

Village of Buckeye Lake
Mayor's Report
May 28, 2019

1. Zoning Officer Trent Cowgill has resigned effective 5/19/19. Trent had a lot of experience and did a fine job during his short tenure here. His resignation is a big loss for our village. I will be serving as Acting Zoning Officer until I find and appoint a replacement.
2. We are still searching for a new clerk-treasurer to replace Rochelle Menningen who graciously extended her employment several times at my request. We may have to hire a temporary or interim clerk-treasurer if we can't find a qualified replacement soon.
3. More than a dozen farm tractors participated in a moving Memorial Tractor Procession honoring the memory of Buckeye Lake resident farmer Jimmy Cooper on Saturday, May 18. Thanks to the Buckeye Lake Police Department and the Licking County Sheriff's Office for escorting the procession.
4. Pataskala Division of Police Detective Sergeant Smith Smith called me on May 22 to offer our village a state-of-the-art video system valued at \$15,000. The Division recently moved into a new station and no longer have a need for the system that was recently installed in their old station. This system can be operated from the council podium so council will have the ability to turn it on and off just like the current audio system. Thanks to the Pataskala Division of Police and Sergeant Smith.
5. Fire department neighbor Jim Neel has expressed some concerns about his driveway being occasionally blocked by private vehicles at the fire station. He requests that all visitors at the fire station park in the department's North lot so emergency access is not blocked to his property.
6. Police Chief Vicki Wardlow and her staff have cleared out a jammed impound lot using an on-line government auction service. I have signed 16 titles for the buyers who came as far away as Maryland to pick up their purchases. The three vehicles left on the lot should be picked up this week.
7. The promised eviction at a Renner Street rental that is a suspected drug house is going slower than the owner promised. I'm continuing to monitor the situation and have stayed in contact with the owner to make sure he follows through on his promises.
8. We have cancelled the multiple credit cards at the Dollar General store. We will no longer be paying for coffee, coffee filters, sugar, water and related expenses for the fire department. They will be chipping in, like other departments do, and buying their own coffee, water, snacks etc.
9. I want to thank Buckeye Lake Library Supervisor Ada Myers for her 14+ years of service to our library. She opened our first library in a village-owned building on First Street. Thanks to Ada, the Licking County Library, the Friends of the Buckeye Lake Library and Chet Houck, we now have a state-of-the-art library in King Plaza. Ada has been promoted to Circulation Supervisor at the main library in Newark. Stop in and welcome our new library supervisor Emily Hankinson. The changes are effective June 3.

Respectfully Submitted,


Peggy A. Wells