

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
April 14, 2025

Call to Order: By Council President John Lemmon 7:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by Council President John Lemmon.

Roll Call: Present: Don Cable, Kellie Green, Deb Julian, Douglas Keener, John Lemmon, Sue Wadley, Tom Wolfe
Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Goodman, Mayor; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Amanda Hoppel, Clerk Treasurer; Jerry Brooks, Interim Fire Chief; Jason Harget, Police Chief;

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve the March 24, 2025 regular council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Keener, Lemmon

Abstain: Julian, Wadley; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 5 – 2 - 0**

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Julian, to approve the March 2025 reconciliations and Treasurer's report dated April 10, 2025.

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Goodman read her Mayor's Proclamation for May 17, 2025 to be recognized in the village as Kids to Parks Day 2025.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Keener that the council offers their full support and appreciation for the mayor's proclamation.

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley

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

Council Clerk stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission is working on setting up a Kids to Parks Day event for some time in May.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Finance Committee: Held a meeting tonight. Ordinances 2025-16-19 on the agenda tonight have been recommended to full council from the committee. Held a brief conversation on a request from the Public Safety committee to look at the Stryker equipment for the Fire Department. They will hold off to look for grants but they are in full agreement that the equipment is necessary. Next meeting to be held May 12th at 5:30pm.

Public Safety Committee: Meet and Greet held tonight with the Police Chief and Officer Fox in support of the police levy that is coming up on the ballot in May. It was very well attended with a lot of quality questions. Thanked Chief Harget for a nice presentation to the public. Chair Wolfe asks for everyone to support our police and the police levy.

Public Service Committee: Meeting held last Monday April 7th. Minutes in packet. Council toured some of the village-owned properties of the village that are used for storage and water. Two votes came through their committee to recommend to full council – Safer Streets 4 All and storm water project update ordinances. Next meeting will be May 5th at 6:30pm.

Rules Committee: Nothing to report.

Community Development Committee: Nothing to report. Next meeting on May 12th following Personnel Committee meeting.

Personnel Committee: Meeting held tonight. Doing a salary study for the current pay scale for employees. They will be looking to outsource that due to the commitment of time so she will bring back some quotes. Talked about a draft social media policy. Hope to move that forward at the next meeting. Next meeting May 12th at 6:00pm after Finance Committee meeting.

Report of Council President: 11 pieces of legislation on the agenda tonight. If you're watching and it seems to be going quickly, all of these have been thoroughly discussed already and they have been recommended by committees. If you are interested in what is going on, go back and watch the committee meetings.

Report of Mayor: Mayor Goodman read her submitted report which can be found in the meeting minutes binder. There are two open positions with the village: mayor's court clerk and part-time recreation leader position. AED is here and installed in council Chambers. Thank you to the Eagles and Tom Boso for installing it. Mayor Goodman would like council's blessing to swear in Clair Tosino to the Zoning Commission. He would be a wonderful asset to the commission.

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Julian to accept the mayor's appointment of Clair Tosino to the planning / zoning / zoning appeals commission.

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Citizen's Comments Regarding Legislation on Tonight's Agenda: None.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2025-16 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Ordinance 2025-16.

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Ordinance 2025-17 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Ordinance 2025-17.

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Ordinance 2025-18 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Ordinance 2025-18.

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Ordinance 2025-19 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Ordinance 2025-19.

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Ordinance 2025-20 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO AND TO AMEND CONTRARY AND INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES BY REPEALING AND AMENDING PARTS THEREOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Ordinance 2025-20.

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Ordinance 2025-21 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO AND TO AMEND CONTRARY AND INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES BY REPEALING AND AMENDING PARTS THEREOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Ordinance 2025-21.

Roll call vote: Yes: Wolfe, Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Ordinance 2025-22 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN.

This ordinance has been moved to a second reading.

Ordinance 2025-23 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, UPDATING THE COMPENSATORY TIME FOR EXEMPT (SALARY) EMPLOYEES.

This ordinance has been moved to a second reading.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading –

Resolution 2025-05 - A RESOLUTION DEDICATING EXISTING VILLAGE PROPERTY AS PARK LANDS AND AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO OVERSEE SAID LANDS.

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Resolution 2025-05.

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

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

Resolution 2025-06 - A RESOLUTION DEDICATING EXISTING VILLAGE PROPERTY TO BE USED AS PUBLIC PARKING – MYERS AVENUE.

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Resolution 2025-06.

Discussion: Councilor Julian stated that this will be between two houses. She personally would not want that. The people who are on that street are not represented. She asked that we make sure to have a designated ordinance that it is a dawn to dusk, no loitering, no overnight parking, no alcohol area. It should be an additional piece of legislation. Put yourselves in the position of this being next to you with lights coming in your windows, people out there talking. She disagrees with it but knows it will pass tonight so she thinks it needs to be followed up with that additional piece that protects the homeowners. President Lemmon stated that is a very reasonable ask and he would agree with that. Also need signs posted.

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

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** Julian; **Motion Passed 6 – 1**

Resolution 2025-07 - A RESOLUTION DEDICATING EXISTING VILLAGE PROPERTY TO BE USED AS PUBLIC PARKING – SECOND STREET.

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Resolution 2025-07.

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

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

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Police Levy Meet and Greet – Mayor Goodman stated there is a police levy to pass. There was a great turn out for the police meet and greet tonight and she was very happy for that. Had a lot of people come with great questions. Thank you for coming and being engaged. President Lemmon also offered his support.

Cranberry Bay Emergency Exit – Councilor Julian requested that emergency vehicles try to go on the emergency exit to see if they can pass through because she says it is currently impassable for cars, let alone emergency vehicles. Earlier this week, Cranberry Lane was completely closed; you could not get in or out, depending on where you were if there were an emergency. Shame on us for not holding that development accountable. Let's think about that now and what the solution is for that. President Lemmon stated he did not know it had become impassable again. Councilor Julian said they put in a road near Slocum. You could get a car or SUV through there. Now, with how the construction has continued, there are

utility pipes coming up and crossing over where the road was. There is 30 feet of mud. There would be no way to get a car or emergency vehicle through there. She is requesting a mock emergency by police and fire to get their input on this. Mayor Goodman stated her and Toby Miller went down there last week. She stated Councilor Julian is right that there is a part that is impassable. She will caution council on one thing: when these legislations are drawn up, you have to read every word very carefully. When you go back to that legislation, it states that the developer will pave those when the development is finished. He is getting ready to start a third phase. There is a new road that will accommodate when the third phase comes in on the Slocum side. The conversation is on-going. The third phase is ready to go. 37 single condos that will be built back there by D.R. Horton. Chief Harget stated they will do the mock emergency tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS –

Councilor Wolfe – Thanked police and fire chiefs and everyone who contributed to the Easter Egg Hunt. He heard it was outstanding and successful thanks. Support our upcoming levy.

Councilor Cable – There are boats on the lake now, be safe out there. Lake is very fun but can be tight in some areas. Wake can come up on you suddenly. Buy local. He supports police and fire chiefs.

Councilor Green – Would like to thank Energy Coop and the Eagles for their donations. Wonderful that those entities support our community. Please get out and vote for the police levy. Coming up on tourist season. Want to invite tourists to the lake region. Happy to have our own first responders to help manage the community during the on and off seasons. Get out and vote for them.

Councilor Julian – Thanked police and fire departments and chiefs for the easter egg hunt. 3000 eggs is amazing. Very well organized. A good opportunity to showcase our new equipment. Shout out to those who were involved in the opportunity for the museum staying in the village. Happy Easter to everyone. Looks forward to the summer as it unfolds.


Councilor Keener – Thanked emergency responders and all village employees.

Councilor Lemmon – Emergency responders phenomenal professionals and are wonderful and they work together. Councilor Lemmon will be voting and he appreciates all that they do.

Councilor Wadley – People need to understand how critical it is for this police levy to pass. If it does not pass, there will be no funding for the police department and we will not be able to have our own law enforcement in the village which would change our community drastically. As our village grows, we need to anticipate new challenges and it is critical to support them moving forward.

Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting – April 28th, 2025


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


John Lemmon, Council President