

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes  
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook  
**July 14, 2025**

**Call to Order:** By Council President John Lemmon 7:02p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence:** Led by Council President John Lemmon.

**Roll Call:** Present: Don Cable, Deb Julian, John Lemmon, Sue Wadley, Tom Wolfe  
Absent: Kellie Green, Douglas Keener

**Staff Present:** Linda Goodman, Mayor; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Jason Harget, Police Chief; Amanda Hoppel, Fiscal Officer; Jerry Brooks, Interim Fire Chief;

**Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Wadley, to approve the June 23, 2025 regular council meeting minutes.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Julian, Lemmon

**Abstain:** 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 5– 0**

**Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Wadley, to approve the Treasurer's report dated July 10, 2025.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Julian, Lemmon

**Abstain:** 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 5 – 0**

**APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**Finance Committee:** Meeting held tonight. Talked about moving the personnel contract expense of funds for Clemens-Nelson plan to full council. Lengthy discussion on the priority list for capital projects for the village to try to get some of them moved forward. Discussed pickleball court funding and budget process. Next meeting will be held August 11<sup>th</sup> with time to be determined.

**Public Safety Committee:** Moving forward with Stryker safety equipment and there will be discussion later on about fire engines for future use.

**Public Service Committee:** Meeting held last Monday where they discussed need for a service building. Motion was made to send to Finance for financial review. Discussed transferring Crane Lake roads from the current owners to the Village. Discussed staining and upkeep of the pavilion. Looked at office sealing and tinting front windows. Toby will get an additional quote regarding that. Next meeting is first Monday of August at 6:30pm.

**Rules Committee:** Absent, no report. Will have a meeting soon.

**Community Development Committee:** Absent, no report.

**Personnel Committee:** Have not had a meeting, nothing to report. Next meeting in August.

**Report of Council President:** Will work on capital projects priority list. Need to work on that with Toby Miller, Councilor Cable, and Mayor Goodman. He will be on vacation this week.

**Report of Mayor:** Read her submitted Mayor's Report.

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

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinances for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading –**

**Ordinance 2025-31** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GRANT A PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT OF VILLAGE PROPERTY.

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Julian to adopt Ordinance 2025-31.

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

### **Ordinances for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading –** None.

### **Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading –**

**Ordinance 2025-35** - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Julian to adopt Ordinance 2025-35.

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

**Ordinance 2025-36** - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Wadley to adopt Ordinance 2025-36.

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

**Ordinance 2025-37** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE ZONING COMMISSION AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Roll call vote:**           **Yes:** Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Lemmon  
**Abstain:** 0;           **Nays:** Julian;           **Motion Failed 4 – 1**

**Discussion:** Councilor Julian stated she knows we have had problems getting people on the commissions so it is not that she is against the changes, but we put it to a vote by the residents for a Charter change and that was a very big deal to have that whole process and then by ordinance we are allowed to change it and she is not sure that she totally understands that. Council President Lemmon stated that what we are doing is an emergency temporary change that is allowed because we are in a situation where we cannot operate. If we want to make a permanent change, it would have to go back to the voters. If we are working on that, we may be able to extend this temporary movement at the end of the year and we are working on that. This temporary change would allow them to operate with the personnel we already have, otherwise we do not have enough people on these commissions that the Charter change from November 2024 requests. Councilor Julian stated this would take it to non-electors again.

This will move to a second reading.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolutions for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading** – None.

**Resolutions for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – None.

**Resolutions for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** –

**Resolution 2025-12** – A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 7 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CHARTER TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Discussion:** Council President Lemmon would like this to go to the Community Development committee for the next meeting. Councilor Wadley would like Village Solicitor Brad Nicodemus to come talk to council about putting charter changes on the ballot. Mayor Goodman will speak with Brad about that. Councilor Wadley will speak with absent Councilor Green about speaking on this in committee meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Cable to take Ordinance 2025-28 from the table.

**Roll call vote:**               **Yes:** Wadley, Cable, Julian, Lemmon

**Abstain:** 0;               **Nays:** Wolfe;               **Motion Failed 4 – 1**

**Discussion:** Council President Lemmon stated that Page 32 Section 6 in the large Exhibit that is with this Ordinance mentions the tax credit that council was asking about before. RITA will administrate that. They will collect and then take their fee and then the village gets the rest.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable to add emergency language to Ordinance 2025-28.

**Roll call vote:**               **Yes:** Cable, Julian, Lemmon

**Abstain:** 0;               **Nays:** Wadley, Wolfe;               **Motion Failed 3– 2**

No motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-28 during this third reading.

Council President Lemmon stated this will be on the next meeting's agenda under Unfinished Business..

Resolution 2025-09 (A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF A ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1.5%) INCOME TAX TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE) remains tabled per motion by Councilors Keener and Wadley at the June 23, 2025 council meeting.

**Park Signage** – Councilor Julian brought up the topic of putting up signage at all of our parks. She has a mockup. Community Development plans to speak about this at their next committee meeting. Need consistent parking for all of our parks. Need an ordinance preventing overnight parking on municipal-owned lots.

## **NEW BUSINESS** –

**Private Roads** – Councilor Julian sent an email earlier this week. After watching the public service committee meeting, there was discussion about private roads, she is not opposed to it but she does not think we can get into conversations about taking over private roads because we don't know the cost. There are so many different situations out there. Need to get information about each one to see what is needed, such as a survey. Councilor Lemmon said let's get ADR to give us a breakdown on what those roads are.

Councilor Julian thinks a lined overview on how many linear feet of the whole village is private roads is what we deserve before we get into heavy conversations because we know our budget is small. \$200,000 yearly that is allocated on street

pavement. Say we have 25% more roads from a private perspective that we have to enter into those calculations now, we should not look at them in a vacuum as it could be a bigger issue. She would like some information from Toby Miller.

**Recycling Bins** – Councilor Wadley stated that Hebron has removed their recycling bins. The ones at our park are full of trash. Need to find another way to support recycling in the village. Trash contract goes through public service. Councilor Wadley does not think the location is a good location.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS** – None.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS** –

**Councilor Wadley** – Kudos to both Chiefs who have done outstanding work in the past few weeks. Thanks to both.

**Councilor Wolfe** – Thanked the Safety Services; appreciates their professionalism. At a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting, he spoke to Brittany Misner at Hebron: idea that, in support of the new bus route, this council and Hebron's council get together on a ride to go somewhere. The transit system helps both communities. Mayor Goodman stated they had a ride before the route's launch with some people from Hebron.

**Councilor Cable** – Buy local and keep supporting what needs to happen in the village.

**Councilor Julian** – Nice to have a quick response from our Safety Services for the tragic shooting over the weekend. Fourth of July showed the village off well. She came to the meeting for the bus transit route Ribbon Cutting. She stated that people saw it in Columbus. Thank you to Mayor Goodman for pushing that.

**Councilor Lemmon** – His heart goes out to those affected by the tragedy over the weekend. Everyone treats everyone as family there. Thanked the Chiefs for their efforts.

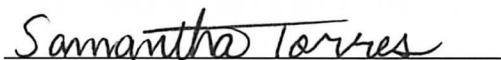
Police Chief - He cannot discuss the on-going investigation for the incident over the weekend at Louie's Corner Bar, but he read a statement on behalf of the Police Department. Our thoughts and prayers for those affected by this senseless act of violence. They want to assure everyone that the situation was swiftly contained and there is no ongoing threat to the public. The individuals involved have been identified and arrested and the investigation still remains active and thorough. At this time, they believe this to be an isolated incident and not a random act. The safety of our village remains their top priority for not only the Police Department but the Fire Department as well. Deputies, officers, the fire department all responded promptly and professionally and will continue to maintain increased presence throughout the area to ensure that the community feels safe and secure. They understand that incidents like this can be unsettling but please know that your police and fire departments are fully committed to protect every resident and visitor that comes through this village. They encourage anyone with any information related to this case to come forward with any information to either Chief Harget, his officers, or the Licking County Sheriff's Office. They remain confident in the strength and resilience of this village and together we will continue to uphold the peace and safety that define our community. He is very proud of the Licking County Sheriff's office for their collaboration and job well done that they did in helping us protect our community. He could not have done it without them and without the Buckeye Lake Fire Chief and his personnel who were there within minutes.

Mayor Goodman thanks all of those who came into the village to help with this incident. Our medic / Fire Department showed up a minute and a half after the 911 call. Proud of our Police and Fire Departments.

Lemmon that business always helps the community and they need our help now.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Julian to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Regular Council Meeting – July 28, 2025

  
Samantha Torres, Council Clerk

  
John Lemmon, Council President