

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

July 25, 2022

Call to Order: By Council President Linda Goodman at 7:00p.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 (0,1), Sue Wadley (0,1), Tom Wolfe (0,0)

Staff Present: Mayor Jeryne Peterson; Jennifer Dennis, Clerk/Treasurer; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council;
Jason Harget, Police Chief; David Ruton, Fire Chief; Toby Miller, Public Works Supervisor; Rex
Adkins, Code Enforcement; Annetta Macedonia and Kellie Green, Parks and Recreation
Commission

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Julian, to
approve the July 11, 2022 regular council meeting minutes.

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

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Thompson,
to approve the Treasurer's report dated July 20, 2022.

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

Fiscal Officer Jennifer Dennis stated that the municipal offices will be closed July 29th to the public so that records retention can begin. Received second round of ARPA funds and first round of opioid settlement, which is \$350 with more installments coming. Councilor Goodman suggested looking at all departments to decide how ARPA funds will be used. Some could be used to pay for the fire truck repairs, police could use some for new computers in their cruisers, and some for verification surveying / resetting of any missing pins on the village offices property with raw data that can be inserted into the GIS system. Fire Chief Ruton stated that there are still no parts available to do the fire truck repair. Jennifer suggested getting a group together for the opioid settlement with the Chiefs and Public Safety Committee to see how that can be used on prevention, programs, and education.

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Multiple finance related ordinances on the agenda tonight that Jennifer has explained and Chair Lemmon is fine with them not going through committee.

Public Safety Committee: No report.

Public Service Committee: No August meeting. September 7th at 6:30pm will be the next meeting. Everything going as scheduled. Some pothole patching has been completed. Chair Cable asked Toby Miller about the settling of the patch material. Toby said that because the base is still bad, the patch material will settle and does not fix the problem, but will keep someone from losing a tire for now.

Rules Committee: Absent, no report.

Community Development Committee: Chair Wolfe attended July 24th open house for the Comprehensive Plan. Comprehensive Plan survey is available for all residents to take via the village website to provide input on what they wish to see in the village.

Personnel Committee: Meeting held tonight. Two ordinances that were recommended from the committee to full council are on the agenda tonight. Discussion for other benefits will continue over the next 6 months.

Report of Council President: Jet-14 Nationals sailboats will be hosted on the lake by the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club Wednesday through Saturday, with the best view being on the walking path. Police will enforce traffic laws at MOPAR this year and they will have more personnel on hand for that. The Chiefs will meet tomorrow to discuss anything else that may be needed. Some citizens have been asking why the road construction is happening during the summer season and during MOPAR, to which President Goodman stated that the bridge project has been in process for a few years and the village needs to move when it is time to move. New business – Buckeye Lake Margaritas to hold a ribbon cutting on Saturday July 30th at 4pm with dancers, music, and good food and drinks. President Goodman thanked the police and fire departments for their community outreach. Goodman and Mayor Peterson attended a Zoom meeting to hear about the village possibly becoming a designated outside recreational area (DORA). Mapping and special criteria will need to be met and completed for it and will all be done through the State Liquor department.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget – Movie night at the park has been successful through donations and “sponsor nights.” Community Heroes lunch went well with hot dogs on the grill and the police cruisers and fire truck. Boat parade for the 4th of July went well. No major issues at the BLASST fireworks celebration. Chief will discuss MOPAR with Chief Ruton tomorrow with their goal to make sure everyone is safe while having fun. Traffic laws will be enforced for anyone who is reckless. Police department is working on cleaning up the impound lot and has received checks for helping to pay towing fees. 216 calls for service last month which shows a decrease. Still finding drugs in houses and cars, but it has decreased. Estimated over 5000 people attended BLASST.

Fire Department – Chief David Ruton – June 2022 report submitted. 91 incidences. 61 times needed help. Helped other departments 39 times. Still waiting on parts for the fire truck repair. No issues at BLASST. Fire Department will be on stand-by for the Jet-14 Nationals at the Yacht Club. On pace to do about 1000 runs this year, which is an increase.

Public Works – Toby Miller – Employee shortage at the moment. A temporary seasonal worker was hired today to catch up on mowing and weed eating. Bridge and TAP projects should see a phase change in the next 7-10 days where traffic will switch lanes. Toby explained that the 12 trees in the median were removed due to being a viewing obstruction or they were in the positive drainage path. The trees either needed to be removed or have 2 and a half feet of their roots be exposed and have them die anyway, so Mayor Peterson said to take them out. There will be hydroseeded grass. In the process of doing the Comprehensive Plan for the village, OHM will look at what to put within the median, which will need to be able to withstand heat, salt, and will need to be a good height for visibility purposes. Working toward something more low maintenance and sustainable that is to be determined. Phase two will begin sidewalk project and the out-bridge from McDonalds.

Parks and Recreation – Kellie Green – Concrete for dugouts and Recreation Center will hopefully be poured this week, weather dependent. Papers have been signed to transfer playground equipment from LEADS to Ryan-Braden Park. Need to get with Toby for anchoring it in concrete. Jennifer Dennis will have a cleaning company come to the Recreation Center once a month to start. Landscaping to be completed by the third week in August. Portable pickleball net, see-saw, and additional park benches to be added. If ADA grant is awarded,

Parks and Recreation will determine the best location for the new equipment. Mayor Peterson is serving lunches each day at the Recreation Center.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins – Report submitted.

Zoning – Kevin Strang – Report submitted. Absent.

Planning and Zoning – No representative / no report.

Report of Mayor – Report submitted.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2022-28 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Julian, to adopt Ordinance 2022-28.

Discussion: Per Jennifer, additional revenue of \$6,250 is the total of the ADA grant plus the matching amount. She is establishing a fund for the NatureWorks program and moving money from Parks and Recreation to that established fund to keep track of it easier. She is doing it as an advance and it will not be moved until the grant is awarded.

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

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

Ordinance 2022-29 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-08 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Cable, to adopt Ordinance 2022-29.

Discussion: Per Jennifer, this is to cover the inflation of gas prices for Water department vehicles.

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

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

Ordinance 2022-30 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-08 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Cable, to adopt Ordinance 2022-30.

Discussion: Per Jennifer, this is to cover the inflation of gas prices for Police department vehicles. Next year, she will most likely put fuel into a separate line in the budget for each department.

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

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

Ordinance 2022-31 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK ALLOWING FOR THE ADDITION OF THE JUNETEENTH FEDERAL HOLIDAY TO THE LIST OF HOLIDAYS THE VILLAGE WILL OBSERVE.

Discussion: Councilor Cable asked what makes Juneteenth more important than Veteran’s Day or Columbus Day. Jennifer stated that those days are still observed but Veteran’s Day is split and observed as a half day on Christmas Eve and a half day on New Year’s Eve and Columbus Day is observed as a full day on the day after Thanksgiving.

This will move on to a second reading.

Ordinance 2022-32 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK UPDATING THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SECTION BY ADDING PARENTAL LEAVE.

This will move on to a second reading.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

Resolution 2022-18 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO OVERSEE AND ADMINISTER NEWLY ACQUIRED PARKS PROPERTIES.

Discussion: Councilor Lemmon introduced this Resolution, to which he also addressed some questions and concerns he had received. He stated that this Resolution is the same language that was used for the Recreation Center building acquisition. He said that this discussion has taken place within different committees over the past few years. He would like to see it as part of the Public Service Committee. The village can do what they want with the property and the Resolution / naming this property as a park in no way stops the village from making future decisions on that property. Councilor Lemmon quoted Toby Miller in saying that running a pipe through that property to help with the stormwater situation could only happen if that property remains a greenspace. Councilor Lemmon stated that it would be cheaper than running pipe under the road. Discussion for including this in the 2023 budget could happen. Councilor Goodman stated that these conversations start in committee. She said that OHM has suggested to hold off on any big projects or anything to do with village-owned property until they are finished with the Comprehensive Plan. The financials run deeper and the village may need these in the future. Adding another park to the Parks and Recreation department will require more finances and time as well as potentially a part-time employee, as the current commission members are volunteers. The commission members need to be included in the discussion. Councilor Lemmon stated he was hoping that it would remain a greenspace with a sign stating it as such with a bench or two donated. Councilor Julian stated that the village just purchased the Recreation Center, a lot of money has been spent at Ryan-Braden Park, the Pavilion area is already greenspace, and the village is lucky to have the 4-mile walking/bike

path. Is the property in question at 327 Myers the right amount of space and the right location for additional greenspace? Is it possible to need something down Route 79 instead? She thinks there needs to be more discussion and thought and she would like to see this wait a few months. The village is not finished developing the current park. Councilor Goodman stated that it was brought up in some of the Comprehensive Plan steering committee meetings to look at spaces within the village for attainable housing, which is a need and is another idea for that space.

This will move on to a second reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Wolfe: Please take the Comprehensive Plan survey; it is important.

Councilor Cable: Buckeye Lake is changing fast and it is becoming a resort destination quickly. There are many transplants coming from all over, such as Rittberger's from Zanesville. There are others who maybe want to buy here and they are bringing their lifestyles here. They want parks and restaurants and they have expectations from where they come from. We have a bike path and a lake and we are doing the best we can to accommodate and reinvent ourselves as a village, which is fascinating to see.

Councilor Julian: Commerce and development happen because people want to invest and get a return. 20 kayaks went into the water over the weekend; things just happen naturally and that is what we need. With the amount of people moving here and the type of housing that we are seeing, it will get balanced out at some point. Thanked fire and police departments for coming together for events such as the movie night; it will grow in popularity.

Councilor Lemmon: Thanked President Goodman; he is glad that they can disagree and be civil and everyone receive their say. He thanked her for her comments and for running the meetings very well. He is glad that the fire engine repair will not have to come from the Fire Department's budget. He reminded everyone to steer clear of the sailboats out on the lake for the Jet Nationals; do not hit them with a wake. If the village is courteous, we could see more nationals in the future.

Councilor Thompson: Need to find ways to attract people to the village and the lake in the winter, aside from Winterfest.

Councilor Goodman: If the DORA is established, many businesses would benefit from that, along with Winterfest. Could hold art walks, events at the Harbor Community Center. A Christmas committee has been formed to begin thinking of ways and taking input and ideas for establishing Christmas tradition within the village.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Julian. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting: August 8, 2022


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


Linda Goodman, Council President