

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
February 28, 2022

Call to Order: By Council President Linda Goodman at 7:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by Council President Linda Goodman.

Roll Call: Present: Don Cable (0,0), Linda Goodman (0,0), Deb Julian (0,0),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) John Lemmon (0,0), Max Thompson (0,0), Tom Wolfe (0,0)

Staff Present: Mayor Jeryne Peterson; Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council;
Toby Miller, Water Superintendent / Public Works; Jason Harget, Police Chief; Ryan Wyse, Fire
Chief; Rex Adkins, Code Enforcement;

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Cable, to
approve the February 14, 2022 regular council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian

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

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to
approve the Treasurer's report dated February 28, 2022.

Roll call vote: Yes: Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Personnel Committee Chair Deb Julian stated that the
Personnel Committee had spent a few sessions interviewing for the vacant council seat and they recommended
bringing all three qualified candidates, Casey Clark (who was interviewed before; did not re-interview but re-
applied), Sue Wadley (interviewed on Feb 24th), and Gary Smith (interviewed Feb 28th), forward for the vacant
council seat nomination.

Voting slips were passed out.

Votes for Sue Wadley for the vacant Council seat: Cable, Goodman, Julian, Wolfe

Votes for Casey Clark for the vacant Council seat: Lemmon, Thompson

Votes for Gary Smith for the vacant Council seat: None.

Sue Wadley will take the vacant council seat by a margin of 4-2.

President Goodman stated that Sue Wadley is currently our Mayor's Court Clerk. She said that Sue would be
sworn in tonight but that she would not be in roll call or vote tonight. Sue will conduct Mayor's Court tomorrow
night and the open position would be posted to begin hiring and training the next person for the Mayor's Court
Clerk position.

Motion by Councilor Goodman, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to accept this as the way things will go for the
transition, per Solicitor Brad Nicodemus' recommendation. No vote.

Sue Wadley was sworn in by Mayor Jeryne Peterson.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Finance Committee had a meeting two weeks ago where they recommended to move the permanent budget to full council. First reading of the permanent budget is on the agenda tonight. Next Finance Committee meeting will be held on March 14th at 6:30pm.

President Goodman asked if Finance Committee was the only meeting scheduled for the 14th because Solicitor Brad Nicodemus has offered to come and give "Parliamentary Procedure 101" to council and the mayor, which he would like to do during committee time on March 14th. This meeting could be hosted by the Rules or the Public Safety Committees.

Public Safety Committee: No report, as there will be reports from the Chiefs tonight.

Public Service Committee: Meeting was held on February 7th at 6:30pm. Meeting minutes submitted. Next meeting March 7th at 6:30pm to discuss a road repair schedule, as well as safety lights / crosswalks to the fire and police stations.

Rules Committee: No report.

Community Development Committee: Held a meeting tonight that was a one-hour discussion on short-term rentals. Next meeting will be March 28th at 6:00pm with the subject of short-term rentals. Regulated short-term rentals will happen in the village.

Personnel Committee: Personnel would like to have a meeting at 6pm on March 7th to continue discussion on the Employee Handbook.

Report of Council President – President Goodman announced that although unfortunately North Shore Coffee Co. has closed, someone else is taking over that location to open another coffee shop. Knuckleheads is now open.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget – Congratulated Sue Wadley as new council member. E-citation system (SOLVE) is working and updating to the computers in the office and prints right in the police cruisers to save time. Officer Hiroki was at the meeting and was introduced as the community relations officer. Looking into a body cam grant, as the cameras they have now are old. Chief Harget attended the third block watch meeting for North Bank where residents expressed concern about the coverage in the dam area. Civilian captains / coordinators are appointed to monitor their community watch Facebook page and get information over to the police. Chief Harget and his officers are working on a drug tip line, either a phone number or email. They have been identifying drug houses in the village. Statistics report has been submitted that stated 463 calls for service in 2 months with 3 officers and the Chief. Talking with Councilor Thompson and Toby Miller about the impound lot process to get rid of the cars on GovDeals. Officers Hiroki and Lorenz will be sent to free bike training.

Fire Department – Chief Ryan Wyse – Chief Wyse stated that Assistant Chief David Routon is back to full active duty. Chevy medic is still out of service. \$3,700 spent on repairs but air ride system still does not work. If the medic is sold, they will not have a backup. FEMA grant has been submitted. Stats and run numbers should be available in report form soon from the call center. Hopes to have bid specs soon for advertising for fulfilling FEMA grant from last year. Door access control system has been installed by Assistant Chief and works great. Max Tharp had to suddenly resign due to his health. Chief would like to hire 4 more firefighters and will use the Indeed hiring website this time. Fire Chief Ryan Wyse is now Interim Fire Chief at Refugee Canyon. President Goodman asked what Chief's plan is for making time for both departments. Chief Wyse stated that he has not

been in the position long enough to experience the work load of both positions. He was also asked about the reporting system and he said the records are there but they are not easy to pull and make available to all.

Public Works – Toby Miller – Transitioning from cold weather to warm weather work. Working with Parks and Recreation Commission on the Recreation building.

Parks and Recreation – Barb Sills – Barb stated she was not there to do a Parks and Recreation report but offered some updates anyway. There is a new roof on the Recreation building and an overhang was created over the main entrance doorway. Downspouts and gutters are on. Painting of the exterior of the building and black top parking area will be next.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins – 10 active cases pending in court at various stages. 16 active cases that could be sent to court if they do not come into compliance. Seeking lawn care bids for the 2022 season if part-time seasonal worker is not hired this year. Updated the code enforcement complaint filing procedures to be strictly online. 2022 code book has some small changes and the website for code enforcement (iWorq) would have to be updated for these changes. 10-day notice sent out one time for violators to cut their grass. Other municipalities charge other fees (Administrative fee of \$200 then the hourly rate of seasonal worker to cut the grass). Rex submitted a list of costs incurred by the village for grass and weed maintenance of violators that needs submitted to the auditor’s office to assess those charges to the taxes for each property.

Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to accept the cost of maintaining un-cut weeds and grass violations list to be able to send it to the county auditor.

Roll call vote: **Yes:** Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian
Abstain: 0; **Nays: 0;** **Motion Passed 6 – 0**

Zoning – Kevin Strang – No report.

Report of Mayor – Mayor Peterson submitted a written report and a MORPC Regional Listening Session Intel Announcement PowerPoint. Comprehensive plan is being worked on.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading –

Ordinance 2022-07 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-67 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable, to adopt Ordinance 2022-07.

Roll call vote: **Yes:** Lemmon, Thompson, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman, Julian
Abstain: 0; **Nays: 0;** **Motion Passed 6 – 0**

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2022-08 - PERMANENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO, FOR 2022, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilor Lemmon would like to see the temporary budget numbers as the permanent budget numbers, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Councilor Wolfe wants to see the Police Officers receiving a shift differential pay and money in the budget for a police garage and a side-by-side vehicle. He would also like money in the budget for street paving. Toby Miller came to the microphone to explain where in the budget money for paving and trench repair can be found.

Ordinance 2022-08 will move on to a second reading.

Ordinance 2022-09 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 – 2023 PAY PLAN.

This would be adding a part-time seasonal worker to the pay plan.

Ordinance 2022-09 will move on to a second reading.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Councilor Lemmon stated the need for committees to be formed for the levies. Councilor Thompson said he is working on getting started. General levy word needs put out because it is coming up on the ballot for voters in May. November ballot deadline for Fire levy is in August.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS -

Barb Sills – 524 Providence Lane – Comments regarding the February 14th council meeting. Barb said that as she watched the meeting, Council heard everyone's side of the story about the donation to the police department except the mayor's, who was advised by the solicitor to have no comment at that time, but she was asked to apologize. Yet no one said they would reserve judgement until they hear her side of the story - guilty until proven innocent – and that is not how the law works. Barb said we are all entitled to think what we want, no matter how vicious it is, but no one is entitled to sit in this chair or go online and use defamation of character, intimidation, and slander to accuse someone else of defamation of character, intimidation, and slander. Hate speech is protected speech, but in a small community like this, hatefulness provides no benefit to this village. She said she completely understands wanting to honor and pay tribute to a loved one. 12 years ago tonight, her husband died of a fatal brain aneurism and she has found ways to honor him, but to make an in-kind donation while running for office to a department that will be working for that candidate if they win, gives the appearance of trying to influence peoples' votes. Barb was invited to meet with that candidate on August 20th where the candidate mentioned donating equipment to the fire department, donating her salary, and doing something for the police department during her campaign. No one is discussing the timeline for the fire department gift. As we started the new year, with new council members, a new mayor, strong police and fire departments, Barb said she was so hopeful that this leadership team could develop good working relationships for the benefit of village residents. Sadly, after watching that meeting, she thinks that does not appear to be happening any time soon and she is very sorry to see that. She believes council suffered a black eye that night as well.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Lemmon: When you make a mistake, you need to own up to it. He has made some mistakes on his finance reports and will get the revised version to the clerk.

Councilor Thompson: Welcomed Sue to council; thinks she will be a great addition. He said he has a lot to learn about the budget process and he hopes we can do these things earlier. As far as a priority list, he thinks there needs to be a big picture with all of the items in a prioritized list.

Councilor Wolfe: Welcomed Sue to council and looks forward to working with her. Appreciates the public who came to the Community Development Committee meeting. Prayers for world peace.

Councilor Julian: Welcomes Sue to council; she has an impressive background that will help quite a bit. She said she is learning a lot as we go. Councilor Julian appreciates Barb Sills' comments and she is completely optimistic for what the future holds for this group and the mental direction that we are going in to serve the citizens of this village. She said that includes working with Mayor Peterson, who is a great neighbor, and she does not want it to reflect that one meeting show they are all against her at all, but we all have the right to voice our opinions the way we want to in this position. She is optimistic that this will be a great year for all of us.

Councilor Cable: He wrote a speech but did not want to get sucked into the pettiness of what seems to be a huge division in the village – pro-administration vs anti-administration, past vs present. He said that calling someone out in the meeting is unacceptable and unprofessional. He does not support getting the Advocate newspaper involved in keeping an issue internal. He finds removal of the Facebook video, whether intentional or unintentional, a real problem.

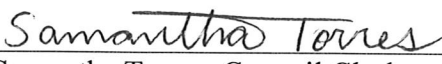
Councilor Goodman: Welcomes Sue to council. Thanked the other candidates for their time and interest. This has been a long process and she has heard many people say during it, we love the village. If we love the village, let's do what is best for the village and work together and more forward. There will be hiccups and disagreements, but let's remember why we're here. She hopes we can move forward. We want what is best for the residents. Thanks to the police and fire departments. Hopes for world peace.

Mayor Peterson: Todd Dickson, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, has passed away. He will be missed. She prays that the people of Ukraine can hold the line against Russian invasion.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Julian.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm

NEXT MEETING: Council Meeting: March 14, 2022


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


Linda Goodman, Council President