councilor Cable
said that if the diagnostic turns out to be a blown engine, then we are looking at the cost of the
engine plus the \$3,700, so why not just get another engine and save the \$3,700 for the test.
Operating Levy results will be certified on May 27th, but as it stands, it has failed. That is a
\$310,000 reduction in the 2023 budget. Police and Water Departments operate independently
and will be fine. Streets operate somewhat independently aside from the money added to streets
and trench repair every year. Long discussion on the Fire Department tonight. Next meeting will
be June 13th at 6:15pm.

Public Safety Committee: Chairman Thompson absent but Council Clerk Samantha Torres
advised council that the Public Safety Committee will have a standing meeting on the first
Monday of each month at 6:00pm, beginning June 6th.

Public Service Committee: Meeting held last Monday. Bid process to repair two major roads in
the village – Central and Meyers – legislation that is on the agenda tonight. Still looking at the

paving schedule. Bridge project is slated for next week to begin. Next meeting will be June 6th at 6:30pm.

Rules Committee: Rules Committee's first meeting had to be cancelled. Chair Wadley set a standing meeting time for the Rules Committee – fourth Monday of every month at 6:00pm. Next meeting will be May 23rd at 6:00pm.

Community Development Committee: There will be a public meeting about short-term rentals in June. President Goodman said that the date will come after the ordinance is written. It is necessary to present the ordinance. It will need to be posted 30 days in advance, then more information will come after that.

Personnel Committee: Meeting minutes submitted. Held a meeting on April 25th at 6:00pm where they discussed disciplinary action, employee evaluations, job descriptions, critical positions and what the main ones would be, such as the Fiscal Officer, and the plan in place for covering that position if needed. The Committee discussed police and fire certifications and where those should be, as well as privacy and code of conduct policies. Chair Julian stated that the next step is to add a list of all of the job positions and their descriptions to the employee handbook and continue updating the various sections over the next six months – specifically disciplinary action, employee files, record keeping, employee evaluations, job descriptions. Next meeting will be May 23rd at 6:30pm.

Report of Council President: President Goodman was notified by the Board of Elections that the Operational Levy is down to a 1 vote difference. The provisional votes are not in yet and there will be an automatic recount, to be certified on May 27th. We need to tighten our belt and stay positive and do a better job of explaining to the community how the operating levy benefits the village and how important it is. House Bill 563 about short-term rentals in Ohio will have a fourth reading and possibly a vote this week. Waiting to hear on that from OML and the House later this week. May 21st will be the Police and Fire Community BBQ at the Fire House with Lindsey's Smokehouse Barbeque to benefit the Shop with a Cop program. June 11th will be the Fire Department's spaghetti dinner also at the Fire House accepting donations for the Fire Department. President Goodman attended the Planning and Zoning meeting on Thursday and the Commission has recommended to send the zoning fees to council for updating. Recommended changes from the mayor are included in the meeting packet. If the code is changed, there has to be a 30-day notice of the meeting.

Report of Mayor: Village will hold Summer Lunch Food Program from the Salvation Army at the Recreation Center starting in mid-June, Monday through Friday 12-1pm.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2022-17 – AN ORDINANCE AWARDING THE BID FOR THE 2022 BUCKEYE LAKE TRENCH LINE REPAIR AND PAVING PROJECT TO THE LAW GENERAL CONTRACTING, INC. COMPANY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND SAID CONTRACTOR CONSISTENT WITH SAID BID, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to adopt Ordinance 2022-17.

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

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

Ordinance 2022-18 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-08 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable, to adopt Ordinance 2022-18.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

I. **Unfinished Business list** – Council Clerk Samantha Torres gave council members a list of ongoing unfinished business topics and ideas that have been brought up in the past and are either in process or will not be for a while. President Goodman asked council to look through it and bring their suggestions for prioritizing the list, with some belonging to certain committees.

II. **Seasonal worker** has been hired, per Jennifer Dennis. He started last Friday and will be with the village until September.

III. **LEADS Food Pantry Lease Renewal for the Building** – Councilor Lemmon asked if there are any expenses or potential expenses on the building such as taxes or repairs or any possible liability. Fiscal Officer Jennifer Dennis stated that the village pays insurance on the building. Councilor Wadley said she can appreciate the concept of increasing the \$1 a year fee but that she does not want to price it to the point that they say they cannot afford to be there. President Goodman asked Jennifer if she could get the costs for that building. Mayor Peterson stated while on the subject that the Harbor Community Center is a huge expense for the village and that they have never seen a financial report from them though they have been asked. Councilor Lemmon stated that as it stands, the Operating Levy has failed and that we cannot lease something at a loss, we should break even at the minimum. Jennifer said that she has an Excel spreadsheet for how much the village spends on the Harbor. Councilor Julian asked if it is in their lease that they have to provide the financials. She asked how can one non-profit receive free rent and not others. Councilor Lemmon said that he does not think the village is in the position to give charity. Back to the Food Pantry building, Councilor Wolfe suggested selling or donating the building to them, as he does not know why the village is in the “real estate business.” Mayor Peterson said that the village owns a lot of property and she has not heard any council member suggest putting any of it up for sale. President Goodman said that OHM, who is doing the Comprehensive Plan for the village, has asked the village to slow down on that until they have a plan together of what should be kept for possibilities or cut loose. There is a limited amount of space in the village and once it is gone, it is gone. Councilor Wadley said that we need to be aware of our expenses and pinch pennies but we also need to be aware of the message that we are sending to our residents so that no one thinks that what we are doing is retaliatory if cuts are needed.

III. Free Yard Sale Days –

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, declaring the on the third weekend of June, beginning Friday through Sunday of every year, there are no fees for yard sales (Free Yard Sale days).

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable, to adopt Ordinance 2022-18.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

I. Proposed Updates to Zoning Fee Schedule – The Planning and Zoning Commission made a recommendation to council to update the zoning fees, so the Mayor and Zoning Clerk Lissann Torrens came up with a new proposed fee schedule and that was presented to council members tonight. Councilor Julian stated that she knows there are increases here but it is still very inexpensive to get a zoning permit and we know everything that Zoning Inspector Kevin Strang has to do. She recommends that council take a good look at it because it has been a long time since they have been updated. President Goodman said that once council agrees on the fees, the ordinance to change these fees within the Zoning Code Book will be written up and there will be a 30-day notice to residents.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Cable: Weather is getting nicer, people crossing roads and on bicycles, the lake is up and getting busier, be aware and be safe. Police and Fire be safe as well.

Councilor Lemmon: Saw Mayor Peterson out pulling weeds in front of the municipal building. Great to see her hard work. Everyone in the room puts in a lot of time and effort and he has received good positive feedback from the public.

Councilor Wadley: Concerned about the number of ordinances passed by emergency.

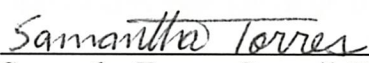
Councilor Julian: Need to get some roads repaired. Talked a lot tonight about police and fire budgets and council needs to spend a lot of time to get levies passed and make the right financial decisions. She agrees with Councilor Wadley and some emergencies are necessary. She appreciates the bantering and thoughtful questioning.

Councilor Wolfe: Asked Rules Chair Wadley to look at Rule #1 of Council Rules to see about moving the council meeting start time to 7:30pm or 8:00pm to allow for more committee meetings before council meetings. Be safe out there.

Councilor Goodman: Thanks everyone, be safe.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Julian. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council meeting on May 23, 2022


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


Linda Goodman, Council President