

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
September 22, 2025

Call to Order: By Council President Pro Tem Don Cable (filling in for absent President Lemmon) at 7:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by Council President Pro Tem Don Cable.

Roll Call: Present: Don Cable, Kellie Green, Douglas Keener, Sue Wadley, Tom Wolfe
Absent: Deb Julian, John Lemmon.

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

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve the September 8, 2025 regular council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Keener, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green;
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 5 – 0**

Approval of Reconciliations and Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to approve the Treasurer's report dated September 18, 2025.

Roll call vote: Yes: Keener, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green;
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 5 – 0**

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: None.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Finance Committee: Absent; no report.

Public Safety Committee: Nothing tonight.

Public Service Committee: Will be having a discussion regarding scheduling of committee meetings later in New Business tonight. Might make some changes to their regular committee meeting times.

Rules Committee: Meeting held tonight and will discuss tonight having committee meetings on the same night as council.

Community Development Committee: Reminder that voting time is around the corner. Both the charter change issue and income tax issue will be on the ballot for the village in November. Please vote.

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report tonight.

Report of Council President: Absent; no report.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget: Flock cameras are important for our village and community to help solve crimes, find missing persons, and to help with investigations. Chief Harget submitted a support letter to the mayor and council for these cameras. He attended another meeting with the Flock company. They will do the installs if we decide to move forward with that. There is a breakdown of the cost and what would come with that as well. Cruiser maintenance – have talked a lot about the cruisers and he is proud to say they have spent \$0 in the last 6 months on cruiser maintenance because they have had regular general maintenance performed and hope it stays that way. Have at least one car that is still under warranty. Rotating the vehicles out helps with that as well as having a newer vehicle. Uniforms for reserve officers

have been ordered and have been received. 2025 continued education for officers – still tasked with completing 24 hours of CPTs. Chief will sign off and verify that his officers, including himself, have completed those by the deadline of December 31st, but his deadline is November 1st to be sure they are completed. Next year they will see more of the virtual training. We are being reimbursed for their training hours as well. Fill-in mayor's court clerk has been finger printed and LEADs certified, while working on getting her OLEG certified. Chief attended events planning meeting to see what it will look like for upcoming and special events. A lot of events going on. Have 3 auxiliary police. Charlotte Basnett asked Chief if there are very many instances of domestic violence in the village? Chief answered yes. Charlotte stated that we need to be aware of the domestic violence groups who help those victims. Marsy's Law helps with that as well. Their officers also can help with that. Mayor Goodman stated that Water's Edge Community Center has a great organization for domestic violence victims. They also hold a vigil for honoring victims of domestic violence, with one to be held on October 11th. The village office also has information and resources including 211 and our doors are open to help with those resources and contact numbers.

Fire Department – Chief Jerry Brooks: Anyone in fear of domestic violence can come to the fire house and they will help get the proper authorities. Report submitted. 61 runs in August, 54 were EMS runs, 7 fire. 19 transports. Mutual aid received 11 runs from EMS and 1 fire. Mutual aid given 8 EMS runs and 8 fire runs. Security system on doors have been updated and repaired. Valves replaced on some engines that were leaking. Had a leak in the roof of the fire house that maybe came from the hail storm back in May. Working with insurance to get it repaired. Two houses were donated, one on Worth and one on East, for search and rescue training. Six new tires on Engine 922. Attended KOA cookout for First Responders Day. Power cots and AED estimate included for 15s instead of 35s to save some money and still get updated equipment. Waiting for BWC's review on grant for power cot. October 1st, prices will be going up on all of the equipment. Will need to replace 4 sets of fire gear before the end of the year. Had some radios repaired. Started looking around at serviceable trucks that could fit in their building. Hard to find a truck that can fit the needs for the narrow streets. Appreciate the support the village is giving them to do the best they can.

Public Works – Superintendent Toby Miller: No report.

Parks and Recreation – Annetta Macedonia: Representative absent. No meeting minutes submitted.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins: Absent, report submitted.

Zoning – Kevin Strang: Reports submitted. 18 on site visits, 44 calls and emails. 2 stop work orders.

Planning / Zoning / BZA Commissions: Will have a meeting the first Thursday in October. Review and hopefully moving on of the new zoning code, per Mayor Goodman.

Report of Mayor Goodman: Mayor read her submitted written report. Transit is very pleased. It is growing slowly but is growing every week. Two weeks ago they picked up 15 extra people from Buckeye Lake. People are starting to use it to get to work.

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

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2025-57 - AN ORDINANCE AWARDING THE BID FOR THE 2025 STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO STRAWSER PAVING COMPANY, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND SAID CONTRACTOR CONSISTENT WITH SAID BID, AND THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Green, seconded by Councilor Keener, to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Keener, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green;
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 5 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green, to adopt Ordinance 2025-57.

Roll call vote: Yes: Keener, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green;
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 5 – 0**

Ordinance 2025-58 - AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE COSTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FEE AND THE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES FOR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PROGRAM.

This will move to a second reading.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading –

Resolution 2025-14 - A RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES, SHOULD THE VILLAGE INCOME TAX BE ADOPTED BY THE ELECTORS.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Keener, to adopt Resolution 2025-14.

Roll call vote: Yes: Keener, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green;
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 5 – 0**

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

Resolution 2025-15 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Keener, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green;
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 5 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wolfe to adopt Resolution 2025-15.

Roll call vote: Yes: Keener, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green;
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 5 – 0**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Noise Ordinance - Mayor has been in communication with President Lemmon on this – once again, the question of a noise ordinance has come up in the past two weeks. She thinks it needs to be revisited. Request is coming from residents. 11pm for communities around Columbus seems to be the consensus. Discussion for the solicitor. Community Development will do some research on additional information. There should be a time in the morning as well, per Councilor Keener. Or different during the week versus the weekend.

NEW BUSINESS –

Councilor Keener stated that it was recommended from his Rules committee that the committee and council meeting nights be condensed to Finance, Personnel, and Community Development held before the first council meeting of the month and Public Service, Public Safety, and Rules committee meetings be held before the second council meeting of the month. Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wolfe to begin using this format beginning with the first meeting in October to test this schedule.

Roll call vote: Yes: Keener, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green;
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 5 – 0**

2026 Pay Plan – At last Personnel Committee meeting, they talked about the pay plan for next year. Since we are doing a pay study with the Clemans-Nelson agency, they recommend to only adjust the pay plan accordingly to allow for a 3% increase across the board. Tentative revision submitted to council and requested to be presented as an ordinance at the next council meeting.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS –

Councilor Keener – Nothing tonight.

Councilor Lemmon – Absent, no comments.

Councilor Wadley – Starting to get darker earlier. Pay attention to people outside. Wear something that you can be seen in if you are out walking.

Councilor Wolfe – Go Bucks.

Councilor Cable – Thoughts and prayers are with President Lemmon and his family. Buy local.

Councilor Green – Remember to vote. Early voting starts soon. A lot of village issues which you can view on the Board of Elections website. Exercise your right to vote.

Councilor Julian – Absent, no comments.

Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting – September 22, 2025


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


Don Cable, Council President Pro Tem
John Lemmon, Council President.