

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
April 27, 2026

Call to Order: By Council President Tom Wolfe 7:03p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by Council President Tom Wolfe.

Roll Call: Present: Don Cable, Kellie Green, Deb Julian, Douglas Keener, John Lemmon, Michelle McCormick, Tom Wolfe

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Goodman, Mayor; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Jason Harget, Police Chief; Jerry Brooks, Fire Chief; Toby Miller, Water Superintendent; Olivia Newbold, Development Director; Kevin Strang, Zoning Inspector; Sue Smith, Parks and Recreation Commission Member.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Julian, to approve the April 13, 2026 regular council meeting minutes.

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

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

Approval of Reconciliations: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve the March 2026 bank reconciliations.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Goodman presented a Mayor's Proclamation for Kids to Parks Day 2026 for May 16th. Kids to Parks Day event on May 17th 11am-2pm at the Recreation Center.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Finance Committee: Written report and meeting minutes submitted. At the June Finance meeting, they will be deciding what type of funding the village will have, whether it be a renewal levy, create a new replacement levy, or move to an income tax. Chair Lemmon made a recommendation to President Wolfe to have a version of all 3 types on the agenda for the May 26th council meeting for first reading.

Public Safety Committee: Nothing to report since the last meeting.

Public Service Committee: Meeting held tonight. Discussed annual paving program, the streets that have been selected to be paved are Seymour and Lake Street. Discussed Crane Lake roadways dedication. Survey has been completed and has started to be reviewed and evaluated. There are some on-going property line and right-of-way issues. State Route 79 widening project is on-going as well. Next meeting to be held at 6:00pm on May 26th.

Rules Committee: Nothing for Rules. Nothing for Planning and Zoning.

Community Development Committee: Meeting held on April 27th. Development Director Olivia was in attendance. Business directory update was discussed. Each member was given a task of contacting some of the businesses to get their updated information. Members introduced themselves. Olivia spoke on how to work together.

Personnel Committee: Brief meeting tonight. Discussed most important topics to discuss as a committee, with the top one being health insurance. Need to look at options through our insurance carrier that may be available for the employees and the idea is to not harm our employees but to also make it more affordable for the village. Looking at getting the employee handbook done. Looking at pay plan for paramedics and EMTs to bring them more in line with where their pay should be.

Report of Council President: Welcome those watching online. 4 citizens in the audience tonight. Someone would like to see a blind spot mirror near Cranberry and Union Avenue. Also had a request for golf cart safety, particularly for children under 16 who are unlicensed. The police may be pulling them over and there will be enforcement.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget: Report submitted. Received several complaints already about kids on golf carts, which is unacceptable. Enforcement will be the same as if they were driving a car and it will have to go through juvenile court for driving without a driver's license. It is a very serious offense. Please make sure your children have a license when driving a golf cart. Councilor Julian – what is the best way to report it? Dispatch through the Sheriff's office for any crime. Chief Harget will offer training classes for this and they will register and inspect your golf cart for free if you come listen to the laws and learn about golf cart safety. 2026 inventory list was completed. He did not have that information from his predecessor, but now there is an inventory list. It may be on iWorq soon digitally. Officers have begun their training. All computerized. 24 hours required each year.

Fire Department – Chief Jerry Brooks: Went over his submitted report.

Public Works – Superintendent Toby Miller: No additional report. Please refer to the previous Public Service Committee meeting.

Parks and Recreation – Sue Smith – Commission Member: Report submitted. Thanked council for approving their budget. Kick off the season with National Kids to Parks Day Event on May 17th 11-2pm hot dogs chips ice cream. Will have games and activities. Will survey to find out what the kids want to see in the parks. Lakewood Girls Softball will have exclusive use of the ball field again for this season. Pickleball court improvement project will resume in mid-May, completed by end of June. Recognition sign will go up to appreciate all who donated for that project. Future projects: shelter house picnic tables, tree planting, additional benches around the park. Recreation center is continually rented out, especially on the weekends. Also offer the space to groups for their meetings for \$50. Recreation Center front landscaping has been redone. Interior painting of the building is scheduled to be begin on May 4th. Other improvements will include new flooring and a new vanity in the men's restroom. Recreation Center programs this Summer will include Y On The Fly every Wednesday and the Mobile Library is scheduled to stop by a few times as well. Next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for May 5th at 6:30pm.

Code Enforcement: No representative.

Zoning – Kevin Strang: Read over his submitted written report.

Development Director – Olivia Newbold – Read over we submitted written report.

Planning & Zoning / BZA Commission: No report.

Report of Mayor Goodman: Read over her submitted written report. Rain date is July 5th for BLASST fireworks. Command center for safety forces will be moved to North Bank. Crane Lake should be open by the end of next week.

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 2026-12 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon seconded by Councilor Keener to suspend the rules.

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

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Ordinance 2026-12.

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

Ordinance 2026-13 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-78 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon seconded by Councilor Julian to suspend the rules.

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

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Keener to adopt Ordinance 2026-13.

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

Ordinance 2026-14 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ADR & ASSOCIATES, FOR PROJECT DESIGN, BIDDING, AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2026 TRENCH LINE REPAIR AND PAVING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Cable, Green, Keener, Lemmon, McCormick, Wolfe
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** Julian; **Motion Passed 6 – 1**

Motion by Councilor Green, seconded by Councilor Keener to adopt Ordinance 2026-14.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – Councilor Lemmon – He suggested consolidating Code Enforcement and Zoning under Development. Also suggested making item 11. All Citizen’s Comments all be before the ordinances and resolutions.

Councilor Julian – Suggested that we need more transparency about our conversations with Millersport. Can impact our future on where we get our water from. Councilor Lemmon – When our contract with them runs out ten years down the line, it would take that much time starting the conversation now if we decided to do our own well. Something to start now to consider financing and the process of that.

Mayor – She was asked today by a resident – what does it look like for the village if a data center or solar farm were to come here? Data center we would not have to worry about because we do not have the acreage. We do have some areas

that would be considered large enough for a solar farm. She has had some people come to her about solar farms. She suggests this becomes a piece of standalone legislation / part of the zoning code. Public Service will open the discussion on that.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS –

Roger Baker – 90 Lakeview Drive – Question about water quality for the village – has had extensive conversation with Toby – He has experienced cloudy, dark, rusty water coming into his house. He knows this is a fairly new system and should not be having any issues. Does anyone else here have issues with cloudy or rusty water? Mayor stated she gets brown water occasionally. Usually originates from Millersport. Iron issues coming from Millersport. She has spoken with village administrator and it is an ongoing project for them. They are in conversations with the company that provides the iron filter. Roger has lived in areas where he was a customer of 4 different water districts and he has never had anything like this. On a weekly basis he is getting these issues. His house is 6 years old. Mayor stated sometimes it's not always the same area of the village experiencing this. Water guys will flush the hydrants when this happens and usually by the next day it is cleared up. Councilor Julian – how often do we release testing? President Wolfe suggested Mr. Baker let Millersport know his concerns as well.

Karen Cookston – 113 Anchors Way – New zoning book – It is on the website. She understands there was a meeting with the mayor and a group of council and office staff discussing some of the changes that were put in there. She does not know if there was discussion about the Cranberry Bay area and all of the urban area. She did not see that reflected in the code. There are quite a few individuals including herself who are concerned about some of that zoning. Karen suggests comments at the next public hearing be 5 minutes instead of 3. She is looking for the opportunity for several of her neighbors who have concerns is if they create a document with some of their concerns rather than multiple people getting up to the microphone. Council has been excellent in asking for public participation but we know that a lot of people do not show up. Would a list of signatures of those with concerns be relevant to this council?

Councilor Julian – can we have it submitted and consolidated then we have one voice speaking for multiple people to make the meeting more concise. Mayor Goodman stated they had some working meetings where they had a list of the public comments from the previous public hearing and they addressed all of those concerns in those work sessions. She is looking at residential areas in general and lot configurations. Karen is not just representing CBHOA. Would like a copy that shows the changes. Mayor Goodman stated that the Village of Buckeye Lake cannot legally enforce HOA rules and regulations. Those have to be addressed by the HOAs and that is in the Ohio Revised Code.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS –

Councilor Cable – Set your parking brake when backing your boat into the lake. Buy local.

Councilor Green – Olivia - thank you. Green likes her document, very thorough and professional. Nice to see the aspects that she is managing with her job title. Thanks Chief with golf cart enforcement. Be careful out there.

Councilor Julian - Transparency is super important to the integrity of this group. Need to keep the line of communication open between community, council, administration. Julian would like a Public Safety committee meeting immediately following Public Service on May 26th.

Councilor Keener – No comments.

Councilor Lemmon – Would like to see council have a much more in-depth conversation about the zoning book, maybe a special meeting instead of taking it to a quick vote. Please slow down when driving; he has seen cars flying on Mill Dam and on other roads.

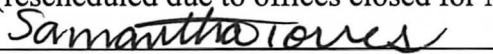
Councilor McCormick – Community Development June 8th immediately following Finance (5:30pm).

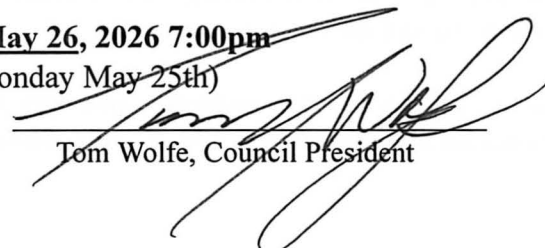
Councilor Wolfe - Be safe out there. Thanks to those listening.

Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting – **TUESDAY May 26, 2026 7:00pm**

(rescheduled due to offices closed for Memorial Day on Monday May 25th)


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


Tom Wolfe, Council President