

Buckeye Lake Village Council Meeting Minutes
Held in Council Chambers, streamed live on Facebook
May 27, 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 (via Zoom); Jerry Brooks, Interim Fire Chief; Rex Adkins, Code Enforcement Officer; Toby Miller, Public Works Superintendent

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Keener, to approve the May 12, 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 Reconciliations and Clerk Treasurer's Report: Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve the April reconciliations and Treasurer's report dated May 19, 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: Meeting held tonight with discussion on ordinances for tonight's agenda that were recommended to full council from the committee. Additional information that was sent from RITA about income tax legislation. Will be bringing up the income tax legislation later. No meeting scheduled at this point for June 9th.

Public Safety Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Public Service Committee: Nothing to report at this time. Next meeting June 2nd at 6:30pm.

Rules Committee: Nothing to report.

Community Development Committee: Meeting held tonight about moratorium on short-term rentals for 90 days to clean up and find better ways to enforce the current ordinance and also discussing limitations on short-term rentals within the neighborhoods and how that will be governed moving forward. Next meeting immediately following Personnel on June 9th.

Personnel Committee: Nothing new since last meeting. Next meeting June 9th at 6:00pm.

Report of Council President: President Lemmon talked to Solicitor to see about bringing an item off of the table during a meeting. Anyone can make the motion to do that. 2 items tabled at the last meeting that could be brought back.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Police Department – Chief Jason Harget: We survived Pirate Fest. It was 3 days, a little longer than last year. Officers were hired as Special Duty. Police radios were upgraded which means they will work as of July. Will save a lot of money and these radios will work. Some batteries will need to be replaced. They will last a few years though they are old. 7 Motorola radios were donated from Sheriff's office that were upgraded before donated. Now currently have Perry County and Fairfield County sheriff's offices on the radios. Officers are challenged to complete 24 hours of continued education.

Rumor is that that time may go up. Need to now qualify for firearms. Had some issues with trucks and motorcycles at North Shore Park after dark. Came up with a plan to get the information on these meet ups. In the last few weeks, they have not had any incidents. It is not a car show. They would need to file for a permit to have a car show there to keep it safe. Happening at Alum Creek as well. Bicycles will be utilized soon.

Fire Department – Interim Chief Jerry Brooks: Run totals submitted. 61 runs. 53 EMS calls. 29 transports. 8 fire runs. 7 were mutual aid given to other departments. Received 4 mutual aid from others. Working on getting radios updated. Working on getting tires replaced on engine 922. Have testing coming up on hoses and ladders. Have one new hire. Another who will start next week. Have a few to come in for orientation and some others waiting to be interviewed. Lacking fire gear to properly outfit them. There are a few grants out there. Firehouse Subs gives out 600 grants. Pirate Fest they had 4 on crew. Only a couple of incidents. Started Explorer Program. Had 12 Explorers apply. Starting with 4 at this time to get it up and running. Working on scheduling for their training and working in the station. President Lemmon was talking with some people about donations and some need to be a 501c-3 to receive donations. Mayor Goodman asked Councilor Wolfe who stated a new power cot was \$72,000 and other \$14,000 reconditioned power cot. Should be getting medical supplies discount, per Chief Brooks. Intern starts next week to start on grants for fire department. \$4,000-4,400 per person for fire gear.

Public Works – Superintendent Toby Miller: Update on North Bank – wrapping that project up. Doing walk-through tomorrow. He has a new round of items for the public service committee. Have easement items to work out. North Bank will have one more change order to come. Late June – early July.

Parks and Recreation – Annetta Macedonia: Representative absent. Meeting minutes submitted. Mayor Goodman had requested that Parks and Recreation Commission meetings be on Zoom. The Commission feels that the She does not believe it is the commission's decision whether the meetings are livestreamed or not. Logistics would be worked out by the village. 86 people registered for I Walked the Whole Damn Dam. Councilor Cable mentioned the pocket parks. Councilor Green stated the concern was that there were no funds for benches or other items but that the minutes are two months old and that may have changed.

Code Enforcement – Rex Adkins: Report submitted. Tall grass will be cut soon. Randy is working on village property right now. Short-term rentals – this week, past-due notices will be sent out.

Zoning – Kevin Strang: Absent. Report submitted.

Planning / Zoning / BZA Commissions: No representatives. No reports.

Report of Mayor Goodman: Amanda and her met with Park National Bank to talk about the needs of the village. They got into the conversation about purchasing a fire truck. PNB does bonds for purchasing fire trucks. Looking at 2-3 years to order a truck. North Shore Pier project in early September. She and Toby will do final ride along for the new Licking County Transit route that is coming to Buckeye Lake. Ribbon cutting July 1st at 10am for the route.

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

ORDINANCES

Ordinances for 3rd Reading –

Ordinance 2025-26 – AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FIREWORKS IN THE VILLAGE.

Discussion: When this went through Public Safety Committee, there was not a quorum for their meeting so there was not a recommendation from the committee to full council. President Lemmon stated it could still be discussed and one of the concerns was enforcement of this. He stated it is very difficult to enforce it right now the way the State has it written.

This is the state rules and we are picking which dates are the exception to the rules. Lemmon thinks that since people are not following the rules, it would be easier to have NO exception days. Councilor Cable stated it will be difficult to enforce having no fireworks at all. Councilor Julian believes enforcement will become an issue.

Motion by Councilor Lemmon, seconded by Councilor Wadley, to amend Ordinance 2025-26 to remove Section 4, Part B.

Roll call vote: Yes: Lemmon, Wadley, Green;
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** Julian, Keener, Wolfe, Cable; **Motion Failed 3 - 4**

Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Wadley, to adopt Ordinance 2025-26.

Roll call vote: Yes: Lemmon, Cable, Green;
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** Julian, Keener, Wadley, Wolfe; **Motion Failed 3 - 4**

Ordinances for 2nd Reading – None.

Ordinances for 1st Reading –

Ordinance 2025-29 – 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, Wadley, Wolfe, Cable, Green
Abstain: 0; **Nays:** 0; **Motion Passed 7 – 0**

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Green, to adopt Ordinance 2025-29.

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

Ordinance 2025-30 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-66 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Councilor Keener, seconded by Councilor Julian, 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 Green, to adopt Ordinance 2025-30.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions for 3rd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 2nd Reading – None.

Resolutions for 1st Reading –

Resolution 2025-10 - A RESOLUTION AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE WATER DEPARTMENT.

This will move to a second reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Green to take Ordinance 2025-28 from the table and move it to a second reading on the next council meeting agenda.

Roll call vote: Yes: Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Cable, Green
Abstain: Keener; **Nays:** Wolfe; **Motion Passed 5 - 1 - 1**

Motion by Councilor Julian, seconded by Councilor Green to take Resolution 2025-09 from the table.

Roll call vote: Yes: Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Cable, Green
Abstain: Keener; **Nays:** Wolfe; **Motion Passed 5 - 1 - 1**

Motion by Councilor Green, seconded by Councilor Wadley to have a first reading on Resolution 2025-09.

Roll call vote: Yes: Julian, Lemmon, Wadley, Cable, Green
Abstain: Keener; **Nays:** Wolfe; **Motion Passed 5 - 1 - 1**

NEW BUSINESS – None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS –

Kaye Hartman – 4631 North Bank Road – 160 days away from the next election as of today. Those who plan to run in the next election may pick up your packets from the Board of Elections starting on June 2nd. They will need to be filed by 4:00pm on August 6th. Past election was certified last Monday. Police levy passed by a comfortable margin. Julian, Green, Wadley, and Mayor seats are up at the end of this year.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS –

Councilor Julian – Thanked Chiefs and employees as there have been a lot of projects going on. Thank you to the mayor for the work she does behind the scenes.

Councilor Keener – Be safe. No comments tonight.

Councilor Lemmon – We have agreements and disagreements. He was on the losing side of one today and that is great. Appreciates everyone's hard work.

Councilor Wadley – Thanked Toby with everything for the project on Route 79. Thanks to police and fire for Pirate Fest.

Councilor Wolfe – Thanked mayor and Fire Chief for their interest in maintaining the fire equipment. Appreciates the council and their views on the time clock. Have a safe weekend. There is some debate on the income tax issue. Please come to the meetings or email them with any questions or comments.

Councilor Cable – Thanked Toby for all of the different projects he is a part of. They are all disruptive and there are a lot of moving parts. Have to roll with the punches and Toby and his team do a great job with that. Thanks for his hard work and dedication to the village. Tonight has maybe been the most votes objected in his 6 years on council. Sometimes personalities get in the way but we leave here civil. Buy local. Pirate Fest was very well attended and businesses were happy.

Councilor Green – Agrees with Councilor Wolfe's frustrations with getting people here in order to receive their feedback. Thanked Rex for his work on short-term rentals. Thank you to first responders.

Adjournment: Motion by Councilor Cable, seconded by Councilor Lemmon, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting – June 9, 2025


Samantha Torres, Council Clerk


John Lemmon, Council President