

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes  
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook  
**January 12, 2026**

**Call to Order:** By Council Clerk Samantha Torres at 7:00p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence:** Led by Council Clerk Samantha Torres.

**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; Amanda Hoppel, Fiscal Officer; Jason Harget, Police Chief; Jerry Brooks, Fire Chief.

Council Clerk welcomed new Council member Michelle McCormick.

**Council President Nominations –**

Tom Wolfe – nominated by Douglas Keener and Deb Julian.

John Lemmon – nominated by John Lemmon and Don Cable.

4 votes for Tom Wolfe: Julian, Cable, Wolfe, and Keener

3 votes for John Lemmon: McCormick, Green, and Lemmon

**Tom Wolfe is Council President.**

**Council President Pro Tempore Nominations –**

Kellie Green nominated by Deb Julian and Tom Wolfe.

John Lemmon nominated by Douglas Keener and Don Cable.

5 votes for Kellie Green: Cable, Julian, McCormick, Green, Wolfe

2 votes for John Lemmon: Lemmon, Keener

**Kellie Green is Council President Pro Tempore.**

Council President Tom Wolfe took his seat in the President's chair and took over conducting the council meeting.

**Planning and Zoning Commission Council Representative and Elector Pick-**

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable to appoint Douglas Keener as the Council Representative for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**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 nominate Tim Ryan to remain the Council selection for elector of the village on Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

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

Council Committee request slips were passed out to council members by Council Clerk.

**Report of Council President** - Thanked everyone for their confidence in him as President. Looks forward to the next couple of years.

**Report of Mayor** – Showed picture on screen of the current status of the historic Holtsberry Cabin lifted off of the ground. Wednesday or Thursday of this week it will be set on steel beams for the move. Mayor is happy that the Historical Society voted to keep the cabin in the village. ODOT has to give the go to move it. Fire Department received \$19,600 Firehouse Subs grant to purchase a new Polaris for the Fire Department. Power cot has arrived in pieces. It is put together

and the department will receive training. Mid-Ohio Golf Cart worked up some numbers for a golf cart. Chief Harget had the money to pay the village's part of \$9,000 and Mid-Ohio will donate the rest. It is brand new and black. Will have a full tank of gas and can put a light bar on it. Thank you from Chief Harget.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

Councilor Lemmon reminded council that there is a noise ordinance draft that came out of the Community Development committee.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS** –

Jeff Rath of Newark – Introduced himself and formally announced that he is running for Licking County Commissioner to fill Rick Black's retirement vacancy.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS** –

**Councilor Cable** – Thanked Councilor Lemmon for his service to the council presidency over the past few years. Congratulations to Tom and Kellie and Doug for another two years. Congratulations to Police and Fire. Buy local.

**Councilor Green** – Congratulated all on their new positions. She was surprised to be nominated as Council President Pro Tem. She is honored to do it and will do her best to serve council and the village. Hope we have a wonderful 2026. Thanked Councilor Lemmon for his service and guidance and patience.

**Councilor Julian** – Congratulations to Wolfe, Green, and Keener in their new positions. She knows that taking on extra meeting nights is extra special. Excited about the grants and golf cart. Looks forward to 2026. It will be a good year for the lake. Welcome Michelle.

**Councilor Keener** – Congratulations to all on their new positions.

**Councilor Lemmon** – Congratulations to new president and offered his help. Councilor Green deserves the new position she has. Been nice serving with everyone.

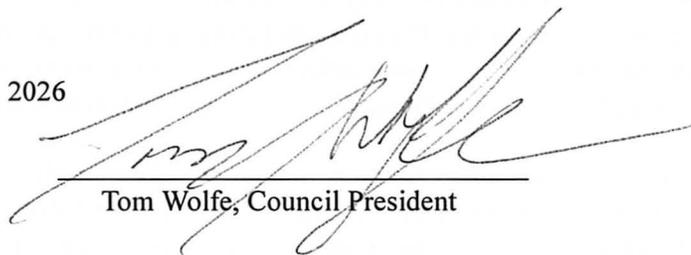
**Councilor McCormick** – Thanked everyone for allowing her to be a part of the group. All need to work together. Looking forward to being a part of the group.

**Councilor Wolfe** – Thanked Councilor Lemmon for being previous President. Will ask him for some guidance. Appreciates all for their dedication. Looks forward to having discussions with the mayor. Easiest to reach him by phone. He would like to see community participation. Some nice things coming up.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Julian to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Regular Council Meeting – January 26, 2026

  
Samantha Torres, Council Clerk

  
Tom Wolfe, Council President