

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes  
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook  
**September 8, 2025**

**Call to Order:** By Council President John Lemmon 7:00p.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; Jason Harget, Police Chief; Amanda Hoppel, Fiscal Officer; Jerry Brooks, Fire Chief

**Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve the August 25, 2025 regular council meeting minutes.

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

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

**Approval of Clerk Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Keener, to approve the Treasurer's report dated September 4, 2025.

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

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

**APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**Finance Committee:** Have not held a meeting since the last one. Next committee meeting to be held October 13, time TBD. Hope to discuss first round of the budget. Goal is to present first budget proposal at the first meeting in November to allow for 3 readings. 4 appropriations on the agenda tonight that did not go through committee but should be self-explanatory.

**Public Safety Committee:** Nothing at this time.

**Public Service Committee:** Submitted meeting minutes. Next committee meeting October 6 at 6:30pm.

**Rules Committee:** Next committee meeting to be held September 22, time TBD. Planning and Zoning Commission meeting had one lot combination 2025-056 on Tanner that was approved.

**Community Development Committee:** Nothing new at this time.

**Personnel Committee:** Meeting held tonight. Talked extensively about the pay scale. Since we are using an outside firm to do a thorough review of our pay philosophy and pay scale, at this time, we are going to adjust the current pay scales to accommodate for a 3% increase for our employees. Also had some good discussion on the study itself and making sure that all of our documents related to pay and positions line up. Will discuss pay plan at next council meeting under New Business.

**Report of Council President:** Nothing at this time.

**Report of Mayor:** No submitted report, verbal instead. She, Amanda, and Councilor Wadley have had their first meeting with Clemans-Nelson which is the HR company slated to do our wage study and job descriptions. Had a good chance to talk to them about how it may look like they could compare Buckeye Lake and Hebron, it is not a good comparison. Think

the representative will be great to work with. Told her about some things they would like to see sooner than later because of the budget process starting. Had a meeting with Escape to Buckeye Lake to discuss tourism in the area. She and Chief Harget did a webinar again on the FLOCK cameras, getting a better understanding of what they can do for us and how it could benefit the village. Started moving quicker on it because it's budget time. She heard from Solicitor Nicodemus today that Mayor's Court will start back up the first week of October and a visiting clerk will come and do that for us and will help train the new hire for that position. Cases are being sent to Licking County Court for now.

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

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinances for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading –**

**Ordinance 2025-45** - AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ANIMAL OWNERS TO PROPERLY CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR ANIMALS.

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wadley to adopt Ordinance 2025-45.

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

**Abstain:** 0; **Nays:** Wolfe; **Motion Passed 6 – 1**

### **Ordinances for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading –** None.

### **Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading –**

**Ordinance 2025-51** - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH O.R COLAN ASSOCIATES LLC. FOR RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION SERVICES FOR THE WALNUT RD SIDEWALK AND ROADWAY UPGRADE PHASE 1 IDENTIFIED AS LIC-SR79-03.28 (PID #117102), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Keener, Lemmon, Wolfe, Cable, Green

**Abstain:** 0; **Nays:** Julian, Wadley; **Motion Passed 5 – 2**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Ordinance 2025-51.

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

**Abstain:** 0; **Nays:** Julian; **Motion Passed 6 – 1**

**Ordinance 2025-52** - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MARTIN + WOOD APPRAISAL GROUP LTD. FOR APPRAISAL REVIEW SERVICES FOR THE WALNUT RD SIDEWALK AND ROADWAY UPGRADE PHASE 1 IDENTIFIED AS LIC-SR79-03.28 (PID #117102), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

**Abstain:** 0; **Nays:** Julian, Wadley; **Motion Passed 5 – 2**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Cable to adopt Ordinance 2025-52.

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

**Abstain:** 0; **Nays:** Julian; **Motion Passed 6 – 1**

**Ordinance 2025-53** - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wolfe, Green  
**Abstain:** 0; **Nays:** Wadley, Cable; **Motion Passed 5 – 2**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Ordinance 2025-53.

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

**Ordinance 2025-54** - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wolfe, Green  
**Abstain:** 0; **Nays:** Wadley, Cable; **Motion Passed 5 – 2**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green to adopt Ordinance 2025-54.

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

**Ordinance 2025-55** - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Wolfe to adopt Ordinance 2025-55.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wolfe, Cable, Green  
**Abstain:** 0; **Nays:** Wadley; **Motion Passed 6 – 1**

**Ordinance 2025-56** - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Keener, Lemmon, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green  
**Abstain:** 0; **Nays:** Julian, Wadley; **Motion Passed 5 – 2**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Cable to adopt Ordinance 2025-56.

**Discussion:** If we do not want to renew this contract, we have to let them know by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Goodman stated that the new zoning code was paid for by a grant through Licking County. When we did not get a Development Director into the budget but had many things where we needed direction, council approved the contract with OHM on an as-needed basis. They are helping advise the planning and zoning department. They have had monthly meetings with OHM with zoning and code and have joined in on some planning commission meetings via Zoom. If we had a Development Director, we would not need this company.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Julian, Keener, Lemmon, Wolfe, Cable, Green  
**Abstain:** 0; **Nays:** Wadley; **Motion Passed 6 – 1**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolutions for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading – None.**

**Resolutions for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading –**

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

This will move to a third reading.

**Resolutions for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading –** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS** – None.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS** –

**Councilor Julian** – No comments tonight.

**Councilor Keener** – Have a safe and happy evening.

**Councilor Lemmon** – Had a lot of things going on behind the scene and Mayor Goodman does a lot of work and he thanks her.

**Councilor Wadley** – She thinks that if we are asking our residents to vote on an income tax, we need to be more aware of the number of emergencies we are bringing through. In her eyes as a voter, that shows her irresponsibility. Why are we running short on a regular basis?

**Councilor Wolfe** – Go Bucks.

**Councilor Cable** – Buy local.

**Councilor Green** – Thanked AI from RITA for coming in and talking during tonight's Income Tax Town Hall meeting. If you have any questions about income tax, please reach out. Thanked those who showed up for that this evening. Thanked Councilor Julian for picking up the slack on their duties during their team effort while school was starting. Have a wonderful week.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Keener to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Regular Council Meeting – September 22, 2025



Samantha Torres, Council Clerk



~~John Lemmon~~, Council President Pro Tem

Don Cable