

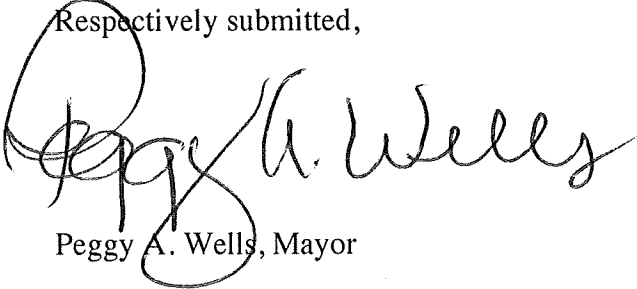
Mayor's Report
Village of Buckeye Lake
June 25, 2018

1. Our good friend and local resident, Keith McQuillen, passed away today. Keith and Toni have lived on North Bank for many years and enjoyed traveling to Hawaii and many other beautiful places. Keith served as Mayor's Court/Council Clerk (March 2003 thru January 2005) and Toni served on village council. Keith was always a positive presence and a great encourager and counselor to me personally.
2. I have attached a copy of *The Advocate's* June 15, editorial titled, "Our view: Buckeye Lake police changes were necessary" as part of my report. This has been a difficult process for us all. An independent, outside prospective is welcome.
3. Our volunteer Police Chief Screening Committee (resident Tom Charles, Personnel Committee chair Bill French, Code Enforcement Officer and Whitehall Division of Police Sgt. Rex Adkins and I) have met several times including last Friday evening following the application deadline to review the 19 applications received by the deadline. Four candidates have been selected for interviews in the next week or so.
4. The saga of the failed OPEC-HC health insurance cooperative continues. The receiver appointed in February and later restricted to paying only medical claims filed its second report last week. Unpaid bills in February are now estimated at \$12 million. A rough estimate of \$5 million still must be paid, including those of our retired Police Sgt. Andy Davis. Our attorney was told there is about \$900,000 left in OPEC-HC's account as of last week. Those funds will be gone within 30 days. A separate account for run-out claims has about \$1.6 million. Our attorney is concerned that the receiver may not be able to determine what is a 2017 claim versus a run-out claim (claims first received after 1/1/18). Our run-out claims are being handled by Jefferson Health Plan so they should be paid. The receivership still poses a threat to all former members in that the Franklin County court could order that the receiver assess all former members to pay any unpaid medical claims or other claims against OPEC-HC. Those claims include Frank Harmon's (who is responsible for this mess) for unpaid commissions and outstanding charges claimed by Benovation (the incompetent administrator Harmon chose to replace Jefferson Health Plan) and a Benovation subcontractor. Our interveners group (includes Hebron, Licking & Union townships and about a dozen others) has agreed to join with the Stark County Health Department group (about 25 entities) to challenge the legality of appointing a receiver for a council of governments. The cost is about \$500 per entity. Our purpose is to protect ourselves from potential costly assessments from the receiver once the funds on hand are gone. The state auditor's office has begun an audit of OPEC-HC back to 2014 which should be helpful in determining what happened to funds and assessing responsibility.
5. We sent a letter to the new owners of the KOA requesting that they submit 3% bed tax to the village for the rental of their small cottages commencing July 1.
6. We have been cleaning out broken or unused equipment and supplies from the police department; removing the old paneling and carpet and installing drywall and replacing a few doors. Thanks to Al and Sherry Segna for the donation of a beautiful desk which will be used for the new police chief.
7. We hosted a meeting with PharmaCann's Jeremy Unruh and their Columbus attorney, Andy Bowers, on June 13, to discuss the marijuana growing facility. Attending were Mayor Peggy Wells, Council President Kitty Zwissler, Village Legal Counsel Dan Hayes, Planning Commission member Dick Williams, Security Specialist Tom Charles, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshall Bill Spurgeon and his chief plans examiner, BLFD Chief Clifford Mason, volunteer Special Projects Manager Charles Prince and Public Works Supervisor Toby Miller. PharmaCann expects to create about 40 jobs here. This will be their fourth growing center (others are in Illinois, New York and Massachusetts). They expect to construct a 50-60,000 warehouse-style building for

cultivation and potential extraction. There will be NO retail sales here. They expect to exercise their property option by the end of the month. PharmaCann will purchase water from the village.

8. The handicap parking space in front of village hall has been moved much closer to the front door. A handicapped driver will now be only 15 feet from the door rather than the previous 70 feet. There are now seven parking spaces reserved for "visitors" and one reserved for "police." Our staff generally parks away from the building unless we are unloading something.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy A. Wells". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P".

Peggy A. Wells, Mayor