Mayor's Report Village of Buckeye Lake May 29, 2018

- 1. CORRECTION: My 5/14/18 update on retired Police Sgt. Andy Davis' medical bills turned out to be incorrect. A comment to his wife from a health care provider was not accurate. His bills are still outstanding. A Franklin County Court of Common Pleas judge has determined that a Council of Governments (which OPEC HC purported to be) can be placed in a receivership. That decision is additional justification for our decision to join attorney Mark Stemm's group (along with at least 10 other political entities including Hebron, Licking Township and Union Township) to intervene in the receivership action. The group was able to get the judge to limit payments from OPEC –HC's dwindling assets to just medical bills. Most recently, a Benovation creditor is seeking to intervene in the case to collect an unpaid fee of \$670,000. Our top priority remains to get Sgt. Davis' bills paid.
- 2. The investigation of the alleged April 28 rape case brought up at the last council meeting has been turned over to the Licking County Sheriff's Office. I have met with two detectives and turned over any physical evidence in our possession.
- 3. My son and two other volunteers installed about half of the donated playground equipment Saturday at Ryan-Braden Park. I also made sure the restrooms were open during the three-day holiday weekend. Some plumbing repairs, particularly in the womens' restroom, are needed.
- 4. Our administrative staff and I have reorganized the administrative office using the very low or no cost office furniture we acquired earlier this year. The changes were made to improve productivity and to provide some privacy for telephone conversations.
- 5. Last week, Police Officer Steve Ritter was moved from part-time to full-time status. His work schedule has been set to maximize police coverage during the busiest times.
- 6. An ad seeking applicants for police chief was placed with both the Ohio Municipal League and the Ohio Association of Police Chiefs. To date, we have only received a few unsolicited applications. A volunteer screening committee, chaired by resident Tom Charles, will screen all police chief applications.
- 7. I personally visited Licking County Prosecutor Bill Hayes to inquire about the long delay in getting the property at 90 Leroy Street to foreclosure auction. I also visited with Licking County Treasurer Olivia Parkinson about the same subject. She told me that the final hurdle was getting an assistant prosecutor to schedule the foreclosure auction. I will continue to follow-up on this issue to get rid of this tremendous eyesore.
- 8. PharmaCann's (prospective large medical marijuana grower licensee in Buckeye Lake) Columbus attorney is setting up a mid-June meeting here with PharmaCann's Director of External Communications & General Counsel Jeremy Unruh.
- 9. Code Enforcement Officer Rex Adkins and I focused on high grass notifications last week in order to maximize the effectiveness of our mosquito spraying efforts. He has a separate report on his activities.
- 10. Whitehall Division of Police Sgt. Rex Adkins (also our Code Enforcement Officer) continues to assist Officer Ritter and I with police department issues.

Respectively submitted,

Peggy A. Wells, Mayor