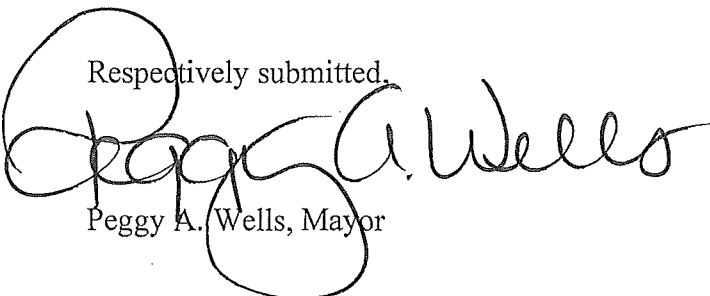


Mayor's Report  
Village of Buckeye Lake  
April 23, 2018

1. Following the completion of the internal affairs investigation of the Village of Buckeye Lake Police Department conducted by the Pataskala Division of Police, I filed charges against Police Chief James Hanzey that he is guilty of incompetency, inefficiency, immoral conduct, insubordination, neglect of duty and/or additional acts of misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance. Village Council will consider these charges at a hearing to be set.
2. I considered Police Officer Jeff Vermaaten's appeal of his termination for insubordination (refusal to submit to a Pataskala Division of Police CVSA test on March 21, 2018) on April 12. I upheld his termination.
3. New Code Enforcement Officer Rex Adkins and I toured the village on April 15.
4. Our new Clerk/Treasurer, Rochelle Menningen started April 20. She comes to us from the Village of West Jefferson where she served as Fiscal Officer. A big thanks to our part-time, interim Clerk/Treasurer Chris Kerby. His experience and expertise have been very valuable.
5. Thanks to Doug Stewart and his son, we have now installed a new security system that monitors the village complex internally and externally. The security system was donated.
6. Resident Jim Neel recently asked me if the village has any interest in the purchasing the vacant lot between the fire station and the dairy bar.
7. The administrative office area has been rearranged and painted.
8. Repairs to the bike/skate park were completed over the past weekend at no cost to the village.
9. Toby Miller and I participated in a meeting on April 18, with representatives of Union and Walnut townships and ODOT concerning an application for state funding for a drainage study of No Name Creek. The Village would be the applicant. No Name Creek begins along Ohio 360, flows under Ohio 79 and then through the KOA Kampground before flowing into the South Fork of the Licking River. Both townships and ODOT are planning on submitting letters of support. The study is the first step in an effort to reduce flooding along Ohio 360 and the creek's path.
10. Toby Miller and I, along with two ADR representatives, met with ODOT Central Office representatives this morning concerning our application to replace the twin, one-way bridges into the former Duke Truck Stop with a two-way bridge aligned with Mill Dam Road. Most of the cost would be borne by ODOT's municipal bridge program. Construction would start in 2020-21.
11. I attended a Franklin County Common Pleas court hearing on OPEC-HC's (our former health insurance cooperative) receivership on April 11. We had expected the plaintiff, Ohio Insurance Services (Frank Harmon's company), to challenge the judge's interim order that OPEC-HC's remaining funds could only be expended to pay outstanding medical bills. That challenge didn't occur and the order was extended for another 60 days. OPEC-HC has about \$2 million left. The receiver is evaluating approximately 10,000 unpaid bills that total over \$7 million. I spoke directly with the receiver following the hearing about Sgt. Davis' still unpaid bills. She assured me that they are a top priority.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Peggy A. Wells, Mayor