

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes  
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook  
**September 25, 2023**

**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), Kellie Green (0,0),  
(Consecutive, Total Absences) John Lemmon (0,0), Sue Wadley (0,1), Tom Wolfe (0,1)  
Absent: Deb Julian (0,0)

**Staff Present:** Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Jason Harget, Police Chief; Keisha Amspaugh, Fire Chief; Jennifer Dennis, Fiscal Officer; Kevin Strang, Zoning Inspector; Melissa Tevis, Parks and Recreation Commission member; Dick Williams, Planning and Zoning Commission Chair;

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to approve the September 11, 2023 regular council meeting minutes.

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

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

Special Council meeting minutes for September 19, 2023 will be available at the next regular council meeting.

**Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve the August Reconciliations and Treasurer's report dated September 21, 2023.

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

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

Jennifer Dennis stated that everything is pretty much up to date right now. Federal taxes were paid today. She will finish pay roll taxes from last week and hopefully have the reconciliations completed for September. All invoices and receipts are caught up. She was hoping to get to the budget but she does not think she is going to be able to and she apologizes. She was hoping to get some help in here but she was unable to. She emailed Mayor Peterson, Council President Goodman, and Finance Committee Chairman Lemmon that if she is able to come in in the evenings for a couple of hours just to keep the village caught up on their invoices, receipts, the main items and day-to-day operations, she is more than willing to come in until they get someone in there and she is willing to train someone. Any questions, just get ahold of her and let her know. Council thanked her. She thanked the village for the opportunity to serve as the fiscal officer. She cannot express enough how much she appreciates this community. She wants to thank council for all of their support and always trusting her financial decisions. She really appreciates everything they have done. Councilor Wadley asked, is the reason why she cannot get someone in to help because of funding? Jennifer stated she does not know. Council President Goodman stated that Jennifer did ask to bring in the traveling clerk, Melanie Smith, who has helped out at different times and who was an interim traveling fiscal officer before the village hired her. Jennifer stated that Melanie has helped her tremendously and Jennifer wanted to get this done for the village but there was no way she could get that done in one week. Her and Melanie were going to at least get the budget started for the village, and with her trying to get everything caught up, Jennifer is not able to do everything. Council President Goodman stated that a request was made and denied.

**APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Timeline on the budget – before realizing Jennifer was leaving, it was said that October 13<sup>th</sup> would be the date for having that completed. Mayor Peterson stated at the last meeting that she would have it by the end of this month. Jennifer will not be able to do that by herself and bringing in extra help was denied

by the administration, so at this point, it is when the administration gets it to council. Councilor Lemmon has no desire to rush things through. If council gets it in time, they will thoroughly go through it. If they don't, they will take a more conservative approach. There are always ways to work it out without jeopardizing the quality of the work and he feels confident that they will be able to take care of it. President Goodman reminded everyone that council only has one meeting in December. Councilor Wadley stated she is baffled that if we cannot get help in here to help do that by the end of this week, who is going to do it? She does not think that anyone who is here has the answers but it is concerning to her. It is concerning to Councilor Lemmon as well. The mayor has made some decisions and that's in her field and he does not know what council can do about it at this point. Councilor Wadley said that the public needs to be aware of it. After Friday, we are not going to have anybody to do our finances and we are not going to be prepared for a budget and she is very concerned about that. Councilor Lemmon agrees.

**Public Safety Committee:** Meeting held this evening. Police Department shared an update on the police cruiser repair and they held a drug drop-off event over the weekend. Fire Department shared about the Shriners grant award; we received a very generous grant from them. The departments also talked about community events, including a movie night to be held this coming weekend. We hope to make a decision on Trunk-or-Treat tonight in council for the date of that event. Planning in place for the upcoming Christmas event. Next meeting will be October 23, 2023.

**Public Service Committee:** Next meeting will be October 2, 2023 at 6:30pm and Chairman Cable invites the public to be here for all committee meetings and if not, to definitely watch online.

**Rules Committee:** Meeting held tonight. Discussed the foundation of the Rules and where past Chair Paula Brunton left notes and how to move forward with that. Next meeting at 6pm on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and prior to that she will give the notes to the committee members to give some time to look over them.

**Community Development Committee:** No report tonight.

**Personnel Committee:** Absent, no report.

**Report of Council President:** Mosquito spraying continues through the month of October every Wednesday. The next street sweeping is October 10<sup>th</sup>. Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> is another movie night at Ryan-Braden Park. The electric aggregation will be on the ballot this November. Next council meeting there will be a public hearing on the planned mixed-use district at 6:30pm. Kim Littleton from OHM will be there to answer questions. It is a plan that is drawn up and can be tweaked a little bit but it is a document that the experts need to do and they have listened to the work groups and to the input from the Planning and Zoning Commission and council will be voting on it that night as an emergency.

#### **REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN OR VERBAL**

**Police Department – Chief Jason Harget** – Black and white K-9 cruiser is back on the streets in service. It was a long process in the body shop, with the setback being getting parts in a timely manner. That cruiser is currently assigned to Chief Harget to make sure everything is okay for his officers. The cruiser has just about 70,000 miles on it so they hope it still has some life. Turbos were replaced in it recently. Prescription Drug-Dropoff event was held this past Saturday. This is for anyone to drop off drugs they do not need at home, no questions asked. The DEA does this once or twice a month, Drug Take Back is what they call it. Chief Harget said he is not going to turn anyone down and definitely do not want anyone to flush drugs down the toilet or put them in the regular trash for someone to get ahold of. They will think of different ways to advertise, not just social media, as this is a new event to the community. Ohio Police Officer Training Academy mandates all officers certified by the State of Ohio, including Chief Harget, complete CPTs, continued education. Chief has

reminded his officers that by the end of the year, they need to have completed 24 hours. All of it is currently online or they can attend a live class at the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy. If they do not complete it, they cannot be a police officer. Chief will make sure every cruiser and officers are out for trick-or-treat night to make sure the kids are being safe. They will be a part of the festivities and they are looking forward to that. Police Department budget was submitted to the Fiscal Officer. Chief stated that he appreciates Jennifer's service and what she has done for his agency and keeping his officers on task with their payroll sheets and she will be missed. Chief and Toby Miller are looking into a digital message board that the community would benefit from and another way to advertise things that are happening in the community. Looking at cost for that and how it can be jointly used by all departments. We have a lot of events here and that could be utilized quite well.

**Fire Department – Interim Fire Chief Keisha Amspaugh** – Written report submitted with run numbers and MedBill charges. Chief Amspaugh stated they hope to grow the Drug Drop Off event. They did receive word back from the solicitor about the fire truck. Last week got a little rocky with some communications but we are back on track with that and we are moving forward. Chief stated that the solicitor did receive some pretty promising information about getting that all settled with the number being a little over \$91,000. Chief stated that a lot of times when they want to settle something, the Fire Department will say they do not want the truck back, just keep it, but that is not the case here. They would like the truck back because there are things on it that they want off of it and there are parts that are able to be used on trucks they currently have. It does still have a very brand-new motor in it. She cannot say this is anywhere close to being over because this is just a step in the process. Hopefully this will be ironed out with the solicitor and then we can move to the next step.

Chief stated we have the other truck and can move forward with that. They have sent the title to be notarized for that. President Goodman stated this was the first she was hearing anything about a title. Chief Amspaugh said it was for the Byesville truck the village had been borrowing. She said there was a very reasonable offer to be made with the insurance company to actually purchase that truck as part of the insurance agreement. President Goodman asked if council knew about that, looking around at members. Chief Amspaugh said it was through the solicitor and that it is a really big deal because it does not put us without a truck. The lead time on a fire truck right now is about two years. President Goodman said she was sure it was and quite expensive, it is just a little concerning to her. Councilor Wadley asked for clarification. Chief Amspaugh said that the truck would be paid for out of the \$91,000 insurance check. President Goodman stated that has not been approved. Chief Amspaugh said it all went through the solicitor which is why they got him involved. Councilor Wadley said she does not think the solicitor can approve money to be spent. President Goodman said they needed to find out some more information, as the body that oversees the money and how it is spent, council certainly should have been made aware that some of that insurance money was being allocated for the purchase of a truck that they did not know the village was purchasing. Chief stated the truck would be \$17,000 which she stated is a very, very, very good deal. She stated that the fire trucks have to be of a certain specification to get in the door of the station because the doors are low, so it is tough to find a truck that will fit the height as well as the length and that truck does. So, in order to be not without a truck, it is the only one they could find that is not a 1980s model. President Goodman stated she agrees and understands but it is also her understanding, and she could be proven wrong, that no money gets spent in the village unless council knows about it or approves it. Chief Amspaugh said she does not think it has been spent yet, it is just a change of hands and she is not sure how that works with the solicitor or the insurance company and that might have been something that they put in that deal. Councilor Wadley stated that if money is coming to the village and the village is passing it on, she does not see how the insurance company is involved with that. President Goodman said council just needs to receive more information and Finance Chair Lemmon can look into that. Councilor Lemmon asked if they were still looking into getting a smaller pumper truck. Chief stated that is not outside of the realm of possibility. They talked to some manufacturers and the lead time on smaller trucks is longer but this will buy us some time. Price is about \$400,000-450,000 for one of those.

Councilor Wadley stated we need more transparency and she is very frustrated. Chief stated last week's communications were a little bumpy in getting the right hand to talk to the left. President Goodman made the

recommendation that this be turned over to the Public Safety Committee along with Finance Committee to get some of these answers. Councilor Wadley stated that things are broken. If we cannot communicate internally, how can we communicate with the citizens. President Goodman told Chief Amspaugh that she has the support of council, we just need to know what's going on. You can always come to us and let's all try to be transparent with each other and that will help the communication even more.

Chief continued her report to say that the Shriner's grant was received which was a thermal imaging camera with a truck charger, lanyard, and two extra batteries, along with some money for medical equipment for pediatric patients. They were awarded for video laryngoscopes which help make more calculated moves for smaller patients. Gearing up for trick-or-treat and Christmas. They have reached out to a few of the families, along with Englefield Oil and the Salvation Army and they are planning to do things at the Recreation Center this year as the fire house is limited on space. She is sad to see Jennifer go and thanked her for all she has done and all she has taught Chief along the way.

**Public Works – Toby Miller** – Union Avenue paving is progressing. There was an issue with gas lines last week and an issue with a broken-down mill today. Should be back to milling tomorrow. Right now, paving looks to be Wednesday and then tentatively scheduled for Monday to put the final overlay on top of it. The TAP sidewalk project is underway and you may have noticed survey crews out. Waiting on second bid to come in for the concrete pads for the benches for the park and on SR79. Once the quote is in, they can schedule it. The benches have been purchased and are here. Cranberry paving is coming along and they will have a good explanation for where they are on that at the upcoming Public Service Committee meeting. Councilor Cable asked the residents of Cranberry Bay to come to the meeting to be informed on what is going on there. SS4As are in and they need to be scored by October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Updates are going on Facebook for the paving.

**Parks and Recreation – Melissa Tevis** – Written minutes submitted. Request received from the local Alcoholics Anonymous chapter to use the Recreation Center for their meetings which was approved and are waiting for a call back from the organizer to set the day and set up details. Skatepark mini ramp phase I is under construction right now and will be completed by the end of the week. Huge response from the community and the kids are very excited about that. Yoga class has started every Wednesday at 7pm at the Recreation Center with a really great turnout so far for two weeks. It is a donation-based class and the donations go back to the Recreation Center. She had some questions and requests about the website that will be passed to the mayor to have her change those. Councilor Lemmon asked if the mini ramp is in its permanent location and Melissa said yes, it should be in its permanent location. She also stated we do not have the specific ramp drawings for the next phase yet but phase II is being worked on. Councilor Lemmon stated there is a lot of input that people would like to see a jump box as part of the park. Melissa said there has been a lot of feedback and pictures and recommendations shared from people on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page that will be gathered and considered. Councilor Cable asked what is the construction / shelf life of that looking like? Melissa stated it has been built with similar materials as the last skatepark which lasted about 18 years. With good maintenance and keeping up with that, it should last well over 15 years. Council Clerk / Parks and Recreation Aide Samantha Torres also added that the new ramp has been somewhat lifted off of the ground so it will not be sitting in the water and she believes they will also be treating the wood this time so it will last through the weather.

**Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins** – Absent, no written report submitted.

**Zoning – Kevin Strang** – Report submitted. Recent activity included 38 on-site visits to look at a problem or complaint or to see what is happening at the job site versus what is on the application, 8 electronic / telephone communications, 2 stop-work orders. Last month an effort was made to begin picking up unpermitted signs throughout the village. In the month since, Kevin stated he has only picked up about five of them so there has been a significant reduction and it looks better. Thanked Jennifer for all of her patient help, it was great to work with her. Councilor Lemmon asked if people need a permit to put big rocks out on their properties? Kevin stated

no, we really do not have anything that defines landscaping elements like that but could go back to that if there is an issue. Councilor Lemmon stated that he understands that people are trying to protect their property, but sometimes they put them up next to the road which sometimes people do have to pass or have to make a turn. An ambulance was damaged last year. There is a new one on East Street down by Union and there are others he has seen. Kevin said they try to keep their eye on them if they are in the right-of-way.

**Planning and Zoning** – Chairman Dick Williams spoke on some items that have gone through the Planning and Zoning Commission recently. 2023-01 a variance request to build a two-family dwelling zoned R-2 at 191 Union. This was tabled, the discussion being that the packet was complete, the architect presented the drawings. Earlier in the year, the owner did a flyby and received positive reviews. He stated a point it was brought up about spot zoning and the possibility as it setting a precedent. There is a difference between a variance and spot zoning. Spot zoning refers to a small parcel of land that is zoned differently than neighboring parcels. A zoning variance refers to a landowner obtaining permission to the land differently than the zoning regulations. This was a zoning variance. We have all signed on to the comprehensive plan and the plan is very specific to the essence of the lake area. The plan teaches planned urban renewal with increased population density. This variance is an investment in our community and conforms with our comprehensive plan page 57 called urban neighborhood. Commonly the effects of urban renewal include the destruction of low income and minority neighborhoods, displacement of vulnerable residents, and the reduction of low-cost housing and increased economic inequality. This investment does none of that. The lot is vacant and the plans incorporate parking for a two-family dwelling. One owner will own both duplexes that would be there and Mr. Williams does not believe they are selling them as individuals. Councilor Lemmon stated there would have to be some sort of split or property share agreement drawn up and approved for them to sell it separately.

2023-06 – Variance request for an electronic message center to replace an existing sign for the church on the west end of SR79. This was tabled requiring more information. This now requires a variance because the village does not allow digital display signs. Mr. Williams stated the commission was uneducated as to what they want and what is best for the village. When the commission is comfortable and informed, then they will consider a variance. Councilor Cable brought up that the Police Chief had mentioned looking into a digital message board and that the sign at the fire house is falling apart. He mentioned being careful of precedence. Mr. Williams wondered if the new village signs that were put in conform to the sign regulations, to which Councilor Wadley stated the village needs to follow their own rules. President Goodman stated to remember what we have agreed to in the comprehensive plan and part of that is the appearance of the village.

Planned mixed-use district – Mr. Williams thanked council for talking about this in the upcoming meeting.

Planning and Zoning Commission made a motion to recommend the proposed amendment at this last meeting.

Other business – the parcels near 4335 North Bank Road to be recognized as part of the village and to determine the applicable zoning district. This is an old subject that came up 3-5 years ago and the village has reportedly acquired this property from Walnut Township. When you look at the designation on a map, that is outside of the village and the map is outdated. Going down that side of the street, it is all zoned R-2 so it is logical to make it R-2 designated. He stated the solicitor wrote a lengthy statement of be careful if you tread there, this is the protocol you need to follow.

**Report of Mayor** – Written report submitted.

## **ORDINANCES**

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

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

**Ordinance 2023-51** - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TAX PAYMENTS TO LICKING TOWNSHIP, PURSUANT TO ORC 709.19 FOR PARCELS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE AND REMOVED FROM LICKING TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO ORC 503.07 AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

**Discussion:** More information was previously requested and has not been received so no comments are able to be made. This will move on to a third 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 2023-17** - A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR JENNIFER DENNIS' TIME AS FISCAL OFFICER / CLERK TREASURER FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Wolfe to adopt Resolution 2023-17.

**Discussion:** Councilor Lemmon said thank you to Jennifer Dennis. The integrity that she held in that office made all the difference for this village. Always making sure it was done right. Not what we thought or what the administration thought or what anybody else thought. She had the right rules and followed them and took this village from a tough spot to put us in a really nice position and she will be missed. He will miss working with her. Councilor Green said that when she was on the Parks and Recreation Commission, she always appreciated Jennifer's help and guidance. Jennifer sat at the table of their meetings sometimes when she didn't have to on her personal time to help teach and guide them through what they needed to do to be successful with Parks and Recreation. She thanked Jennifer for serving the village. President Goodman said that Jennifer already knows her words. Councilor Wadley thanked Jennifer and stated it is not easy to be in the position she was in to have to tell people no when they want to hear yes. Councilor Wolfe said very nice work, Jennifer.

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

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

Trunk or Treat / trick-or-treat – Surrounding communities seem to be doing theirs on October 26<sup>th</sup>, we try to do the same.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Cable to set Trunk-or-Treat / trick-or-treat night for October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7pm.

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS** – Councilor Cable suggested a banner for the Christmas parade for the village vehicles of the officials of the village.

## **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS** –

Council President Goodman read a letter hand delivered and submitted from a known resident in the village regarding their experience involving, to the best of their knowledge, the decision brought forth by Mayor Peterson that affected themselves and their fellow neighbors about mail service. This letter can be found in the meeting minutes binder for this meeting.

Shelly Myers – 507 Providence Lane – Landings at Maple Bay – Shelly stated she also has a concern about Jeryne Peterson and her current role as mayor. This is related to the specific example related to the post office and the mailing. Shelly was directly involved as well as two of the other people that are here with her tonight. Shelly stated they had a social function within the community on March 29<sup>th</sup> at which there was passing comment that the mail delivery was changing at the Landings at Maple Bay unbeknownst to them. Shelly's husband was still in his role at the time as President of the HOA, so if there was such a dramatic change, he would most definitely have been informed, as well as other board members. That night, Shelly sent a text to Jeryne asking if the rumor she heard was fact or fiction. Jeryne responded the following morning that yes, the mail was changing, this came from the post master and that he was stopping the mail delivery and that she could explain more in person. Shelly called her at that time and had Jeryne on speakerphone with her husband asking her to explain the situation because it has everyone in quite an uproar. Jeryne said that she had notified Chad Gamble who works with Erich Horvath who are the developers with StoneWorks of the Landings at Maple Bay and that that information should have been sent to Mike Myers, Shelly's husband, President of the HOA. Jeryne indicated that this was one of several wrongs that needed to be made correct from previous administrations several years ago. Jeryne alluded to there being an issue related to the census. Shelly stated that candidly, it was a bunch of nonsense. Shelly's husband proceeded to reach out to Chad Gamble to get that communication that had been sent to him and Shelly has that with her tonight. Shelly also indicated that Jeryne has utilized both her personal email address and her official mayor email address and her personal telephone in much communication with Shelly and others. When Shelly did public records requests and asked for those, Jeryne opened herself up to that liability. On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Chad Gamble sent an email to Jeryne saying they were picking up the mail at the mailbox and that the mail person said that the mail was going to be discontinued and would be transitioning to the post office boxes, so Chad was asking Jeryne about that. Jeryne sent Chad a message on March 22<sup>nd</sup> via her personal email saying it was going to change and good news is, you will have more room now for parking with the removal of your mailboxes. Jeryne then sent an email message to Chad on March 24<sup>th</sup> indicating that titles and deeds would need to be changed to Buckeye Lake which made no sense to Shelly because if you look at the records on the Licking County auditor's site, you will see that those already were titled and deeded as such. Jeryne reminded Chad again that that was going to need to take place, updating deeds and titles. Jeryne also indicated that they should not be providing anymore mailboxes to any upcoming closing residents and anyone thereafter. When Shelly talked to Jeryne, one thing Jeryne indicated about ending the mail delivery was that it was her hope that the village would purchase an electric vehicle and maybe someday resume delivering the mail again. Shelly stated this again makes no sense; the village has nothing to do with the post office and the last thing Shelly thinks the village is going to do is buy an electric vehicle to deliver mail. Shelly did public records requests and fact finding and the long and short of it is, the reason they were doing records requests was to confirm whether Jeryne Peterson was driving this or the post office. Shelly stated that at the end of the day, it was Jeryne Peterson. They did a community meeting where Jeryne had the opportunity to address this to show why this was important, what was this initiative. Jeryne would not cooperate and told Shelly in writing that she was appalled at Shelly's lack of respect for her in her role and for Shelly to stay in her own lane. Shelly stated that of course, they were not going to abide by that and, at the end of the day, their community did a great job after the fact-finding, letter writing campaign to three specific post office officials and Brad Grubb did then confirm the mail was not changing. It would be remaining unchanged, not only for the current residents but for the future residents as well. Shelly stated that the role was inappropriately used to influence the developer and others to make changes merely based on her title. Shelly stated she never received the public records requests, failed to provide. She was told there were no records.

Charlene Hayden – 67 Lighthouse Lane – Charlene read a comment about the serious problem the village is facing and thanking council for standing strong in an effort to alleviate the problems. Her comment can be found in the meeting minutes binder for this meeting.

Arletta Ruton – 99 Elmhurst Lane – Thank you to council for the courage that you have showed in standing up for this village and its people. I know it took a lot and was very hard for you to do. But Jerryne, I am addressing this to you, and I know you are watching, probably by Facebook, but you need to resign. You have hurt this village in so many ways that it isn't funny. Hopefully you will do so and this village can move forward. Jennifer, thank you for all that you have done. You will be very, very much missed.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Cable:** We are all in awe and disappointed. To Councilor Cable, the arrogance is overwhelming and he really does not have a lot to say.

**Councilor Lemmon:** Thank you to the citizens who are coming in and thank you to Jennifer.

**Councilor Green:** Thanked everyone for showing up. She has only been sitting here for three council meetings and this is a little bit discouraging that we have leadership in our village that has not only affected the employees in this building but also members of our community that we are here to serve and who the mayor is here to serve as well. That is all of our first responsibility. It's too much.

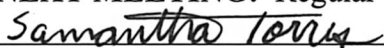
**Councilor Wolfe:** Thanked Jennifer Dennis for her time here. Very nice work. She will be missed. Thanked Chief Amspaugh for keeping the Byesville fire engine here so that we have adequate fire coverage and looks like we will get a fair deal for that truck. Thanked Shriner's for their very charitable gift that may save some lives and they have in the past made some significant donations to the village. Thank you to the public for coming tonight.

**Councilor Wadley:** In response to Mrs. Myers, if she believes there are public records that she did not receive, she should ask for a copy of the records retention schedule that supports if those files should exist or not. Every public entity is required to have that policy and a schedule that is approved by the Ohio Historical Society. Councilor Wadley encourages Mrs. Myers to request that and continue on her process and to reach out to the Ohio Historical Society. Thanked Jennifer for everything she has done; yes, this is Team Jennifer. Councilor Wadley is concerned about the management of our finances moving forward and our ability to have our budget in place, especially with denying Jennifer assistance during this last week. Thanked all of the citizens for their comments. She is deeply disappointed and concerned and cannot stress enough the lack of communication that is internal and the transparency. Why are we here? We are here to serve the people. We have to be transparent. We have to be communicating and something is broken in this village and she does not know how to fix it. It will take everyone to do it.

**Councilor Goodman:** This is not easy, folks. We have a village we all love and we want what is best for it. We want to work towards that and we want to work together. We all have rules we have to follow. Council President Goodman asked if Mrs. Myers could provide any printed documentation, it would be helpful. Thank you to all of the residents, those watching, those who have come tonight, those who have showed concern. It means a lot and we need to hear your voices. We want to move forward with what the right thing is for this village. Thank you to Jennifer, who has offered to come in a couple of times a week when she gets off of her other job to pay bills and get pay roll done if no one is hired yet and she will come at her hourly rate. We will have answer for her on that by Friday. Thank you to everyone who is here and who is listening.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Green. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Regular Council Meeting: October 9, 2023.

  
Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council

  
Linda Goodman, Council President