

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
January 13, 2025

Call to Order: By Council President John Lemmon 7:03p.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; Amanda Hoppel, Clerk Treasurer; Jason Harget, Police Chief; Jerry Brooks, Interim Fire Chief; Toby Miller, Public Works Superintendent; Kevin Strang, Zoning Inspector;

Approval of Public Hearing Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Keener, to approve the November 25, 2024 public hearing minutes.

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

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Keener, to approve the November 25, 2024 regular council meeting minutes.

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

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to approve the December 9, 2024 regular council meeting minutes.

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

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Wadley, to approve the November 2024 Reconciliations and Treasurer's report dated January 9, 2025.

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Goodman swore in David Miller (Firefighter / Paramedic), Mark Flowers (Firefighter / EMT / Interim Lieutenant), and Phillip Strzalkowski (Firefighter / Paramedic) to the Buckeye Lake Fire Department. Mayor Goodman stated that these gentlemen have been working on the department for a while and this is the first chance they have had to be sworn in. She thanked all of them as they have been a big part in the rebuilding of the Fire Department.

Mayor Goodman swore in the members of the Planning Commission for 2025. Those people are Kaye Hartman, Tim Ryan, and Robert Scherman, to join her, along with Council Representative Douglas Keener on the commission. Mayor Goodman stated the other commissions are being put together and we still have a need for 2-3 people on each of the zoning and zoning appeals boards.

Mike Fornataro – Executive Director – Buckeye Lake Region Corporation BLRC2036 – First North Shore Pier Project Update – BLRC has been asking the elected officials in Columbus to provide the resources to enhance the North Shore Park and they received \$11million dollars to do so. Mike provided an illustration that showed that the \$11million could get them to the footprint of the park with the land pier with the anticipation of transient / municipal docks and an improved beach area. There is a piece of property that may need to be purchased, a telephone switching building that belongs to CenturyLink. This is ODNr's park. They will be responsible for it when it is completed. Mike stated ODNr has been very good to work with so far. Fairfield Beach has potential but we do not have a central nice public space for

people to go which is what this should end up being. This one piece of land has driven the identity of the Buckeye Lake area since the 1900s and we hope it continues to do so in a positive way. Intention is that the park will not close during construction and the boat ramps and parking lot can remain open. If they were to get into a pinch with that, Wilbur Robey has said they could maybe work something out with the property that he owns there.

The boat ramp will remain on the main lake, not in Crane Lake. Boat launches will be moved to the east a little. They have hired contractors that deal with in-water construction like that who understand marinas and navigational issues. Councilor Wolfe asked about the entry and exit area- will a roundabout go there or what will that be like? Mike stated this illustration anticipates being able to acquire the CenturyLink building and there is no sort of roundabout here. The reason for moving the entrance / exit is to create more park / greenspace and parking. Access to Crane Lake will remain unhindered. There would be a paddleboat launch for canoes and kayaks. Councilor Cable asked about the pier coming out so far, would the NO WAKE zone increase? Mike does not think it would but that is a detail that will need to be addressed and he will ask ODNR. Mike stated the land pier will have grass on top of it and it gives a blank slate to do other amenities later like a welcome center or pavilion. It will be a lot simpler later once funding is gathered.

MKSK is the design organization. Mayor Goodman had a phone Zoom meeting with Mike and MKSK, along with planning reps from OHM and it was a good discussion with questions and answers about how this interacts with the village. With the ingress and egress, the village will have a sidewalk project going on and now will not start where it was going to start. It will start a little past that so that if the entrance to the park does change, the village is not tearing out something that was just paid to have done. We want there to be a lot of communication with the village and the state and all involved. Mike stated there is a very aggressive timeline on this that the state feels is doable. This is a state project with BLRC overseeing and administrating. President Lemmon stated our walkway will connect to the bike path along the lake. The interchange between the park and the village will take some cooperation and communication.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Finance Committee: Last month we approved the budget for 2025. Next meeting February 10th at 5:30pm.

Public Safety Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Public Service Committee: Last Monday's meeting was cancelled as there was not much to discuss. Next meeting to be held February 3rd at 6:30pm.

Rules Committee: Nothing to report.

Community Development Committee: Nothing to report at this time. Chair Green will be meeting with President Lemmon for some items of discussion. Next meeting to be held February 10th at 6:30pm after Finance and Personnel Committee meetings.

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report. Next meeting to be held February 10th at 6:00pm after Finance Committee meeting.

Report of Council President: President Lemmon read his President's Report, included in minutes binder.

Report of Mayor: Mayor is required by the Charter to give an annual report of 2024. 2024 recap will be presented in February. Snow removal went well last week. Anyone who lives on a private street, the village does not provide service to those streets. Received notification this afternoon that the DORA application has been approved. Started the conversation a while ago. Will have a learning curve. Will be in effect for Winterfest. Ordered signage marking the boundaries. They have also ordered the cups that were designed by the Council Clerk. They said that if the cups are not completed in time, we could provide stickers for the cups for Winterfest until the cups arrive. Municipality buys the cups and the liquor permit holders purchase them at-cost from the municipality. Each establishment should have a trash can by the front door. Our Police Department will enforce it and will have information for enforcement. They will get the paperwork that the village received. First round of Fire Chief interviews are completed. Personnel and Safety Committee chairs will be

involved in the second round. 4 applicants were called in for interviews. Mayor was pleased with the quality of the applicants. Hopefully will know in the next two weeks.

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 2025-01 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR THE BUCKEYE LAKE 2024 STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Cable to adopt Ordinance 2025-01.

Discussion: Toby Miller stated he does have exact line items. This has been paid out. This is changing the contract price. This is a deduction. Meter repair was done by us. Less grass needed planted, they used less gravel, things like that have been changed, thus reducing the contract price and saving money.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

Resolution 2025-01 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN FIRE VEHICLES SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO SELL SAID VEHICLES AT AUCTION AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wadley to adopt Resolution 2025-01.

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

Resolution 2025-02 - A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S CHALLENGE OF AT&T's TARIFF APPLICATION AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wadley to adopt Resolution 2025-02.

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

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

Resolution 2025-03 - A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH AN ADDITIONAL LEVY ON PROPERTY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE AND TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF THE ADDITIONAL TAX TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE AT THE MAY 6, 2025 ELECTION AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Keener to change all mentions of 5 years to 3 years.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Cable to change amount to be collected from \$130,952,769 to \$1,572,000.

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

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

****Note, this was not needed in the final document, as the numbers from the auditor were correct and the \$130,952,769 is the TOTAL TAX VALUATION of properties in the village, not the amount to be collected. \$524,000 is the revenue amount to be produced.**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Resolution 2025-03.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS –

Tim Ryan – 5279 North Bank Road – 10th anniversary of Winterfest this year. Thank you to Mayor Goodman and Tom Wolfe for the DORA. Chamber of Commerce will be more than happy to post on their website about the DORA where to see the map and the rules and understand what is going on and any other relevant information. Appreciate the village's support. Benny the Bass is doing well and is excited about being here in a couple of weeks and predicting an early Spring! Appreciates being on the Planning Commission.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS –

Councilor Cable – Thanked Randy and Toby's team for snow removal. 2024 was a rough health year for him. He has a new hip now and is ready to roll for 2025. Thanked all for their support and concern. A very dangerous time of year for ice fishing. First time seeing people out on the ice this year. Very leery of snow on top of the ice. Be very careful. A lot of areas (west side of Cranberry, a lot of springs there) where it is very thin and dangerous. Always go on the ice with a partner. Winterfest is here – be safe and buy local.

Councilor Green – Welcomed new fire fighters to the lake. It is official now. Thank you for your service and for being here and thanks to the new Planning Commission members. Pier project is awesome. Thanks to Toby and crew for snow plowing. Be safe at Winterfest. Thank you to the mayor and Councilor Wolfe for their hard work on the DORA.

Councilor Julian – Welcome to the new year. Glad to see a to-do list. Able to complete a lot of things in 2024. Welcome to new fire fighters. Glad to see some dates that come with the pier project. \$11 million will do a lot and touch a lot of our residents and visitors. Enjoy Winterfest. Hopefully the weather is okay.

Councilor Keener – Welcome everyone from the Fire Department. Planning Commission – he looks forward to working with them. Be warm and safe.

Councilor Lemmon – Makes him nervous to see people on the ice by themselves. Can be very dangerous. A lot of people in the village doing a lot of great work. One more year for this group together.

Councilor Wadley – Welcome Mark, Phil, and David to the Fire Department. Encourages individuals to be a part of the zoning and board of zoning appeals commissions. 10 years is exciting for Winterfest. DORA will be awesome. Looking forward to working with this group another year. Continue on this path.

Councilor Wolfe – Welcome to new fire fighters and those on the Planning Commission. He talked to the Fire Chief about a donation that was received - \$400 from the Fire Belles. We appreciate that. Some concerning things – inside the squad vehicle, want to make sure we have a power cart and heart monitors in both. It is important for paramedics to have the right tools. Wants to make sure citizens are getting a little better deal on water. Change volume metric from 2000 to 3000 gallons. Thanked mayor for her work. Looks forward to new progress through ODNR. Be safe on the ice.

Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Green to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting – January 27th, 2025



Samantha Torres, Council Clerk



John Lemmon, Council President