

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
July 22, 2024

Call to Order: By Council President John Lemmon at 7:00p.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; Toby Miller, Public Works Superintendent; Rex Adkins, Code Enforcement Officer; Kevin Strang, Zoning Inspector;

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Wadley, to approve the July 8, 2024 regular council meeting minutes.

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

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

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Keener, to approve the June Reconciliations and Treasurer's report dated July 18, 2024.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Kristin McCloud – Pathways of Central Ohio – Pathways Leadership Team Executive Director – Has been working with Mayor to get some signage put up especially at Ryan-Braden Park for those who may need assistance - 211 and 988. Officials are in the unique position in the community to get the word out about these services and to better serve the community. Almost everyone can use these numbers. 211 is for information and referral primarily. Worried about senior citizens, addiction, and more. 988 is primarily for suicide prevention and for folks dealing with drug and alcohol abuse. National Suicide Prevention services. Pathways is supported by the United Way and Mental Health Recovery Board, so if you have a chance to donate to United Way, your money is helping to provide these services. If you own property in Licking County, may see a line on your bill for mental health; this money is for the mental health recovery levy and contributes to funding for these services. Staff is all paid with a minimum of an associate's degree and recently have been able to increase their pay and hire those who are bachelor's degree educated. 109 calls in the past year from Buckeye Lake which is low, so need help to spread the word. Top reasons for calls were for help with housing expenses, transportation, and homelessness. They also provide a recovery line to help people recovering from mental illness 24/7 365. Main goal is to keep people from having to go to the hospital. They are an answering service and can answer calls after hours. Kids crisis team can be sent out for young people aged 0-24. Opiate crisis team can talk to those who have overdosed. Someone who has been in that situation can talk with them about their treatment options and those in crisis are not forced to do anything. Online resource directories at pathwaysofcentralohio.org. They participate in disaster response. Calls from people looking for cooling centers during the recent heat wave. Monthly community report on call volume to the center. Can sign up for those online. You can find resource links on our village website.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Finance Committee: Nothing new from last meeting to report. Next Finance Committee meeting to be held

August 12th at 5:30pm.

Public Safety Committee: Councilor Wolfe read the report of the Fire Department, as Chief Amspaugh was unable to attend. Chair of Police Levy – Casey Clark - will have a meeting at Pizza Cottage on August 8th at 3:00pm. Councilor Julian stated it needs to be pushed about what specifically is happening with the fire engine.

Public Service Committee: Next meeting being held Monday August 5th at 6:30pm.

Rules Committee: Nothing at this time.

Community Development Committee: Next meeting August 12th after Personnel Committee meeting with main focus of possibly looking at assisting Council Clerk on how to get out information about Charter changes to be presented on the November ballot.

Personnel Committee: Nothing new to report. Next meeting to be held August 12th around 6:00pm following the Finance Committee meeting at 5:30pm.

Report of Council President: Nothing to report at this time.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget: Radio update is going very smooth and we are saving about \$30,000 by updating versus replacing these radios. Thank you to Mr. Ruton for helping with this. Cruiser 802 truck is in shop for maintenance. Brakes and rotors. Have put no money in that truck so far. Thank you to Amanda, finalized the body cam grant this morning. Thank you to the state for extending that and for awarding that \$15,000 to us. Received a couple of applicants for officers and looking into background today. Thanked Deana Gilmore for her service as Mayor’s Court clerk. He has trained the new clerk, Marie Woods, with OLEG training and getting her into the Baldwin Group system. Have had some felony investigations that have taken some of his time away from patrol. Police levy meeting is August 8th at 3pm. He is making a brochure of levy information and the great things the police department has done and been involved in within the community.

Fire Department – Chief Keisha Amspaugh: Absent; written report submitted.

Public Works – Superintendent Toby Miller: August 5th service meeting will have Environmental Design Group here for SaferStreets4All program. Brief business before that. Gary McAnnally to give explanation of a possible way to do the service building instead of bidding it out; more of a management person at risk. Union Avenue - did the calculations of what they proposed to fix four spots. See what they want to do and if it makes sense. Feel confident that the other areas have more asphalt than there should be. Waiting for them to come back with the exact proposal on their warranty extension on the whole street. When that is done, they will be here to get that completed. This year’s paving project has Second Street and Essex on the books. Added Lakeview off of Anchors Way. Estimate is over what we appropriated. Going out to bid tomorrow. Looking at \$264,000 when \$200,000 was budgeted. Anchors Way is an Energy Cooperative project. There is a final walkthrough to do for the Cranberry Bay paving project. Stormwater on West Bank – final review for specs, should be able to be out to bid next month. First Street on MOU – working on plat map for the right of way through that project. There will be emergency legislation for the West Bank project. Councilor Wadley – there is a survey out there about roadway safety for the SS4A project. Would like as many people as possible to take that survey. Gives us the ability to develop this action plan and projects for further funding. Lynnwood – Councilor Wadley has had a resident concerned about the traffic going back there and their speeds. What can we do to help with that? Speed limit would still be statutory and enforcement would be with police. Can be put into paving cycle list. Activity

will increase back there as more development is coming in.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Meeting minutes submitted.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins: Report submitted. Number of complaints rose fairly quickly but with Summer, that is expected with grass cutting. Upped the active cases. Court cases are on par. On third round of cutting grass for the year. Short-term rentals – received 23 applications so far with 11 licenses issued. 5 properties out for fire inspection with others still filling out necessary application information. Bed tax notices have gone out and collection has begun. Have found 4 properties operating as STRs that have not applied yet. Any questions, reach out to zoning clerk.

Zoning – Kevin Strang: Report submitted. 22 on-site visits, 14 electronic communications, 0 stop-work orders.

Planning & Zoning / BZA Commission: Absent, no report.

Report of Mayor Goodman – Met with Kevin and Devin and met with Troy Warnock from Licking County Building Code to discuss what they do and what is expected of one another. Police levy meeting. Meeting with Harbor on partnering about special events in the village. Department Heads meeting. Met with Parks and Recreation Commission Chair to talk about the parks budget, discussing pickleball court and the future of children’s programming at the park. K J Alpers has written a children’s book about the village – Seasons of Buckeye Lake. Special events committee meeting. Christmas parade will be Saturday December 7th – expanded this year with more activities. Parade will be longer. Partner with Harbor Community Center and Our Lady of Mount Carmel and other organizations. Christmas in the Village with market and festivities. Discussed Halloween – will tie in the Harbor and the Village’s event. No set date yet. Councilor Wolfe brought a project to her – will need to find grant and funding to add a trolley to ride on the weekends. \$70,000 for that. Joy Pratt has approached the village about doing an art show with the kids of the village. Kids will create their art at the recreation center and then Joy can put together the art show at the Harbor. Councilor Julian suggested a golf cart decorating contest for the Christmas parade. Ready for whatever may happen for Mopar.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Green to have Halloween Trunk or Treat event from 5:00pm – 7:00pm on Thursday October 31st at the Recreation Center.

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

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 2024-33 – AN ORDINANCE 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 CLARIFYING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Keener to adopt Ordinance 2024-33.

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

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

Ordinance 2024-34 – AN ORDINANCE 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 8 FINANCE, TAXATION AND DEBT OF THE CHARTER CLARIFYING THE RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING PURCHASES AND CONTRACTING PROCEDURES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Julian to adopt Ordinance 2024-34.

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

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

Ordinance 2024-35 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE PAY PLAN RELATED TO THE ELECTED POSITIONS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE TERMS COMMENCING 2026 AND 2028.

This will move to a second reading.

Ordinance 2024-36 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-10 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Ordinance 2024-36.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Charter – Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable to not put the recommendations from the Charter Commission in Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, and 12 on the November 2024 ballot.

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

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

Parking lot paving – Would need to go back to Finance Committee to get it paid for. Based on Toby’s handout, can do this without bidding. Still within prevailing wage. Layout and striping – does not effect pricing but can be discussed. One way of doing it has fiber that has been used on the streets, one way does not have that. This would replace all of the asphalt that is asphalt right now. Does not include gravel areas. Some will be ground down. Finance needs to discuss if this can be put into this budget or will it need to be done later? Could be discussed at August 12th Finance Committee. Finance Chair Julian would like to have multiple bids for due diligence. It does need done, but is a matter of where do we get the money.

Toby stated that Ciara Rietz is our intern from MORPC and has been using her planning abilities during her time with the village this summer. Looking at possibility of what was proposed in the Comprehensive Plan and the plan for the village building and he wants to give Ciara the opportunity to explain what she has been working on about that. Ciara passed out a draft handout. She stated that in the Comprehensive Plan, it has in front of this building where it could be the town center for pedestrians. Turning front parking lot into more of a staple of the community where people can grab their lunch and work outside. Page 8 is helpful to see the plan. Main Buckeye Lake display in the middle. A way for people to stop and stay there for a bit. Benches, fountain, garden. Restrooms in council chambers could serve as public restrooms. Rough draft showing what a parking lot in the back of the building could look like. This could be sent to Community Development committee with a work committee off to the side first. Making the front parking lot a greenspace as we know that the service department eventually goes to be built on Mill Dam Road. Councilor Julian thinks the next five years will be monumental to what changes we see along Route 79. The Village could begin the standard of moving parking to the back of businesses.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS –

Tim Ryan – 5279 North Bank Road – Working on new plan with OHM – how does this fit with what we are talking about there? Per Mayor Goodman, it fits. Ciara has had the opportunity to have some on-the-job training with the planner from OHM. It is definitely something we could tell them to look at. It is important for us to stick with the comprehensive plan. New place to be built on Hebron Road and it has been said to the land owner to flip the building to have the parking in the back. This would follow right along. Chamber of Commerce has a meeting on August 25th and they will have this information to talk about there as well.

Robin Thompson – 168 Dockside – August 17th – Nighttime boat parade – posters to go up around the town. Would like help promoting it. Complimented Toby about the paving work in Cranberry Bay.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS –

Councilor Wolfe – Great that we have some new thoughts and visions here. We have some really neat things that can happen here in the village. Ask for your support out there. Be careful.

Councilor Cable – Queen of the Lake III. Agrees with what Wolfe said about the great things that can happen. All these are little pieces of the puzzle are a big deal. Hopes Queen of the Lake III can remain here at the lake. It is important. Likes the idea of greenspace in the front. Buy local, support businesses coming in.

Councilor Green – Thanked Ciara for the plan. It is a great concept. Everyone, enjoy the rest of your Summer.

Councilor Julian – Thanked Ciara and wishes her well. Hopes it has been a good experience for her. Thanks to Toby for the great work in Cranberry. She has told people to get a road on the list to ask for it to be done. Finish out the summer strong and have a safe August.

Councilor Keener – Wishes Ciara a great future. Thanks for what she has done.

Councilor Lemmon – Nice work environment with council. Starting on new ideas getting a lot done and moving forward.

Councilor Wadley – She loves what we are doing with the village. Toby is doing a lot. Thanked Toby for what he is doing. Thanked employees and things are rolling smoothly. Have some openings on commissions – Parks and Planning Commissions. Send in your letters of interest. Educate yourselves on the police levy and the charter changes. A lot going on in November on the larger scale and need to remember the things that are going on locally as well. Thanks to mayor for what she is doing

Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Cable, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting – August 12, 2024



Samantha Torres, Council Clerk



John Lemmon, Council President