Buckeye Lake Village Mayor's Report June 24, 2019

- 1. I attended the annual conference for the Mayors Association of Ohio on June 12, 13 and 14 at the Renaissance in downtown Columbus. On the first day, there was a Legislative Advocacy Presentation and a trip to the Statehouse where we sat in on a committee hearing. One of the topics was alcoholic ice cream. Our village solicitor, Brian Zets, presented on Ethics for Municipal Officials. Other topics were Municipal Records Management; Crisis Communications- Media & Social Media; Drive Ohio-The Future of transportation technology; Ohio's Firefighter's Cancer Presumption Law and Cancer Claims by CareWorks; Village Workshop roundtable discussions; Code Enforcement: Quality of Life Issues and Home Rule by Obetz Administrator Rod Davisson. The luncheon speaker was Lt. Governor Jon Husted.
- 2. According to an article in the Advocate, the Buckeye Lake Yourth Association plans to sell their building next to Ryan-Braden Park. Is this a property that the village should consider purchasing to extend our park?
- 3. Having not heard back from council about reviewing the Web Site Maintenance Agreement with Crystal Davis, I have renewed the contract for another year.
- 4. Fire Chief Mason asked to be excused from tonight's council meeting because he is out of town.
- 5. We are still waiting to hear if the court-appointed receiver in the OPEC-HC case will accept Jefferson Health Plan's proposed settlement with former members represented by counsel. The settlement is for less than 50¢ on the dollar for funds that Jefferson Health Plan loaned to OPEC-HC. The settlement calls for four equal payments of approximately \$1,800 each due 6/30/19, 12/31/19, 6/30/20 and 12/31/20. I have been previously authorized to make these payments upon the advice of our special counsel.
- 6. We received a nice thank you from Christy Cooper for our assistance with her husband's final tractor ride through town. Our police officers assisted with traffic as Jim's ashes were escorted by 18 farm tractors from Ohio 158 via Palmer Road, Ohio 37 and Ohio 79 to his farm on Mill Dam Road. We also gave permission for the water tower property to be used for parking during his memorial service.
- 7. BLASST returns next Wednesday after a three-year hiatus. Fundraising is going fairly slow so if you haven't made a contribution for this community-funded tradition, please consider doing so.
- 8. Thanks to Police Chief Wardlow for hosting the 'Dying in Blue' course at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club with Instructor Chief Ralph J. Portier, member of the American Academy of Experts in Trauma Stress and member of the National Center for Crisis Management. There were approximately 40 in attendance including members of our police and fire departments, Fire Chief Mason, Council member Ruton and myself.
- 9. We are waiting for the Personnel Committee to meet in order to review the application for Clerk-Treasurer and to discuss the position of a deputy Clerk-Treasurer to share the work load.
- 10. Thanks to Street Supervisor Randy Bucy for repairing a picnic table at the park that had been damaged by vandalism.
- 11. The last two abandoned trucks at the suspected Renner Street drug house have been towed to our impound lot. The tenants have left and the house is under renovation.
- 12. The Friends of Buckeye Lake Library had a very successful 5K/10K Run Walk on June 15 on the new dam. Thanks to everyone that supported this critical fundraiser for our local library.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Peggy A) Wells