

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
August 25, 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; Jason Harget, Police Chief; Jerry Brooks, Interim Fire Chief; Amanda Hoppel, Fiscal Officer; Toby Miller, Public Works Superintendent;

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Julian, to approve the August 11, 2025 regular council meeting minutes.

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

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

Approval of Reconciliations and Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Cable, to approve the July 2025 Reconciliations and Treasurer's report dated August 21, 2025.

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

Abstain: Lemmon; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 6 – 1 - 0**

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Swear-In: Mayor Goodman swore in Doug Sanderson as Captain for the Buckeye Lake Fire Department.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Finance Committee: Have not had a meeting since last council meeting, so no updates. Working on an agenda for the income tax town hall meeting.

Public Safety Committee: Nothing at this time.

Public Service Committee: Next meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday September 2nd at 6:30pm due to offices being closed on Labor Day, September 1st.

Rules Committee: Nothing on Rules this week. For Planning and Zoning, there were 1 lot split and 3 lot combinations on Nautica Way and Lighthouse Lane at their last meeting.

Community Development Committee: Nothing new other than working with Finance on the Income Tax Town Hall meeting.

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Report of Council President: Written report submitted and read aloud.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget: Chief and Mayor Goodman attended FLOCK meeting for license plate readers to help solve crimes they could not before without this technology. It gives insight for direction of travel. So far, with having only 1 camera installed recently, they have already solved their third felony, high-profile case. Chief thanked the mayor for being a part of their meeting. Adding cameras to the village is money well-spent. Trying to figure out funding and placement of these cameras. Added two reserve officers to his department – Mark Consolo and Rex Adkins. MOPAR was a very safe event. Chief thanked Hebron, Millersport, and Alexandria Police Departments for having extra

cruisers out there and helping make it a safe event with strict enforcement. They only wrote two citations. Chief will meet with the Fiscal Officer to speak about his budget for next year. Department has dealt with a lot of parking issues throughout the village within the past few weeks. If they get complaints, they will act on them.

Fire Department – Chief Jerry Brooks: Had two runs prior to the meeting, so no printouts today. 70 runs in July – 12 fire runs, 58 EMS runs, 24 transports of the EMS runs. Received mutual aid twice for fire runs in the village and 12 times for EMS runs in the village, including having second runs in progress. 7 fire mutual aid runs given to Hebron and 10 mutual aid EMS runs given. Some repairs were done on medic 922. Six new tires put on engine 922; old tires were expired. Oil change and brakes will be done tomorrow on medic 921. Some problems at the station – a leak in the urinal in the wall. Chief will get ahold of plumber to take care of that. Apparently there is a leak somewhere above the office area. They were going through fire gear again and since they have newer people, they have four sets of fire gear that expire at the end of November. Will have to replace four sets of gear. Also have four sets that will expire at the end of next year. Have some gloves that are expired but they do not have any extra gloves, so will have to look into purchasing more gloves. There is a grant that could buy the expired gear if it comes through.

Public Works – Superintendent Toby Miller: Nothing at this time.

Parks and Recreation – Annetta Macedonia: Representative absent. Meeting minutes submitted.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins: Absent, report submitted.

Zoning – Kevin Strang: Absent, no report.

Planning / Zoning / BZA Commissions: No representatives. No reports.

Report of Mayor Goodman: Written report submitted and read aloud.

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

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading –

Ordinance 2025-45 - AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ANIMAL OWNERS TO PROPERLY CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR ANIMALS.

Discussion: President Lemmon stated that some questions carried over from the first reading about enforcement, whether that would come from code enforcement or the police. It was written in a general way where it would be up to the administration on where they would want to put their resources for enforcement on that. There is something also where it is covered under the international property management code.

This will move on to a third reading.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2025-48 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 4 FOR THE WEST NORTH BANK STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Abstain: Wadley; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 6 – 1 - 0**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to adopt Ordinance 2025-48.

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

Ordinance 2025-49 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green, to adopt Ordinance 2025-49.

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

Ordinance 2025-50 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to adopt Ordinance 2025-50.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

Resolution 2025-13 - A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY
THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING
THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll call vote: **Yes:** Green, Julian, Lemmon, Wolfe, Cable
Abstain: Keener, Wadley; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 5 – 2 - 0**

Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Resolution 2025-13.

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

Resolution 2025-14 - A RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES, SHOULD THE VILLAGE
INCOME TAX BE ADOPTED BY THE ELECTORS.

This will move to a second reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS –

Karen Cookston – 113 Anchors Way – Apologizes for not participating in the last couple of meetings in regards to Crane Lake and the roads and positioning there. She is now a private citizen of the Village but she will also put her hat on as the Village of Buckeye Lake's Planning and Zoning Commissioner for 25 years. She was a part of the plat, replat, and replat, the three transitions of that project there. There were very specific commitments made by the owners of that property. ~~There were rules and there were conditions on the replat as to how those roads would be managed. That was~~ done in Licking County, where the engineers there suggested that there be a road bond for those roads and the mayor at that time vetoed the Planning Commission and Licking County's recommendation that we have a road bond for that, so that was not done. In addition to that as we continue through the process, the recommendation and then the agreed upon position was that if the owners of said-land brought the streets up to the level in which the Bounds were required to do when the Village of Buckeye Lake took over the Bounds' streets, that the village would consider (no promises) taking over those roads. The major concern and statement was (and she believes many of them will understand this) that you cannot set a precedent that you cannot manage going forward. We have other private roads in this community. If you choose to take over the private roads, especially in the condition in which they are at Crane Lake, you set a precedent for this village and there is no legal respite or ability to defend yourself on the other roads that are in disarray in this village. She certainly believes and hopes that her 25 years of commitment to this village about setting precedent and all of the work that she diligently did to not put this village in jeopardy in great expense is not at a loss because we are not paying attention or we are suggesting that this poor owner or these poor people want to do the right thing.

With that being said, it is her understanding and belief that many of the documents and the CDs and the information that was on file, appropriately so, for these decisions and meetings that took place are no longer in the village's records. She has duplicates of 100% of all of the meetings for her 25 years as your Planning and Zoning Commission representative. She has all of the CDs. She is happy to help somewhat to go through those. She does not have capacity to go through those in great detail but she has them. She believes it is incredibly inappropriate to take over those streets without some or a lot of financial commitment from the owners who made a lot of profit back there. Any other builders, in the normal course of business, would be held responsible for their roads and their development. She is happy to elaborate on that further but she strongly, strongly suggests to this council that they do not leave themselves liable for all of the other streets that exist in the village by taking on the responsibility, especially when there is documentation identifying that the owners of those properties made a commitment to upgrade those roads and part of the condition of their replat was that they would have to bring them up to the minimum standard of what the Bounds were required to do when the village took over the Bounds addition's roads. The village at that time was trying not to set an inappropriate precedent.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS –

Councilor Green – Looking forward to the town hall meeting on September 8th so that we can discuss with our community the positive aspects of an income tax for the village. She is looking forward to hopefully some good attendance from our community at that. This would be the opportunity to come and ask questions and get information that you need.

Councilor Julian – Thanked Karen Cookston for her comments. They are very valuable from her long-term position with the village. She read the description of the Finance Committee and its responsibilities. She challenges the rest of the council members to be sure to read what their commitment is for their committees and do not be pushed in saying that it is not your responsibility.

Councilor Keener – Nothing tonight.

Councilor Lemmon – Thanks Councilor Wadley for the work she has done with the Personnel Committee. He appreciates her getting the ball rolling. We have been trying for over a year to get some standards and the administration has their role too and she has been able to work with the administration. He said though she will not be back on council next year, this is a legacy she can be proud of. Thank you to Councilors Green and Julian for their work on the upcoming town hall meeting. He hopes others will attend.

Councilor Wadley – Seconds what Councilor Julian said. She thinks that from time to time, people forget what their roles are, including themselves. People who work until five – this may effect the attendance of the town hall.

Councilor Wolfe – Congratulations to Doug Sanderson for his promotion in the Fire Department. If you are under the age of 16 and without an Ohio driver's license, it is illegal for you to operate on Ohio roads without a license. Labor Day

weekend is coming up. He sees a lot of kids operating golf carts and speeding. The police department may issue a citation. It is dangerous for the residents and children and there will be a lot of visitors in the area. Please keep golf carts under control and legal.

Councilor Cable – Appreciates the signage on the west end of the village. Resolution 2025-14 has been in the works for a few years. He appreciates Ms. Cookston's comments. Be safe. Buy local.

Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting – September 8, 2025



Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


John Lemmon, Council President