

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
May 12, 2025

Call to Order: By Council President John Lemmon 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; Jerry Brooks, Interim Fire Chief;

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Julian, to approve the April 28, 2025 regular council meeting minutes.

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

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

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve the Treasurer's report dated May 5, 2025.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Finance Committee: Held a meeting tonight discussing implementation of taking to vote an income tax for the village and how long-term that would replace levies in some capacity for the village. Decided through that meeting that they will have another Finance Committee meeting prior to the next Council meeting and invite more residents from the village.

Public Safety Committee: Meeting held tonight with discussion on Ordinance 2025-26 about regulations of fireworks. Did not have a quorum for a vote to recommend to full council. No public in attendance for that committee meeting.

Public Service Committee: Minutes in packet from their last meeting. Still paving on Route 79. Voted to send to council the rules and regulations for the water usage billing. Mr. Miller gave a potential suggestion for what to do with this property 5192 Walnut Road with greenspace in the front and parking in the back of the building and the drive-thru being converted to a travel and tourism area, storage, public restrooms. Need to know the level of interest and then can look for funding. Next meeting will be June 2nd at 6:30pm.

Rules Committee: Nothing to report.

Community Development Committee: Meeting held tonight with discussion on whether or not there should be a temporary moratorium on short-term rentals until things can be caught up that are out there. There was also discussion on whether there should be a cap on the amount of short-term rentals allowed in the village in total. These discussions will be continued at their next meeting.

Personnel Committee: Meeting held tonight about a time keeping system for the employees. Fire Department operates under one (Aladtec). Details and cost involved in that. Will make a recommendation to send that to full council. Also spoke about the social media policy that will go into the employee handbook. There are no further edits so it will be sent to the solicitor for review before it is recommended to full council. Next meeting to be held June 9th at 6:30pm.

Report of Council President: President Lemmon had a discussion with solicitor, mayor, Councilor Julian to have a Special Council meeting at 5:30pm on June 9th with solicitor to have a legal update. Read his submitted President's Report.

Report of Mayor: Mr. Miller and Mayor Goodman met with LCATS on April 30th to discuss future road and transportation projects which include bike and walking trails. Their pricing will be going up probably next year. Talked about budget and process with them. She attended the re-opening of the restored Licking County courthouse. May 6th there was a very successful vote for the police levy. Police Department is funded for the next three years. She thanks the residents of the village for supporting the police department. May 11th – May 17th is National Police week. Thank our police department. May 7th discussed future legislation with Council President Lemmon and Councilor Julian. Pleasant working relationship between council and administration for the last 15 months and she looks forward to more good work being done in the future. May 8th she attended North Shore Pier Project meeting at Steiner and Associates in Columbus. Busy in the next few weeks for the village as we head into Summer. Project on Walnut Road should be completed in the next few weeks. Weather has been all over the place. Next major road project will be in 2027. Right of way acquisition will take place later this year for that. Pirate Fest is this weekend. Stay safe and enjoy. It has been brought to our attention that there are individuals who are acting as though they speak for the Village of Buckeye Lake, but unless they are elected or appointed officials or employees of this village, they do not represent the business of this village. They also do not make any decisions for this village. We would love to have more people run for office and sit on commissions, but if you do not, you do not speak for this village.

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

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading –

Ordinance 2025-22 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN.

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Julian to adopt Ordinance 2025-22.

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

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

Ordinances for 2nd Reading –

Ordinance 2025-26 – AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FIREWORKS IN THE VILLAGE.

Discussion: Councilor Lemmon presented this legislation. It was discussed in the Public Safety committee meeting however they did not have a quorum so it was not able to be voted on to take to full council. Lemmon stated council can look at this and can exclude any dates that are presented by the State as acceptable days for lighting off fireworks. He suggests only July 3rd and 4th and excluding the other days listed. Councilor Wolfe stated that the committee was not able to move it on to full council so he does not know how it can be discussed.

This will move to a third reading.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2025-27 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Julian to adopt Ordinance 2025-27.

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

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** Wadley, Wolfe; **Motion Passed 5 – 2**

Ordinance 2025-28 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX AT A RATE OF ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1.5%) PER YER, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (A/K/A REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY) RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX.

Councilor Julian stated that it was recommended by the Finance Committee that the first reading of Ordinance 2025-28 be moved to the next council meeting.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Julian to table Ordinance 2025-28.

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

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** Lemmon; **Motion Passed 6 – 1**

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

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.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Keener to table Resolution 2025-09.

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

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** Lemmon; **Motion Passed 6 – 1**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Flood and Liability Insurance – Councilor Julian stated there was discussion about flood insurance. We never had any flood insurance in the policies within the village that can be seen. Mayor Goodman said that is correct except for the fire truck that was purchased from Byesville should have been insured for liability when we purchased it and it was not. It remains uninsured and she thinks it is extremely important that the fire truck be covered. \$1,774 for the year. It was not listed on the policy.

Mayor Goodman stated we have not had any claims since 2008. Councilor Julian wants to know if there is enough money in that line item. FEMA increased the flood map and there is even more of the village in the flood plain now. Mayor believes it is wise to look at the pump house and the Recreation Center being included. There is a waterway that goes through the park. \$193,000 to replace the block building. Premium would be \$3,476 for a year. Contents are insured for \$135,000. Cannot insure the fire house because we do not own it.

This will go to Finance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS –

Motion by Councilor Wadley, seconded by Councilor Wolfe to move forward with the time keeping system (Aladtec).

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

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

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Wolfe to move the next council meeting date to May 27th at 7:00pm due to offices being closed on Monday for Memorial Day.

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

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS –

Councilor Green – Happy that the police levy passed. Enjoy Pirate Fest responsibly. Glad that it is boating season. Welcome to lake time.

Councilor Julian – Thanked everyone for voting for the police levy. Main comment she heard is we have to have a police department. She is sure that going to the post office will become a lot more pleasant soon. We have some great discussion. If we didn't have it with 7 people, we should only have one person. She appreciates the discussion back and forth and looks forward to finishing up some of these projects this year.

Councilor Keener – Lake is a full pool. Thanks for voting for police levy. Happy to be here.

Councilor Lemmon – Had some good discussions tonight. He likes the different points of view. He thinks this council is doing an outstanding job. He appreciates all the hard work.


Councilor Wadley – Thanked Chief Harget for his leadership and his team. They are a good team. Great appreciation. Everyone is doing a great job. Village is really moving forward. Need transparency. Enjoys working with this council. Have a lot to do to keep moving forward. Good working with the mayor.

Councilor Wolfe – Written or verbal, the departments have the option. Thanked people who worked on the police levy. Thanks for passing this. Means a lot to our community that this passed. Councilor Julian is doing a great job on Finance Committee. Does not want the LifePaks and cot purchasing topic to drift away. Still likes the idea of trolleys in the village.

Councilor Cable – Pirate Fest this weekend and all the events – this is an opportunity for us to showcase the village. Buy local.

Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Cable to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

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


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


John Lemmon, Council President