

**Mayor's Report**  
**Village of Buckeye Lake**  
**1/12/2021**

RE: Clark, et al v. Buckeye Lake 20CV896 (Plaintiffs: Casey Clark, Karen Cookston and Teresa Kaylor re: Planning & Zoning Commission appointments.)

On December 24, 2020, Solicitor Brad Nicodemus notified us of the Entry filed by Judge Branstool in support of our Solicitor's Motion to Dismiss. The entry states that the Plaintiffs failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted; i.e., they don't have a cognizable claim. The case was dismissed.

Prosecutor Brad Nicodemus has advised us that our zoning map needs to be revised to eliminate the practice of creating more than one zoning classification per lot. It's also been noted that the zoning map has not been revised in the past years after some zoning change application were approved by Planning and Zoning/BZA. The current P & Z Board will need to redraw the zoning, host a public meeting and then submit it to Council for another public meeting before it's approved. The proposed revisions to the Zoning Code were submitted to the Solicitor in November.

Effective, 11.04.20, Kylie Keitch of Pickerington is our Buckeye Lake Mayor's Court Magistrate. She also serves as the magistrate for Baltimore, Commercial Point and Lithopolis and is a prosecutor for Whitehall and Reynoldsburg. She comes highly recommended by Solicitor Brad Nicodemus. Kylie replaces Tracy VanWinkle who has served as magistrate since November 2016. In those four years, Tracy did a terrific job – always demonstrating the deepest respect and fairness for each defendant. In her resignation letter of 10.06.2020, Tracy said it was an honor to serve and thanked the village for the opportunity. Tracy is looking forward to spending more time with her husband and young children.

The bid opening for construction of the Pavilion was set for December 30. We received two bids: \$90,712 from GM Contracting of Heath and \$82,100 from Woodland Timber Framing of Sugar Creek. We are currently advertising and accepting bids for the concrete and electrical work. That bid opening is scheduled for January 22.

Congratulations to BLVFD Paramedic Keisha Amspaugh who was recently promoted to Assistant Chief at her home department, Mary Ann Township FD!

Thanks to BLVFD Paramedics Nick Dunfee and Keisha Amspaugh for their efforts in getting a grant from the Shriners for pediatric bags and \$4,000 from the Eagles.

Three new personnel took the Oath of Office at the fire department on January 9: Firefighter/Paramedic Ethan Barker; Firefighter/EMT Jayce Perdue and Volunteer Firefighter/EMT Student Marcus Clayton. We welcome these newcomers!

Contractor Anthony Ferrell has constructed the pillars that support the Plexiglas panels at the front counter of the police department. He also installed a full-size solid door at the end of the counter. This COVID-funded project will provide a separation between the officers and the general public and will also provide more security for the officers.

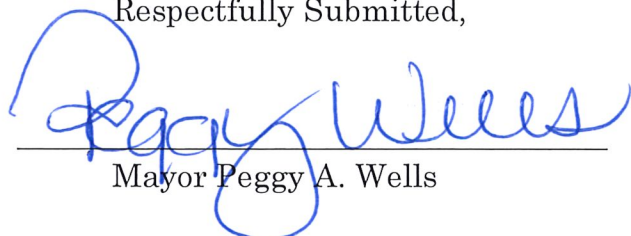
Mayor's Court Clerk Sue Wadley (hired 9.15.20) is fully trained and running an efficient court docket while managing the required social distancing. The install of the new software upgrade from the Baldwin Group is complete at a cost of \$9,400. However, it was necessary to pay an extra \$1,200 for custom programming to fix old disbursements and flag those errors so the fees collected could be directed to the State of Ohio as required. We will be paying an annual support agreement of \$310. This new software allows for numerous reports to be generated upon demand eliminating manual errors and also ensures accountability from the clerk. Sue also made sure our registration with the Ohio Supreme Court is up-to-date. This was not done last year. Thanks to Sue for doing a great job!

We've been working on a new format for the personnel handbook that allows for a better organization of the topics. It will condense, define and divide the specific topics into sections. This will allow updates to take place within specific topics without modifying the entire handbook. Since there was been a lot of confusion around what we call PTO time, we have started with the section on employee benefits. We will be meeting with all departments heads to allow for a good exchange of information. Personnel Committee Chair Linda Goodman has been included in this process. I've been seeking advice from Sue Wadley in some of these HR matters since she has at least 20 years of HR experience. Better to pay \$15/hour than ten times that for the attorney's advice. Her input is paid under the Mayor's staff, not from Mayor's Court.

Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Dennis has been working diligently on the year-end and should have that completed this week.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Code Enforcement Officer Rex Adkins in the recent loss of his father.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Mayor Peggy A. Wells