

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

October 24, 2022

Call to Order: By Council President Linda Goodman at 7:00p.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 (0,1), John Lemmon (0,1), Max
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Thompson (0,2), Sue Wadley (0,3), Tom Wolfe (0,1)

Staff Present: Mayor Jeryne Peterson; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Jason Harget, Police Chief; Keisha Amspaugh, Interim Fire Chief; Toby Miller, Public Works Supervisor; Jennifer Dennis, Fiscal Officer; Rex Adkins, Code Enforcement Officer;

Council President Goodman called the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2022-43 to order at 7:02pm within the council meeting. The Ordinance was read and summarized and there were no comments from the public or council members. Public Hearing was closed at 7:04pm and the regular council meeting continued.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Julian, to approve the October 10, 2022 regular council meeting minutes.

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

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 October 20, 2022.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Finance committee members are currently working on their assigned sections of the 2023 budget and meeting with department heads and with the Fiscal Officer. Next Finance Committee meeting will be November 14th at 5:45pm.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: Next committee meeting will be November 7th at 6:30pm.

Rules Committee: Nothing to report.

Community Development Committee: Last week there was a community welcome house at the shopping center across from Pizza Cottage that had a nice turn out. Some new businesses are coming in and it was a positive moment with about six businesses in that area.

Personnel Committee: Meeting was held tonight. Ordinance on the agenda tonight for salary increase. Working on employee performance evaluations. Next meeting is to be determined.

Report of Council President: Winter clothing and boot drive is being held in the village and items can be dropped off at Crossfit Buckeye Lake. Trunk or Treat is Thursday October 27th 5:30-7:30pm at Ryan-Braden Park with treats and pizza. Please vote on November 8th. The village has an operating levy on the ballot. The bridge project is progressing nicely and is scheduled to be finished sometime in November.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget – Call report submitted. Excited for Thursday’s Halloween event. Officer Aaron Wolfe has resigned and Chief read a letter from him. Wish him the best and appreciate his service. Now looking for another full-time officer. December 31st is the deadline for officers to complete their training with the Ohio Police Academy to keep them current or they will receive a cease-and-desist letter. 4 hours each of use of force training, legal, culture, diversity and inclusion, responding to mental health, domestic violence, responding to sexual assault, and 8 hours of training of their choosing as approved by the Chief. 100% of the training is online but some live training is also available. Can now see calls for service on their duty phones by being on Licking County’s system. All cruiser computers are in service thanks to the Licking County Sherriff’s Office. Coffee with a Cop was held, headed Officer Hiroki Barker, and they received some donations for Shop with a Cop/Christmas with the Kids and are still accepting donations. Chief attended Coffee with the Chief with the Licking County Aging Program. Still waiting on parts for the K9 cruiser so K9 Dallas is still on vacation. Cruiser will be paid for by Ford. Pretty extensive drug arrest at the Lake Inn over the weekend.

Fire Department – Interim Fire Chief Keisha Amspaugh – Written report submitted. Fire truck has made it to Pieper Frame and was evaluated. Biggest issue right now is the age of the truck and getting parts for it. Will have two fire truck repair specialists come to look at the truck, as well as a re-evaluation from the insurance adjuster since it could not be put on a lift before. Has a new tire and can be put on a lift now. Hiring for fire full-time position. Have taken delivery of nozzles and equipment, with hoses coming soon. Several people coming to look at the fire department roof. Keisha asked what council would like to see on a Fire Report. Councilor Thompson would like to see account reconciliation of payments and billings of mutual aid. Councilor Julian would like to see number of runs and how often do they have shifts that are not covered and what does the coverage look like. A few new hires. In desperate need of two mattresses. Council President Goodman said that is in the works. Fire and Police have been going to the KOA on Saturday nights for Trick or Treat with the fire truck and police cruiser to pass out candy.

Public Works – Toby Miller – A late Resolution was submitted to the agenda for tonight to authorize the Mayor to apply to OPWC for Cranberry Lane paving project. Engineer is doing cost estimate for it. Water rate change is broken down into fixed and variable costs and each municipality’s funding is structured differently.

Parks and Recreation – Annetta Macedonia – Meeting minutes submitted. No representative.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins – Third quarter written report received. 106 active cases, 111 cases total. Half of the cases are high grass issues and should be going down next month. 11 cases pending in court.

Zoning – Kevin Strang – Report submitted. Absent.

Planning and Zoning – No representative / no report.

Report of Mayor – Report submitted.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading –

Ordinance 2022-42 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM NAPOLI SHKOLNIK FOR PFAS COST RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO.

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to adopt Ordinance 2022-42.

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

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

Ordinance 2022-43 - AN ORDINANCE UPDATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING CODE AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to adopt Ordinance 2022-43.

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

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

Ordinances for 2nd Reading –

Ordinance 2022-44 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS.

This will move on to a third reading.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2022-46 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022-2023 PAY PLAN AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Cable, to adopt Ordinance 2022-46.

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

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

Ordinance 2022-47 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-08 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Cable, to adopt Ordinance 2022-47.

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

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

Ordinance 2022-48 – AN ORDINANCE SETTING 5 YEAR 2023-2027 WATER RATES AND COLLECTION GUIDELINES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

This will move on to a second reading.

Ordinance 2022-49 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE STORMWATER UTILITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH ESTABLISHES DAILY OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE STORMWATER UTILITY IN THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO.

This will move on to a second reading.

Ordinance 2022-50 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE VILLAGE FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2023 – 2024 AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to adopt Ordinance 2022-50.

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

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

Ordinance 2022-51 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-08 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to amend Ordinance 2022-51 fund line to say \$16,600 instead of \$16,000.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to adopt Ordinance 2022-51 as amended.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Cable, to take Ordinance 2022-36 off the table as amended, move it to the third reading, and vote on it.

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

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

Ordinance 2022-36 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BUSINESS REGULATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS AND BED AND BREAKFASTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Julian, to adopt Ordinance 2022-36.

Discussion: Councilor Lemmon stated that this Ordinance is not perfect; there are some problems that need to be worked out and we cannot anticipate what is to come down the line with it. It is a new endeavor. It has been a battle back and forth with citizens and there have been a lot of comments and there was a lot of time and work put into it. He will support it even though it is not perfect because we need something in place. Councilor Julian said, with something like this, it will always be evolving in every city across America.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

Resolution 2022-21 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to adopt Resolution 2022-21.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – President Goodman stated that a request for legislation to be passed about feral cats in the village had been received from Marianne Perrine and Bonnie Mansfield of the Buckeye Lake Humane Society which will be passed on to a committee for consideration.

Charlene Hayden – 67 Lighthouse Lane – Read a comment about the firing of Fire Chief David Ruton that has been submitted as part of the meeting minutes.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Lemmon: Thanked David Ruton for his years spent with the Buckeye Lake Fire Department.

Councilor Wadley: Wished Officer Wolfe good luck at his new job. Educate yourselves about the operating levy and vote for the best for the village based on the information.

Councilor Julian: Trunk or Treat is on Thursday October 27th and will have Creno's pizza, movie, juice boxes, and treats from the ladies of Cranberry Bay. Thanks to the Cranberry Bay Homeowner's Association for their donation for a portion of the pizzas. She suggested an events committee for 2023 to work with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Councilor Wolfe: Thanked the Solicitor, Mayor, Council President, Council, Citizen's Comments, and Council Clerk for the many hours of work put in to get the short-term rental ordinance passed. Great turn out at the shopping center welcome house. Look out for trick or treaters this week. Positive time in the community and thanks everyone for their comments and enthusiasm.

Councilor Thompson: Thanks to Interim Fire Chief Keisha Amspaugh for stepping in.

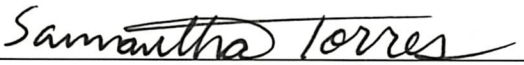
Councilor Cable: He has been talking to people and businesses in the village for the last several weeks and there is a positive buzz around the lake. The operating levy is a big deal. Do not want the village to go back 15-20 years. The village held a Q&A session with the Auditor and Chief Deputy Auditor and they expressed that there is a lot of positive feedback around the county about the lake.

Councilor Goodman: Thanked the ladies of Cranberry Bay, the Mayor, and the Cranberry Bay Homeowner's Association for their work and donations for Trunk or Treat. Thanked Council, a lot of work went into tonight's meeting. Sign ups for Christmas 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of November from 2:30pm-4:30pm at the Rec Center for the Salvation Army to be able to help people of the village for Christmas this year.

Mayor Peterson: Thanks to Cranberry Bay ladies for Trunk or Treat setup this past Sunday, along with Brian Green, John Julian, Jeff Guth, and Barry Zwick.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Julian. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting: November 14, 2022


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


Linda Goodman, Council President