

Mayor's Report
Village of Buckeye Lake
July 26, 2021

1. Ordinance 2021-31 on tonight's agenda will appropriate the funding to purchase the Youth Association Property. The closing will be tomorrow morning. The inspection report was emailed to all council members. We will need to address some repairs to the roof, gutters, plumbing and electrical. The inspector recommended a metal roof.
2. The new Goodwill complex will hold their Grand Opening July 30, 2021.
3. We will be signing the 10-year renewal for our water contract with Millersport next week. Council has already approved the contract.
4. I emailed the information requested by council from Sylvana Whittaker who wants to open her Art on the Lake studio. Community Development Committee Chair had mentioned she would hold another meeting to consider the proposal.
5. The Buckeye Lake Beer Pier drive-thru is looking for a one-year lease renewal with a 3% increase in the current monthly rent of \$1,236.00. The original agreement was a two-year lease commencing on August 15, 2018 at a rate of \$1,200. The current agreement was reduced to a one-year expiring on August 10, 2021 with an option to renew one year at a 3% increase which will take the monthly rent to \$1,273.08.
6. Fiscal Officer Jennifer Dennis has been doing research on different companies that lease copy machines in order to save printing costs. We currently have 1 ½ years left on our current lease but the costs have risen quite a bit due to the number of copies we're producing between the main office, PD and FD.
7. We have received some interest from a company that wants to bid on our trash service contract which expires on December 31, 2021. In the past, we've had 4-5 companies bidding on the contract. The Service Committee may want to start discussion on this so that the contract can be advertised.
8. I've spoken with Mike Kennedy & Gary Babcock, Auctioneers/Realtors who made a presentation to council some time ago regarding auctioning off our vacant lots. Council would need to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. They charge a 10% buyer fee which pays for their commission. The buyer has 30 days to close and must provide a \$5,000 non-refundable deposit. The auction would be set for six weeks out in order to allow for the five weeks of advertising paid by the village. ORC 721.03 provides guidance on the "lease or sale of real estate – advertisement for bids." The auctioneers could provide their metal signs to be placed on each lot. If we want to order larger 3' x 3' signs, they cost approximately \$70 each. The council has identified 4 lots to be sold. However, we may want to include a few more in order to save on advertising cost. The property on 7th Street should be a priority to sell.
9. Parks & Rec Commission member Barb Sills and I attended Millersport's Music in the Park over the weekend to listen to music from David Spires. They had at least 95 people in attendance. We had an opportunity to speak to Millersport's administration regarding their program. For the last three years, the council has allocated \$10,000 annually for events at the park.

Respectfully Submitted,

