

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
February 23, 2026

Call to Order: By Council President Tom Wolfe 7:00p.m.

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

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

Absent: Deb Julian

Staff Present: Linda Goodman, Mayor; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Jason Harget, Police Chief; Jerry Brooks, Fire Chief; Toby Miller, Water Superintendent;

Councilor Lemmon requested some changes to the February 9, 2026 meeting minutes.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Keener, to approve the February 9, 2026 regular council meeting minutes as amended.

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

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

Approval of Reconciliations and Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Keener, to approve the January 2026 bank reconciliations and Treasurer's report dated February 20, 2026.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Goodman swore-in David Miller, promoting him to a Captain of the Buckeye Lake Fire Department.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Finance Committee: Have not had a meeting yet this year. A meeting will be scheduled for the next council meeting date. Reviewed ordinances for tonight and requested Council Clerk to create an alternate ordinance for one that is upcoming.

Public Safety Committee: Absent, no report.

Public Service Committee: Meeting held tonight. Highlights – brought up appropriations for survey of Crane Lake roads. Looked at approving the sale of 3 village vehicles. Discussed salt supply issues and storage, snow removal from sidewalks. First Street water update – trying to get an agreement on gas line crossings. SR79 road widening project - acquisition offers have been sent out. Next meeting to be held March 23rd at 6:00pm.

Rules Committee: Nothing for Rules. Planning and Zoning Commission will have a meeting next Thursday.

Community Development Committee: Would like to have a meeting on March 9th to decide what they would like to accomplish. Immediately following the Finance Committee meeting on March 9th.

Personnel Committee: Was going to have a meeting immediately following Community Development on March 9th to see if there are items to follow up on or be looked at, however Chair Green yielded her time for Mayor Goodman to present her State of the Village for 2025 and 2026.

Report of Council President: Has been a pleasure working with council, mayor, and residents.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget: Chief Harget is proud to say Officer Payne is doing very well. Has taken on some delegated tasks. Five investigations that hit all at once, including one that has reached clear to Florida. The cabin move has been a tedious project for seeing how to safely move the cabin through the village. PD is still conducting inventory assets list of what they own. Looking to trade in some rifles that were in bad shape. They usually get a credit for ammunition for training. Officers need to feel confident that their equipment works. Any equipment updates will be within budget. County prosecutor establishing a task force for child and juvenile sexual abuse cases. Golf cart lighting will be donated with a small installation fee. So many events where this golf cart can be utilized. Every peace officer has to complete 24 hours of training. Will be reimbursed for 24 hours of their training. Councilor Cable asked if the two bikes are also being utilized. Have to have an officer in a cruiser before the bikes or golf cart. Now that we have a full staff of 4 people, it can happen. Chief Harget is the only one certified to ride the bike. Police Department will use every tool they can. Councilor Green appreciates the police report. 70% of these are officer-initiated which means they are on the street. Proves the validity of having a Police Department in our village.

Fire Department – Chief Jerry Brooks: Went over his submitted report which includes information from December since the January 26th Council meeting was cancelled due to weather. Mayor Goodman congratulated Chief Brooks and the Fire Department for having the busiest year on record for the village and for the department to have come such a long way and having good things happening there. Power cot will work in the main ambulance. Will increase our transports quite a bit with this. Received \$5,000 grant from the Eagles which will help fit the Polaris side by side for what they wish to use it for.

Public Works – Superintendent Toby Miller: No additional report. Please refer to the Public Service Committee meeting from earlier in the evening.

Parks and Recreation – Annetta Macedonia: No representative; no verbal report. Next meeting most likely will be March.

Code Enforcement – Mayor: Now hiring for this position. Job has been posted.

Zoning – Kevin Strang: Kevin is out of state. No report.

Planning & Zoning / BZA Commission: Meeting to be held next Thursday.

Report of Mayor Goodman: Read her submitted mayor's report. The Historic Holtsberry Cabin is being moved next Tuesday March 3rd at 8:30am. Organizational meeting this Wednesday for all of the moving parts and plan for moving and how traffic will be managed.

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 2026-06 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-78 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilor Lemmon asked that the first 6 items of this ordinance be moved to a second reading to be addressed at the next Finance committee meeting. All in favor. Mayor Goodman stated that the 6 items were heavily discussed during the budget process and in Finance in 2025.

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Lemmon to amend Ordinance 2026-06 by removing \$15,000 line.

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

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor to add Ordinance 2026-07 (number assigned) to tonight's agenda for \$15,000 and have a first reading.

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

Ordinance 2026-07 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-78 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Keener to adopt Ordinance 2026-07.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading –

Resolution 2026-01 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN VILLAGE VEHICLES SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO SELL SAID VEHICLES AT AUCTION.

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

Roll call vote: Yes: Keener, Lemmon, McCormick, Wolfe, Green
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** Cable; **Motion Passed 5 – 1**

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Keener to adopt Resolution 2026-01.

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

Resolutions for 1st Reading – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Noise Ordinance – Councilor Lemmon asked that a noise ordinance be added to tonight's agenda and have a first reading.

Ordinance 2026-08 – AN ORDINANCE ENACTING PROHIBITIONS AGAINST UNREASONABLE NOISE. This will move to a second reading.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Goodman made a proclamation of March 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS –

Councilor Keener – Congratulated Mr. Miller on his promotion at the Fire Department and thanked the village officials for their reports tonight.

Councilor Lemmon – Thank you to Mr. President for his patience this evening.

Councilor McCormick – Very excited to get her committee together so they can get started on their agenda.

Councilor Wolfe - Thanked mayor residents and council members for their input. Thanked safety and fire personnel and public service for their snow removal efforts. Nice community with a lot of things going on. A pleasure to live here.

Councilor Cable – Thank you, buy and support local.

Councilor Green – Welcome Captain Miller to the Fire Department. Thank you to Police and Fire and everyone who is keeping the village safe. Phenomenal workload. She was amazed at the snow removal. Thanked the Eagles for their generous donations that help our different entities in the village.

Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting – March 9, 2026


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


Tom Wolfe, Council President