

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
September 26, 2022

Call to Order: By Council President Linda Goodman at 7:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: Led by Council President Linda Goodman.

Roll Call: Present: Don Cable (0,0), Linda Goodman (0,0), Max Thompson (0,1), Sue Wadley (0,1),
(Consecutive, Total Absences) Tom Wolfe (0,0)
Absent: Deb Julian (0,1), John Lemmon (0,1)

Staff Present: Mayor Jeryne Peterson; Samantha Torres, Clerk of Council; Jason Harget, Police Chief; David Ruton, Fire Chief; Toby Miller, Public Works Supervisor;

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to approve the September 12, 2022 regular council meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 5 – 0

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to approve the September 20, 2022 special council meeting minutes #1.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 5 – 0

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to approve the September 20, 2022 special council meeting minutes #2.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 5 – 0

Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to approve the Treasurer's report dated September 22, 2022.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 5 – 0

APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Robert Scherman was sworn in by Mayor Jeryne Peterson as a Mayoral-appointed member of the Planning and Zoning / BZA Commission.

Michael Pereira was sworn in by Mayor Jeryne Peterson as a Police Officer for the Buckeye Lake Police Department.

Keisha Amspaugh was sworn in by Mayor Jeryne Peterson as Assistant Fire Chief of the Buckeye Lake Fire Department.

Mason Sillin was sworn in by Mayor Jeryne Peterson as a Firefighter for the Buckeye Lake Fire Department.

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Absent, no report.

Public Safety Committee: Congratulations to the new members of the Police and Fire Departments and for Keisha being promoted to Assistant Chief of the Fire Department.

Public Service Committee: Next committee meeting will be October 3rd at 6:30pm and it will be fairly lengthy per Toby Miller.

Rules Committee: Nothing to report.

Community Development Committee: Next committee meeting will be October 3rd at 5:30pm to discuss fee schedule and procedures for short-term rentals in the village.

Personnel Committee: Absent, no report.

Report of Council President: Cynthia Ebner, Council's selection for the Planning and Zoning/BZA Commission vacancy will be sworn in on October 6th at 6:30pm before the next Planning and Zoning meeting. Recreation Center Open House will be October 1st from 12pm-2pm. Official village Trunk or Treat is October 27th at Ryan-Braden Park and the Rec Center. Village Fall clean up is October 4th-7th 8am-6pm and October 8th 8am-12pm behind Village Hall in the Street Compound. Operating Levy informational Question and Answer Session on October 11th at 7pm at the Rec Center with guests Licking County Auditor Michael Smith and Deputy Auditor Brad Cottrell. Coffee with a Cop at the Coffee Shack October 15th 10am-12pm with donations going towards December's Shop with a Cop.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget – Call report submitted. Thanked new candidates and all positions are now filled in the Police Department, plus a part-time detective to help maintain surveillance and aid in stopping drug activity in the community. New World computer aid dispatching software was awarded by the Licking County Sheriff's Office; thank you to Fire Chief Ruton for helping to get that. It will be in all cruisers and goes to their duty phones. K9 vehicle is out of service with mechanical issues. Working on a new asset inventory list. Need to get rid of some old computers. Village business profiles need updated and that will happen ASAP. Chief is working on an evidence destruction letter to the felony prosecutor to see evidence be destroyed in front of an officer with the EPA. Lengthy call report submitted. Council will receive two reports next month through new system from the dispatcher. Vehicles from Whitehall are here. Some issues need fixed and the cars need decals. Right now, mechanics are scheduled a few weeks out.

Fire Department – Chief David Ruton – Written report submitted. Some equipment (SCBA Air Packs) from a previous grant has been received and is now in service. 78 incidents so far this month. Worked today to get the fire engine moved from Jae's Towing to the back lot at Village Hall to save on storage costs. Assistant Chief Keisha Amspaugh said that the fire engine is estimated at about \$83,000. They had someone look at it who estimated \$30,395 minimum to repair it but he also cannot do the 80 hours of work, does not have the staff, so need to find someone else. \$117,000 in damage. Solicitor is now involved to handle it through insurance.

Public Works – Toby Miller – Public Service Committee agenda will be lengthy at the next meeting. Councilor Wadley commented that the man who was weed eating was nice enough to stop weed eating as cars drove by. Superstructure of the bridge is about 60% completed and it will start looking more like a bridge soon.

Parks and Recreation – Annetta Macedonia – Congrats to everyone who is new. Commission members Melissa Tevis and Sue Smith attended the meeting as well. Recreation Center Open House on October 1st 12pm-2pm will include refreshments and entertainment, along with a chance to interact with Commissioners, Mayor, and Council President. Repairs and improvements on the Rec Center that were in the budget have been completed. The skate park, which is one of the most popular elements of the park and really helps some of the more at-risk youth of the community, every ramp is completely unsafe. 3 of the small ramps are all bad, need to go, cannot be replaced, per a skate park repairman that the village has used in the past. Mini ramp (the big one) can be replaced at an estimated \$25,137. Will look into how to get the mini ramp repaired. \$40-50,000 total to repair the whole park. Annetta thanked Mayor Peterson for donating a flag at the Rec Center. Still waiting on signage, designating Ryan-Braden Park on Route 79, one at the Rec Center, and one at the Pavilion. Hoping to start seeing people wanting to use the Rec Center facility for wedding receptions, baby showers, meetings. Councilor Goodman stated that a grant needs to be found for the skate park. Annetta stated there are still funds under Repairs, but not enough to cover it. Mayor Peterson suggested checking with various clubs who might be able to help with funding, such as Newark Rotary, Kiwanis, Millersport Lions Club. Councilor Goodman stated

that council appreciated the ability to use the Rec Center for a council meeting. Councilor Wadley suggested asking the Buckeye Lake Chamber and Civic Association to host some businesses at the Recreation Center.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins – Absent, no report.

Zoning – Kevin Strang – Report submitted. Absent.

Planning and Zoning – No representative / no report.

Report of Mayor – Report submitted. Councilor Goodman asked about how LCATS is benefitting or affecting the village. Mayor Peterson said there is a transportation plan that is happening right now in the beginning stages that could benefit the village. Mayor met with the Mayor of Heath who has volunteered his services to do a United Way kick off in the village. She met with a chocolates company to see if they would be interested in bringing a shop here to the village. They will keep the village in mind for franchising. There is an investor who is interested in having a business in the village. Interested in a mini golf course idea.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading –

Ordinance 2022-36 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BUSINESS REGULATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS AND BED AND BREAKFASTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to table Ordinance 2022-36.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 5 – 0

Councilor Cable received a citizen's comment about Section 1B in Ordinance 2022-36 about the insurance asking if it should state the type of insurance, not just the amount of coverage required. Councilor Cable also stated that he had talked with administrative directors from two municipalities (Port Clinton and Russells Point) who stated that they felt no legislative need to regulate short-term rentals.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2022-40 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GRANT CONSENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE TO ENTER INTO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) MUNICIPAL BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 5 – 0

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to adopt Ordinance 2022-40.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 5 – 0

Ordinance 2022-41 - AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE COSTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FEE AND THE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES FOR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to suspend the rules.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 5 – 0

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to adopt Ordinance 2022-41.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 5 – 0

Ordinance 2022-42 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM NAPOLI SHKOLNIK FOR PFAS COST RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO.

This will move on to a second reading.

Ordinance 2022-43 - AN ORDINANCE UPDATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING CODE AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

This will move on to a second reading.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Motion by Councilor Thompson, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, to enter into executive session to consider the investigation of charges or complaints, with Mayor Peterson invited.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 5 – 0

Council entered into executive session at 8:05pm.

Council entered back into open session at 8:31pm.

Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Wadley, for the mayor to go into contract for a second opinion of the Wells Development.

Roll call vote: Yes: Wadley, Wolfe, Cable

Abstain: Thompson; Nays: Goodman; Motion Failed 3 – 1 – 1

Council Clerk stated in the meeting that the motion passed but the motion failed due to needing 4 affirmative votes in order to pass, per Charter Section 3.11.

NEW BUSINESS –

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Cable, that Council does not request a hearing on the advisability of issuing a liquor permit to LT Pizza Co LLC.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 5 – 0

Motion by Councilor Wolfe, seconded by Councilor Cable, that Council does not request a hearing on the advisability of issuing a liquor permit to Blue Heron K&P LLC.

Roll call vote: Yes: Thompson, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Goodman

Abstain: 0; Nays: 0; Motion Passed 5 – 0

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilor Thompson: Hopes everyone will get out to vote; it is important for the levy and for the village.

Councilor Wolfe: No comments tonight.

Councilor Cable: Congratulated Bob, Mike, Keisha, and Mason for their appointments and wishes them luck in their activities in the village. Buy local; not just Buckeye Lake, but the region around the lake as well. The village will support businesses that offer a good product at a fair price.

Councilor Wadley: Welcomed the people newly sworn in. Very happy to have some individuals step up and fill some commission spots and we have some new hires.

Councilor Goodman: Welcomed the people newly sworn in. Excited to see new faces joining the village. Please go out and vote in November. It is very important to the village and the operation of the village.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Wolfe to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilor Cable. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting: October 10, 2022


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


Linda Goodman, Council President