

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
November 24, 2025

Call to Order: By Council President John Lemmon 7:05p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by Council President John Lemmon.

Roll Call: Present: Don Cable, Kellie Green, Deb Julian, Douglas Keener, John Lemmon, Sue Wadley, Tom Wolfe
Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Goodman, Mayor; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Amanda Hoppel, Clerk Treasurer; Jason Harget, Police Chief; Jerry Brooks, Interim Fire Chief; Toby Miller, Public Works Superintendent; Kevin Strang, Zoning Inspector;

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Wadley, seconded by Councilor Julian, to approve the November 10, 2025 regular council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Julian, to approve the November 14, 2025 special council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Approval of Reconciliations and Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve the October 2025 bank reconciliations and Treasurer's report dated November 20, 2025.

Roll call vote: Yes: Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Christmas Parade Committee – Sherry Segna and Carole Winkle - Do not get to use the historic rocket in the parade this year. Also, Mike Fornataro sold his Christmas Vacation station wagon. However, Benny the Bass will be there. 13 participants registered so far this year. Last year had a few people show up and join in on the day of. Encouraging the council members to participate as well and encourage anyone else to get a group together. Will have the lighted fire truck with Santa. Really want a marching band. Seems like so many municipalities are doing their holiday gatherings on that same Saturday. Maybe consider Sunday next year.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Finance Committee: Gave report last week but some updates. Julian went through current treasurer's report and took each fund and did a year-to-date total revenue and expenses and looked at what the budget requests are for next year. Need budget legislation for the next meeting. Hopefully everything comes together and medical insurance and some line items get adjusted for the budget for 2026. Final budget for 2026 will be the topic for the next Finance Committee meeting on December 8th at 5:30pm.

Public Safety Committee: Nothing to report.

Public Service Committee: Held a committee meeting this evening. Discussed sidewalk and State Route 79 widening and improvements, specifically the all-purpose sidewalk. Looking at different types of lighting for the sidewalk areas. Crane Lake roadways are scheduled to be paved a week from today. They did some paving prep last week. Survey will need to be completed in the first part of January. As of right now, there will not be a Public Service Committee meeting in December.

Rules Committee: No report for Rules. Planning and Zoning Commission – Public Hearing on Newly Proposed Zoning

Code – December 11th at 6:00pm. Public comments are welcome.

Community Development Committee: Continued conversation tonight about noise ordinance that Solicitor will work on. Will not need to meet next month.

Personnel Committee: Meeting held tonight. Discussed health care benefits for employees. Committee is recommending to adjust the funding of the HRA. Talked about tentative documents for the wage study being conducted by Clemans-Nelson. Very competitive for the most part but there are some areas that will need attention. Next meeting will be held December 8th following the Finance Committee meeting, with the topics being benefits and wage study.

Report of Council President: Brought up a resolution for a proposed amendment to the charter to bring the village in line with the constitution of the State of Ohio.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget: Thanked the parade committee. Very honored that we have the help that we have and to see the parade grow. Officers have completed most of their CPTs. 24 hours they must complete. Police department is planning to be in the Christmas parade. Learned a lot since last year to tweak things for safety for the parade this year. Had a meeting about the noise ordinance. Will take a soft approach on enforcement but it is needed. Black and white cruiser is ready to go. Took the decals off today. Will have an ordinance at next meeting to put that vehicle on GovDeals. No mechanical issues on cruisers recently. Completed 2026 budget proposal. 8 officers on staff. 16 hours staffed a day - 7 days a week.

Fire Department – Chief Jerry Brooks: 78 total runs - 53 EMS runs, 26 transports, gave and received mutual aid 11, fire runs 14, 7 mutual aid given, 7 mutual aid received. Had a fire presentation at Water's Edge headed by Firefighter Nevaeh Wall. Participated in KOA's trick or treat event, along with the village's Trunk or Treat and at the Harbor. Final stages of hiring two more fire/emt personnel. Have our first Explorer who passed national registry for EMT card and wants to volunteer. Thanked mayor and council for the LifePak that they will start to receive next week. Roof repairs will happen next week. LifePak – there is still a possibility that we receive a BWC grant that could help pay for that, per Mayor Goodman. Up to \$40,000. Received a \$1,600 grant toward user fees from MARCS.

Public Works – Superintendent Toby Miller: No report.

Parks and Recreation – Annetta Macedonia: No representative; no verbal report.

Code Enforcement – Mayor: Code enforcement - what needs to be done is being done between herself and Kevin Strang and the inspections are getting done.

Zoning – Kevin Strang: Report submitted. 9 on site visits, 20 calls or emails, no stop work orders.

Planning & Zoning / BZA Commission: No representative; no report.

Report of Mayor Goodman: Read her submitted report about the log cabin, Christmas parade, and private streets.

Citizen's Comments Regarding Legislation on Tonight's Agenda: None.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading –

Ordinance 2025-66 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO.

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Julian to adopt Ordinance 2025-66.

Roll call vote: **Yes:** Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2025-74 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, ADOPTING A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY.

This will move to a second reading.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

Resolution 2025-16 – A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CARTER OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 8.03 LIMITATION ON TAXATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion took place. This resolution will move to a second reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

Any Objections to Retail Permit Renewals for Local Liquor Permit Holders - Police, fire, and village do not have any objections or need hearing on any liquor permits.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Wadley to pass it on to the Department of Commerce that the village does not request a hearing on any liquor permits for the village.

Roll call vote: **Yes:** Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Any Objection / Request for Hearing for Liquor Permit Transfer - From J&J Village Market -

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Julian that the village does not request a hearing on this specific permit.

Roll call vote: **Yes:** Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Employee Insurance – Personnel Committee making recommendation to keep premiums at 85/15, with the village paying 85% and the employee paying 15%. However, there is an HRA that is funded by the village to help offset the deductible for employees that is currently where single coverage is \$6,300 and Personnel is recommending lowering that to \$2,500. Family coverage is currently at \$12,600 and Personnel recommends lowering that to \$5,000.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Wolfe to accept Personnel's recommendation.

Roll call vote: Yes: Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

All benefits through the insurance company will remain unchanged. Just HRA funding would change.

Tabled Ordinance 2025-72 –

Motion by Councilor Wadley, seconded by Councilor Cable to take Ordinance 2025-72 from the table.

Roll call vote: Yes: Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Council Clerk did the second reading of Ordinance 2025-72.

Discussion continued from the first reading. Have been billed \$21,735. Village has paid \$11,361 so far.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Cable to table Ordinance 2025-72 and move it to Unfinished Business at the next council meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes: Cable, Green, Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe

Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Time Clock – Councilor Julian would like a timekeeping update for the end of the year.

Codification of Ordinances – Council Clerk will have the rest of these sent to American Legal before Thanksgiving.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS –

Councilor Cable – Thanked the Christmas Parade Committee for their work. Congratulated the fire explorer for their EMT certification. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Buy local.

Councilor Green – Thanked Chief Harget and Council President Lemmon for taking time to meet with her to brainstorm and hash out the noise ordinance. Thanks to parade committee. Thanks to Mayor Goodman for her work on the log cabin. Special thanks to those in the community who are trying to keep this piece of history here in the village. Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Julian - Happy Thanksgiving, be safe.

Councilor Keener – Nothing tonight.

Councilor Lemmon – Have a better Thanksgiving than the turkey.

Councilor Wadley – Thanked everyone who does what they do for the village. We could not do what we do without being a team. It takes a village and we do a lot of work with very few people.

Councilor Wolfe - Happy Thanksgiving. Appreciate work of volunteers and paid staff. Looking forward to the Christmas parade.

Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Keener, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting – December 8, 2025



Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


John Lemmon, Council President