

Mayor's Report
Village of Buckeye Lake
July 9, 2018

1. Our good friend and local resident, Dorothy Hertlein, passed away June 26. Dorothy was a tireless fundraiser for the Friends of the Buckeye Lake Library. She was instrumental in getting the *Friends' 5K/10K Run/Walk* started nine years ago and building it up to be the Friends' largest annual fundraiser. *The Friends* are responsible for all the library's building expenses including the lease, utilities, insurance, maintenance and supply. Thanks to Dorothy and the *Friends* we have a wonderful library open six days a week.
2. Another tireless volunteer passed away on July 2. Retired Hebron Fire Captain Denny Jacobs served Hebron, Buckeye Lake and Union Township residents for 38 years (1970 – 2008) as a volunteer firefighter. Thanks, Denny!
3. Our volunteer Police Chief Screening Committee (resident Tom Charles, Personnel Committee chair Bill French, Code Enforcement Officer and Whitehall Division of Police Sgt. Rex Adkins and I) interviewed three candidates for police chief. Four candidates were selected from 19 applications for an interview, but one withdrew just before the interview. Fiscal Officer/Human Resources Manager Rochelle Menningen coordinated an extensive background investigation of our first choice. I am appointing Vickie Wardlow of Pickerington, as our full-time police chief. Her compensation, including benefits, will be a little bit below the cost of our former police chief.
4. The low bid to reconstruct Hunts Landing Road has been confirmed. The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) project (75% grant funded; 25% village share) was estimated to cost \$337,860. The Shelly Company submitted the low bid of \$159,692.60. The original specifications called for a six-inch full depth reclamation. Toby and our engineering consultants (ADR & Associates) recommended increasing the full depth reclamation to 12 inches. The increased depth will extend the life of the new roadway and will be able to accommodate the previously unanticipated commercial traffic to the marijuana grow operation. Increasing the depth to 12 inches will cost an additional \$25,557.60, which is still well below the estimate and the OPWC commitment. Our local OPWC District 17 and OPWC have approved our request. The expenses split will remain 75% - OPWC and 25% local share.
5. Last week, ODNR closed on the purchase of the small village-owned lot by the AMIL spillway entrance on Ohio 79. The \$22,000 payment will go into the General Fund. I suggest we use the funds to address safety issues at the Village Hall including installing quick-release hardware on the council chamber doors, replacing five rusty doors on the rear of the complex, new drywall and floor covering for the police department, and two doorways to the administrative office to access the reception area and extended offices in the adjoining unit.
6. Last week, Water Supervisor Toby Miller, Street Supervisor Randy Bucy and I met with a property owner at the corner of Mill Dam Road and Ohio 79 regarding concerns about storm water drainage across his driveway.
7. I spent an uneventful one to two hours riding with Police Officer Steve Ritter on Saturday night.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy A. Wells, Mayor