

# Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

January 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM



## **Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order, Mayor

Johnson presiding

Pledge of Allegiance



## **Minutes**

Approval of the minutes for the Village Council meeting held on Monday, December 26, 2023

## **Bills**

## **Committee Reports**

## **Boards & Commissions**

Cemetery Board: 01/03

Pathway Board: 01/04

## **LEGISLATION**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 13-2023**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR LISTED CEMETERY SERVICES AT MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY IN BLUFFTON, OHIO.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 01-2024**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

### **Emergency**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2024 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 01-2024**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

### **Emergency**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON IN SUPPORT OF THE LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SERVING AS THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO STUDY AREA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 02-2024**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

### **Emergency**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AGGREGATE AND ASPHALT MATERIAL, ASPHALT APPLICATION AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL FOR THE 2024 CONSTRUCTION YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 03-2024**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

### **Emergency**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FISCAL YEAR 2024 OHIO AIRPORT MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FAA FY 2023 FUNDED GRANT PROJECT ALONG WITH ACCEPTING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

## **Village Administration Report:**

**Mayor:**

**Safety Services Reports:**

**-EMS-**

**-Fire Dept.-**

**-Police Dept.-**

**Meeting Dates** (meetings held at the Town Hall unless otherwise noted\*)

- Village Council – Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Village Council – Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Airport Commission – Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm

**Public Comment**

**Adjournment** – Motion and Second

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting December 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Johnson presiding. Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner present.

Cupples motioned, seconded by Sehlhorst, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on December 11, 2023. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (1) Kingsley, motion approved.

Steiner motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

The fiscal officer gave the following readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Ordinance 12-2023 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 02-2023 (The Annual Appropriation Ordinance) and declaring an emergency. Kingsley motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Stahl motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Ordinance 13-2023 – An Ordinance establishing new rates for listed Cemetery services at Maple Grove Cemetery in Bluffton, Ohio. Cupples motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading:

Resolution 34-2023 – A Resolution to accept the rate charged by the Village of Ottawa, Ohio to the Village of Bluffton, Ohio for bulk water beginning January 1, 2024 and declaring an emergency. Stahl motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Kingsley. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Steiner motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Resolution 35-2023 – A Resolution making certain transfers and declaring an emergency. Cupples motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Kingsley. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Steiner motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 36-2023 – A Resolution making certain transfers at the legal level of control and declaring an emergency. Kingsley motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Stahl. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Cupples motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 37-2023 – A Resolution authorizing the temporary appropriations for the year 2024 for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Cupples motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Kingsley. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Sehlhorst motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 38-2023 – A Resolution to renew the current contract with the firm Hackenberg, Feighner & Werth LLC, with Attorney Elliott T. Werth as the Village Solicitor for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio for a period of one (1) year effective January 1, 2024 and declaring an emergency. Sehlhorst motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Sehlhorst motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Cupples motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to accept the resignation of Bernadine Ludwig as Cemetery Sexton effective December 31, 2023 with appreciation for her many years of service to the Village of Bluffton. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Cupples motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to enter executive session to discuss the purchase of property with the Council, Mayor, Administrator, and Fiscal Officer present. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Kingsley motioned, seconded by Cupples, to exit executive session and return to open session. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Cupples motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The following meetings/events were included on the agenda and/or scheduled during the meeting.

Cemetery Board on Wednesday, January 3 at noon.

Pathway Board on Thursday, January 4 at noon.

Village Council on Monday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m.

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MAYOR

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FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON  
VOUCHER REPORT 1/8/2024

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION
AG-PRO OHIO, LLC	816.52	Street	SKID STEER SERVICE
ALLEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	56,442.86	Administrative	DISPATCH SERVICES
ALLOWAY TESTING	50.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	60.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	50.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	50.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	1,580.00	Multiple	TESTING
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	14,156.34	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	105.47	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	288.75	Multiple	LIFE INSURANCE
BLACKBURN, JESSE	200.80	Administrative	MISC. RECORDINGS
BLUFFTON FLYING SERVICE	5,000.00	Airport	AIRPORT MANAGEMENT
BLUFFTON PAVING, INC.	6,900.00	Street	ROSENBERGER TRENCH PAVING
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	270.61	Rescue	MEDICAL SUPPLIES
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	43.40	Administrative	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	178.93	Multiple	CABLE
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	992.50	Multiple	GENERAL ENGINEERING
CINTAS	74.70	Administrative	UNIFORMS
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CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	66.00	Administrative	STAMPS FOR MAYOR CHRISTMAS CARDS
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	23.49	Police	OACP MEAL
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	105.60	Police	STAMPS
CONNECT PARENT CORPORATION	221.29	Administrative	PHONES
DOTY, MICHAEL	70.50	Police	PD AUTO REPAIRS
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EVERBRIDGE, INC.	4,462.67	Administrative	MASS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
EVERETT J PRESCOTT INC	77.64	Water	WATER TAP FITTINGS
FRESH ENCOUNTER CORPORATE	29.66	Administrative	SUPPLIES
GLOBAL ELECTRIC, INC	1,220.00	Street	TRAFFIC LIGHT SERVICE
JUSTIN SHANNON	440.67	Land & Buildings	TOWN HALL CLEANING
Lexipol	5,826.01	Police	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION
LEXIS NEXIS RISK DATA MANAGEMENT INC.	50.00	Administrative	ADDRESS SEARCHES
LIMA ALLEN CO. REGIONAL PLAN.	1,586.80	Administrative	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
MARATHON FLEET SERVICES	982.78	Multiple	FUEL
MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC	85.66	Land & Buildings	ARGON
NEW HORIZON COMMUNICATIONS	578.21	Administrative	PHONES
NORTHWESTERN OHIO SECURITY SYSTEMS	202.00	Land & Buildings	MONITORING
OHIO CRIME PREVENTION ASSN.	50.00	Police	OCPA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
OHIO TREASURER	51,856.30	Multiple	LOAN PAYMENT
OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	242,283.94	Multiple	OWDA LOAN PAYMENT
OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	500.00	Police	CONSORTIUM FEE
PARTNERS MFG GROUP, INC.	93,017.50	Multiple	LEAF MACHINE
PERRY CORPORATION	223.22	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	23.61	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	31.13	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
Railroad Management Company IV LLC	635.65	Water	LICENSE FEE
RUMPKE	25,888.40	Refuse	TRASH SERVICES
SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS	25,457.89	Multiple	ANNUAL SOFTWARE & HARDWARE SUPPORT
SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS	2,289.80	Multiple	ANNUAL SOFTWARE & HARDWARE SUPPORT
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	87.99	Multiple	SUPPLIES

TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	2,600.00	Sewer	2023 ANNUAL DISCHARGE FEE
ULINE	59.89	Land & Buildings	BIN DIVIDERS
VERIZON WIRELESS	129.07	Multiple	CELL PHONES
VERIZON WIRELESS	160.46	Multiple	CELL PHONES
VETTER LUMBER CO.	39.99	Multiple	SUPPLIES
VETTER LUMBER CO.	71.26	Multiple	SUPPLIES
WESSLER ENGINEERING	117.50	Sewer	SANITARY ON-CALL SERVICES
	<u>549,029.16</u>		

DECEMBER MONTHLY	2,569.00
MEDICARE	37.22
OPERS	269.03
FICA	40.14

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 12/29/23	48,415.98
MEDICARE	655.83
OPERS	3,768.07
OP&F	4,192.75

Council Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR LISTED CEMETERY SERVICES AT MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY IN BLUFFTON, OHIO.**

WHEREAS; the Cemetery Board of Bluffton, Ohio has determined that the current fees of \$500 for burial and \$300 for interment and infant burial need increased to \$600 for burial and \$400 for interment and infant burial at Maple Grove Cemetery.

WHEREAS; the Council of the Village of Bluffton agrees to make these changes in the fees for burial and interment services provided at the Maple Grove Cemetery.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO THAT:**

Section 1. That the fees at the Maple Grove Cemetery located in the Village of Bluffton shall be amended to \$600 for burial and \$400 for interment and infant burial.

Section 2. That is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were made in open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in accordance with all legal requirements of the Open Meetings Law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

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Elliott T. Werth, Village Solicitor

## **ORDINANCE NO. 01-2024**

### **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2024 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio Legislature enacted various legislation that caused changes to be made to American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code.

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2024 Edition, reflects the changes made to Ohio Law during 2023.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the usual daily operation of the Village and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the Village that this ordinance take effect at an early date.

### **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO:**

Section 1. American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2024 Edition, as reviewed by the Village Council, is hereby adopted and enacted. Any prior version of the Ohio Basic Code which may have been previously adopted by the Village of Bluffton is hereby obsolete and is hereby replaced in its' entirety by this Ohio Basic Code, 2024 Edition.

Section 2. One copy of American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2024 Edition, certified as correct by the Mayor and Village Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bluffton, as required by Ohio Revised Code §731.23, shall be kept in its initial form on file in the office of the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bluffton. The Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to publish a summary of all new matters contained in the Code of Ordinances as required by Ohio Revised Code §731.23. Such summary is attached hereto and marked as "Exhibit A".

Section 3. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of the Ohio Basic Code, as adopted in Section 1 hereof, are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance, except as follows:

(A) The enactment of the Ohio Basic Code, 2024 Edition, shall not be construed to affect a right or liability accrued or incurred under any legislative provision prior to the effective date of such enactment, or an action or proceeding for the enforcement of such right or liability. Such enactment shall not be construed to relieve any person from punishment for an act committed in violation of any such legislative provision, nor to affect indictment or prosecution therefore. For such purposes, any such legislative provision shall continue in full force notwithstanding its repeal for the purpose of revision and codification.



(B) The repeal provided above shall not affect:

- a. The grant or creation of a franchise, license, right, easement or privilege;
- b. The purchase, sale, lease or transfer of property;
- c. The appropriation or expenditure of money or promise or guarantee of payment;
- d. The assumption of any contract or obligation;
- e. The issuance and delivery of any bonds, obligations or other instruments of indebtedness;
- f. The levy or imposition of taxes, assessments or charges;
- g. The establishment, naming, vacating or grade level of any street or public way
- h. The dedication of property or plat approval;
- i. The annexation or detachment of territory;
- j. Any legislation enacted subsequent to the adoption of this ordinance.
- k. Any legislation specifically superseding the provision of the Ohio

Basic Code.

Section 4. That the following sections are hereby made part of and added to the Ohio Basic Code, 2024 Ed. that is adopted as the Code of Ordinances of the Municipality of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio pursuant to Section 10.15 thereof:

72.018 Nuisance Operation of Motor Vehicle

72.019 Regulations on Golf Carts, Utility Vehicles, and Other Under Speed Vehicles

76.13 Parking during Snow Emergency

76.04(A)(17) Maximum Distance from Curb or Edge of Roadway

76.04(A)(18) Minimum Distance from an Intersection

76.04(A)(19) Parking/Storage of Inoperative Vehicle

96.20 Regulation of Use of Loud Sound Amplification Systems

132.15 Intoxication

139.01 Curfew

139.02 Reward for Information leading to conviction of Vandals

The full text of which is attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 5. That an emergency exists in the operation of the Village whereby failure to act will be detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants thereof.

Section 6. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and Adopted the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, by the  
the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Noes: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
FISCAL OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
VILLAGE SOLICITOR

#### CERTIFICATION OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES

We, the Mayor and the Clerk of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §§ 731.23 and 731.42, hereby certify that the general and permanent ordinances of the Village of Bluffton, as revised, rearranged, compiled, renumbered as to sections, codified and printed herewith in component codes and titles are correct as and constitute the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio.

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FISCAL OFFICER

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MAYOR

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **ADDITIONAL MATTERS AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 4**

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

**This section contains municipal ordinances which supersede the Ohio Basic Code section of the same number.**

#### **§ 72.018 NUISANCE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to:

(1) Operate any motor vehicle, except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law, in such a manner that the vehicle or its motor is so rapidly accelerated or started from a standing position that the exhaust system emits a loud, cracking, chattering or other noise unusual to its normal operation, the rubber tires of such vehicle squeal or leave tire marks on the roadway, or throw gravel or debris commonly called peeling;

(2) Operate any motor vehicle so as to race or accelerate the motor while the vehicle is not in gear or in motion in such manner as to produce unnecessary or unreasonably loud noise; or

(3) Operate any motor vehicle so as to race or accelerate excessively the motor while the vehicle is in motion in such manner as to produce unnecessary or unreasonably loud noise.

(B) The creation or production of noise by squealing of rubber tires, by a cracking, chattering or clattering noise from the exhaust or the creation of tire marks on a roadway accompanying such squealing of tires shall each be considered prima facie evidence of an intent on the part of the operator to violate this section.

(C) Whoever violates any provision of division (A) above shall be deemed guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

#### **§ 72.019 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS.**

(A) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**GOLF CART.** A vehicle powered by gas or electricity and is the type of vehicle typically operated on a golf course and includes under speed vehicles or low speed vehicles.

**OPERATOR.** Any person who operates or is in actual physical control of a golf cart.

**OWNER.** Any person or entity, other than a lien holder or dealer having title to a golf cart or legal rights to possession thereof.

(B) *Equipment.*

(1) Golf carts operated on the streets, highways and public property within the village shall have a minimum of the following functional equipment thereon:

- (a) At least one working rear red-colored tail light;
- (b) License plates in the front and rear of the golf cart, bracketed to the cart;
- (c) A light to illuminate the rear license plate and make the plate legible from a distance of 50 feet;
- (d) At least one working brake light;
- (e) Two headlights, white or clear in color;
- (f) A horn;
- (g) A rearview mirror;
- (h) A windshield;
- (i) Turn signals;
- (j) One seat belt per occupant of the cart;

(k) A child safety seat installed to manufacturer specifications for any occupant under the age of four or under 40 pounds in weight; and

(l) A child booster safety seat installed to manufacturer specifications for any occupant between the ages of four and eight or four feet, nine inches in height.

(2) Whoever violates this division (B) shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$100.

(C) *Licensing requirements of operator.*

(1) The operator of a golf cart on public roadways or on public property in the village shall have a valid driver's license.

(2) The operator of a golf cart on public roadways or on public property in the village shall be no less than 16 years of age.

(3) Whoever violates this division (C) shall be guilty of a first degree misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 and imprisonment of not more than six months.

(D) *Insurance requirements of owner and operator.*

(1) The owner of a golf cart that is driven on public roadways or on public property in the village shall carry liability insurance thereon as required by the R.C. § 4509.101(A)(1).

(2) The operator of a golf cart that is driven on public roadways or on public property shall have in his possession proof of insurance while operating the golf cart.

(3) Whoever violates this division (D) shall be guilty of a first degree misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 and imprisonment of not more than six months.

(E) *Inspection and title requirements.*

(1) No person shall operate a golf cart on public roadways or on public property in the village without first obtaining an inspection by the Chief of Police, the County Sheriff or the law enforcement official of another jurisdiction within the state to ensure compliance with state laws and this section.

(2) No person shall operate a golf cart on the public roadways or on public property in the village without a certificate of inspection in his or her possession.

(3) No person shall operate a golf cart on public roadways or on public property without first obtaining a certificate of title from the Clerk of Courts.

(4) Whoever violates this division (E) shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$100.

(F) *Prohibited acts.*

(1) No person shall operate a golf cart on public roadways or on public property in the village without first ensuring all occupants are securely seated in a fixed seat and wearing all available elements of a properly adjusted safety belt that is fixed to the vehicle.

(2) No person, being an operator of a golf cart operated on public roadways or on public property in the village, shall fail to wear all available elements of a properly adjusted safety belt that is fixed to the vehicle.

(3) No person, being a passenger of a golf cart operated on public roadways or on public property in the village, shall fail to wear all available elements of a properly adjusted safety belt that is fixed to the vehicle.

(4) No person shall operate a golf cart on a public roadway with a posted speed limit greater than 25 mph unless the vehicle is driven with the right side of the golf cart being within one foot of the right curb or edge of the roadway.

(5) No person shall operate a golf cart on restricted areas of the public bicycle path, except municipal employees operating municipal vehicles in accordance with their duties.

(6) Whoever violates this division (F) shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined accordingly.

(a) A violation of division (F)(1), (F)(4) and (F)(5) above shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$100.

(b) A violation of division (F)(2) above shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$30.

(c) A violation of division (F)(3) above shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$20.

(G) *Accident reports.*

(1) The owner or operator of a golf cart involved in any accident resulting in injury or death to any person shall immediately report the accident to the Police Department.

(2) The owner or operator of a golf cart involved in any accident resulting in damage to the property of any person in excess of \$100 shall report the accident within 24 hours to the Police Department.

(3) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a first degree misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 and imprisonment of not more than six months.

#### **§ 76.04 PARKING PROHIBITIONS.**

(A) No person shall stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the provisions of this title, or while obeying the directions of a police officer or a traffic-control device, in any of the following places:  
(17) Maximum distance from curb or edge of roadway.

(a) Every vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there is an adjacent curb or where there is not a curb, to paved edge of the roadway, shall be stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with and not more than 12 inches from the right-hand curb, or where there is not a curb, to paved edge of the roadway.

(b) Whoever violates this division (A)(17) is guilty of minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$100. This division (A)(17) is in addition to parking regulations in the codified ordinances.

(18) Minimum distance from an intersection.

(a) No person shall stand or park a vehicle, except while obeying the directions of a police officer or a traffic-control device within any intersection or within three feet of any intersections of streets with streets or any intersections of streets with alleys.

(b) That whoever violates this division (A)(18) is guilty of minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$100. This division (A)(18) is in addition to parking regulations in the codified ordinances.

(c) For purposes of this division (A)(18), **INTERSECTION** means:

1. The area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at, or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict;

2. Where a highway includes two roadways 30 feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of the divided highway by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a separate intersection. If an intersecting highway also includes two roadways 30 feet or more apart, then every crossing of two roadways of the highways shall be regarded as a separate intersection; and

3. The junction of an alley with a street or highway, or with another alley, shall constitute an **INTERSECTION**.

(19) Inoperative motor vehicle.

(a) 1. For the purpose of this division (A)(19), the term **INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLE** shall be deemed to mean any motor driven vehicle that cannot, physically and lawfully, under its own power, be operated on the public highways of this village, and have remained in an inoperative condition for 72 or more consecutive hours notwithstanding that the said motor driven vehicle is legally licensed by the state.

2. a. No person shall park or stand any inoperative motor vehicle or motor vehicle parts on any dedicated street, alley, sidewalk or other public place at any time.

b. No person shall store or place any inoperative motor vehicle or motor vehicle parts on any property, or allow any inoperative motor vehicle or parts to remain on any property, except to the extent that the inoperative motor vehicle or parts are stored, placed or housed completely within in a building where it shall not be visible from the street or other private property.

3. This division (A)(19) shall not be applicable to properly zoned service garages normally engaged in the business of repairing or servicing automobiles; provided, however, that the persons engaged in the business of repairing automobiles shall store the inoperative motor vehicle in a neat and orderly fashion so as not to constitute a fire hazard or health menace nor create an unsightly appearance.

4. Should a vehicle remain parked in violation of this division (A)(19) for a period of more than 72 consecutive hours after being notified by the village by notice delivered to the owner of the property when the inoperative motor vehicle is located or upon placing a visible notice upon the said inoperative motor vehicle parked on any public street, alley or sidewalk, then in that event, the inoperative motor vehicle shall be considered a nuisance and shall be subject to removal by the village and impounded. The vehicle shall not be released from impound until any and all costs of towing and storage shall be paid.

5. Any peace officer or zoning officer of the village may request the owner of any suspected inoperative motor vehicle to demonstrate that a vehicle appearing to be inoperative is or is not capable of movement legally under its own power. If the owner fails to comply with a request, then, in that case, such a refusal may be considered as prima facie evidence that the said vehicle is an inoperative motor vehicle as defined in this division (A)(19).

(b) Whoever violates this division (A)(19) is guilty of minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$100. Each day constitutes a separate offense. This division (A)(19) is in addition to parking regulations in the codified ordinances.

(B) A person is permitted, without charge or restriction, to stand or park on a sidewalk a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter that has an engine not larger than 150 cubic centimeters, a low-speed micromobility device, or a bicycle or electric bicycle, provided that the motor-driven cycle, motor scooter, low-speed micromobility device, bicycle, or electric bicycle does not impede the normal flow of pedestrian traffic. This division does not authorize any person to operate a vehicle in violation of R.C. § 4511.711, or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division (C), whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(R.C. § 4511.68)

(Ord. 23-15, passed 12-21-2015; Ord. 24-15, passed 12-21-2015; Ord. 25-15, passed 12-21-2015; Ord. 02-18, passed 2-12-2018)

### **§ 76.13 PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCY.**

(A) A snow emergency exists where freezing rain or two inches or more of snow has fallen whereas constituting a serious public hazard.

(B) During such snow emergency, in order to properly clean the streets, vehicles will be legally parked on all village streets except for the downtown business districts between College Avenue and Jefferson Street and Jackson Street and Vance Street, and any streets which currently restrict parking to one side of the street only, when:

(1) On odd-numbered calendar days, vehicles are parked on the side of the street which has odd-numbered building addresses; and

(2) On even-numbered calendar days, vehicles are parked on the side of the street which has even-numbered building addresses.

(C) No vehicles shall be permitted to park in village parking lots or in the downtown business districts between College Avenue and Jefferson Street and Jackson Street and Vance Street, or any streets which currently restrict parking to one side of the street only, for a longer continuous time than 24 hours until such time that the snow has been cleaned up.

(D) Whenever any police officer finds a vehicle parked in violation of this section, such officer may require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move the same, to a position off the street or parking lot, or such officer may cause the vehicle to be moved or impounded at the owner's expense.

(E) Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and may be fined not in excess of \$100.

### **§ 96.20 REGULATION OF USE OF LOUD AMPLIFICATION SYSTEMS.**

(A) No person operating or occupying a motor vehicle on a street, highway, alley, parking lot or driveway shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system from within the vehicle so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 50 or more feet from the vehicle.

(B) No person shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet or more from the location of said sound amplification system.

(C) For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**PLAINLY AUDIBLE.** Any sound produced by a sound amplification system which can be heard at a distance of 50 feet or more. Measurement standards shall be by the auditory senses, based upon direct line of sight. Word or phrases need not be discernible and base reverberations are included.

**SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM.** Any radio, tape player, compact disc player, loud speaker or other electronic device used for the amplification of the human voice.

(D) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section that the operator was not otherwise prohibited by law from operating the sound amplification system, and that any of the following apply:

(1) The system was being operated to request medical or vehicular assistance or to warn of a hazardous road condition;

(2) The vehicle was an emergency or public safety vehicle;

(3) The vehicle was owned and operated by the village or a gas, electric, communications or refuse company;

(4) The system was used for the purpose of giving instructions, directions, talks, addresses, lectures or transmitting music to any persons or assemblages of persons;

(5) The vehicle was used in authorized public activities, such as parades, fireworks, sports events, musical productions and other activities which have the approval of the department of the village authorized to grant such approval.

(Ord. 17-96, passed 4-22-1996; Ord. 11-99, passed 6-14-1999; Ord. 02-18, passed 2-12-2018) Penalty, see § 96.99

### **§ 132.15 INTOXICATION.**

(A) No person shall be found in the state of intoxication or, being intoxicated, shall disturb the peace and good order or shall conduct himself or herself in a disorderly manner.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(Ord. 15-12, passed 8-27-2012; Ord. 02-18, passed 2-12-2018)

### **§ 139.01 CURFEW.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 years to be upon the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, parks, playgrounds, places of amusement and entertainment, or other unsupervised places between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless the minor is exempted by one or more of the following:

(1) Accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian;

(2) On an errand at the direction of the minor's parent or guardian, without any detour or stop;

(3) In a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;

(4) Engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop;

(5) Involved in an emergency;

(6) On the sidewalk abutting the minor's residence or abutting the residence of a next-door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain to the police department about the minor's presence;

(7) Attending an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the village, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor, or going to or returning home from, without any detour or stop, an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the village, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor;

(8) Exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and the right of assembly; or

(9) Married or had been married or had disabilities of minority removed in accordance with state law.

(B) Whoever, being the parent, guardian or person having the care and custody of a minor, shall allow or permit such minor to violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided hereinafter.

(C) Any person who shall aid, abet, influence or encourage a minor to violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided hereinafter.

(D) Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be fined in any sum not to exceed \$50 or imprisoned for not more than three days, or both.



(Ord. 13-72, passed 9-5-1972; Ord. 25-02, passed 9-9-2002; Ord. 03-04, passed 2-9-2004; Ord. 02-18, passed 2-12-2018)

**§ 139.02 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO CONVICTION OF VANDALS.**

The Council of the village is hereby authorized to pay the sum of \$200 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons responsible for vandalism of any property of the village, including park property and including, but not limited to, any damage to or destruction of trees, shrubs, growing plants and buildings.

(Ord. 7-85, passed 6-4-1985; Ord. 25-02, passed 9-9-2002; Ord. 03-04, passed 2-9-2004; Ord. 02-18, passed 2-12-2018)

## **RESOLUTION NO. 01-2024**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON IN SUPPORT OF THE LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SERVING AS THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO STUDY AREA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS,** the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has named the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Allen County, Ohio Area; and,

**WHEREAS,** the MPO's function is to work collaboratively with ODOT and the FHWA, FTA and the EPA to facilitate the comprehensive transportation planning within Allen County, Ohio; and,

**WHEREAS,** Village of Bluffton is a member also agrees to maintain its membership in the LACRPC and to comply with the Bylaws of the LACRPX and the Bylaws of the Transportation Coordinating Committee and the LACRPC and,

**WHEREAS,** Village of Bluffton agrees to participate in the transportation planning process, and to actively support the public involvement process as it relates to the development and adoption of the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Annual Unified Planning Work Program and the publication of an Annual Report.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That Village of Bluffton joins with other political subdivision in Allen County, Ohio in pledging its support and cooperation with such other political subdivisions within Allen County, Ohio of the LACRPC as the MPO for the Lima, Ohio Urbanized Area (Allen County, Ohio).

**Section 2.** That the Village of Bluffton will maintain its membership in LACRPC in compliance with the Bylaws of the LACRPC and the Bylaws of the Transportation Coordinating Committee.

**Section 3.** That the Village of Bluffton shall participate in the transportation planning process and actively support the public involvement process as it relates to the development and adoption of the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, the Annual Unified Planning Work Program and the publication of the Annual Report.

**Section 4.** That the Village of Bluffton will comply with the Bylaws of the LACRPC and the Bylaws of the Transportation Coordinating Committee.

**Section 5.** That the Village of Bluffton understands that any member government may withdraw its agreement and pledge of support for the LACRPC at any time by

adoption of a Resolution indicating that the Village of Bluffton is withdrawing its support for the programs and delivering a copy of the Resolution to the Executive Director of the LACRPC, not less than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the actual date of withdrawal. The withdrawal shall be effective on the one hundred eightieth (180<sup>th</sup>) day after the date on which the Executive Director receives the copy of the Resolution to withdraw.

**Section 6.** That the presentation of the Resolution to withdraw shall not relieve the withdrawing member of its obligations as a member for the year in which the withdrawal occurs, nor shall the withdrawing party withdraw its area from the study area of the LACRPC during the year of withdrawal.

**Section 7.** That this Resolution shall be effective at the earliest date permitted by law, provided, however, that the Village of Bluffton shall not be bound by the agreements set forth in this Resolution if there is not sufficient participation from the other political subdivisions in the Allen County, Ohio area to make the existence of the LACRPC feasible.

**Section 8.** That the Executive Director of the LACRPC shall, upon receipt of the certified copy of this Resolution, include the Village of Bluffton as a member of the LACRPC and that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to ODOT as testimony of the relationship between the LACRPC and Village of Bluffton.

**Section 9.** That an emergency exists in the operation of the Village whereby failure to act will be detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants thereof.

**Section 10.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in the open meeting of this Council and that all deliberation of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and Adopted the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by the governing board of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Noes: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
FISCAL OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
VILLAGE SOLICITOR

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-2024**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AGGREGATE AND ASPHALT MATERIAL, ASPHALT APPLICATION AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL FOR THE 2024 CONSTRUCTION YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS** the Village of Bluffton has identified a public contract that requires competitive bids, and,

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in that the project is necessary for maintenance and improvement of Village infrastructure and is necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO (AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED THERETO CONCURRING) THAT:**

**Section 1.** That the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for aggregate and asphalt material, asphalt application and equipment rental for the 2024 Construction Year and shall proceed according to law.

**Section 2.** That the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio determines that this Resolution is an emergency measure for the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the Village for the reasons set forth above and shall be in force and effect immediately from and after its passage.

**Section 3.** That is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were made in open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in accordance with all legal requirements of the Open Meetings Law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Solicitor

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-2024**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FISCAL YEAR 2024  
OHIO AIRPORT MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FAA FY 2023  
FUNDED GRANT PROJECT ALONG WITH ACCEPTING FUNDS AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS: The Bluffton Airport Advisory Commission has been made aware of opportunities to apply for grant funding through the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation where ODOT provides substantial funding, and;

WHEREAS: An emergency exists in that the grant process is time sensitive and such grants are needed for efficient maintenance of Village infrastructure all for the benefit of the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, and;

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF  
BLUFFTON, OHIO (the requisite number voting in the affirmative) THAT:**

SECTION 1: Village Administrator is hereby authorized to submit a Fiscal Year 2024 Ohio Airport Grant Application and accept funds for improvements at the Bluffton Airport.

SECTION 2: That an emergency exists for the reasons set forth herein.

SECTION 3: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were made in open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in accordance with all legal requirements of the Open Meetings Law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Solicitor

## **Village of Bluffton**

### **Administration's Report**

To: Mayor Johnson & Council Members



**01-08-24**

#### **Village Employee Health Insurance**

Fortman Insurance Services has worked with the Village to secure a health plan contract with Aetna through December of 2024. Each employee will have two different Health Savings Account (HSA) plans to choose from. The Open Enrollment Period for this health plan will conclude on January 31, 2024 as booklets were distributed to employees beginning today.

#### **Brush Grinding**

Contract price of \$14,700 was approved for Tawa Mulch & Landscape Supply to perform brush grinding services.

#### **Leaf Vac – update**

#### **Pathway Board Progress: Fundraising**

Thanks to those community members who serve on the Pathway Board! Roughly \$73,000 has been raised to help fund the S.R. 103 Pathway!

#### **2024 Projects:**

Choice One Engineering has started collecting survey data that will be used for the Pocono Drive Utility Improvements to be completed in 2024 and the S.R. 103 at Navajo Drive Improvements to begin in Spring of 2025.

#### **Surplus Items**

Request for motion from Council to declare following village-owned items as surplus and sold through GovDeals.

- Grundomat bore machine and accessories.
- Mosquito backpack larvicide blower
- Honda portable pressure washer
- Portable sandblaster
- 1 ton Chain fall
- 2- rock drills and accessories

#### **Mayor Johnson:**

#### **Council Committee Meetings:**

- Utilities – week of 1/16
- Streets & Alleys – week of 1/16
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**CONTRACT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMS SERVICES  
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND ORANGE  
TOWNSHIP, HANCOCK COUNTY, OHIO**

WHEREAS, the Village of Bluffton, Ohio (hereinafter Bluffton) and Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio (hereinafter Orange Twp.) desire to enter into an agreement between political subdivisions to provide emergency services to Orange Twp. in the form of Fire protection and EMS services, and;

WHEREAS, the parties wish to set forth the terms and conditions of that agreement, it is, therefore AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Orange Twp. shall pay to the Village of Bluffton, Ohio the sum of Twelve thousand and no\100 (\$12,000.00) per year for the services provided under this contract. Said sum to be paid in equal quarterly installments of Three thousand and no\100 Dollars (\$3,000.00) on the first business day of the quarter, in advance.
2. That Bluffton shall provide, at no other cost to Orange Twp., the services of the Bluffton Fire Department and the Bluffton EMS under the terms of this agreement.
3. That the Bluffton Fire Department shall provide equipment and personnel for any and all fire related calls within Orange Twp. as dispatched. Further, the Bluffton EMS shall provide equipment and personnel for any emergency medical services or related calls within Orange Twp.
4. That Bluffton shall not be obligated to provide equipment or personnel for non - emergency services unless approved by the Chief of the Bluffton Fire Department or Chief of the Bluffton EMS.
5. That the equipment and personnel provided under this agreement shall at all times remain under the command and control of the respective Chiefs of Fire and EMS of Bluffton when on any call for service in Orange Twp.
6. That Bluffton has sole control as to the manner and means of any response for a call for service under this agreement.
7. That Bluffton shall insure that all equipment and personnel and shall hold harmless Orange Twp. From any claims for damage or injury as a result of a response to a call for service under this agreement.
8. That this agreement is for Fire and EMS services only and does not create any right of action or any further obligation between Bluffton and Orange Twp. or its citizens. That Bluffton asserts and reserves any and all rights to claim immunity under the laws of the State of Ohio for the provision of services under this contract.

9. That this agreement shall be in effect on and from January 1, 2024 for a term of three (3) years.

10. That this agreement may be extended by the parties for an additional year provided that the same is mutually agreed by the parties.

11. That the terms of this agreement may only be modified in writing.

FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Administrator

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Solicitor

FOR ORANGE TOWNSHIP:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee





Date: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

To: Mayor Johnson and Council

From: Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

Reference: Police Department Monthly Report

### POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

November 2023

Police Calls for Service- 376

Traffic Stops - 38

Citations - 14

### CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

Civil	-	1
Domestic Violence	-	2
Miscellaneous	-	2
No Operators License	-	1
Theft	-	1
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>7</b>



# Ticket Statistics

Print Date/Time: 12/08/2023 09:56  
Login ID: rburkholder  
Statute: All

From Date: 11/01/2023  
To Date: 11/30/2023  
Ticket Type: All

Bluffton Police Department  
ORI Number: OH0020100

Warning	JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC Totals											
4511.75A Stopping for School Bus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
4511.69C PARKING FACING ONCOMING TRAFFIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Warning Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Traffic												
4511.202 Failure to Control - Weaving Course	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
4511.21B1a Speed - 20 MPH (School Zone)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
4511.202A Reasonable Control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
4511.20A Reckless Operation on public Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
4511.25A1 Lanes of Travel - Driving on the Right	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
4510.12A1 No Drivers License (NO OL)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Traffic Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	14



## Incident Breakdown By Month Report

Print Date/Time: 12/08/2023 09:52  
Login ID: rburkholder  
Year: 2023

Bluffton Police Department  
ORI Number: OH0020100  
Incident Type: All

Incident Type	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Yearly Totals
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Abandoned 911	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Accident Property	10	16.1	3	4.8	9	14.5	3	4.8	7	11.3	5	8.1	2	3.2	4	6.5	6	9.7	5	8.1	6	9.7	2	3.2	62
Accident w/Injuries	2	10.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	15.0	0	0.0	4	20.0	1	5.0	5	25.0	1	5.0	2	10.0	2	10.0	0	0.0	20
Administrative	178	11.0	134	8.3	186	11.5	166	10.3	130	8.1	234	14.5	140	8.7	169	10.5	176	10.9	62	3.8	36	2.2	2	0.1	1613
Aiding Other	12	7.9	14	9.3	18	11.9	7	4.6	14	9.3	12	7.9	12	7.9	9	6.0	15	9.9	17	11.3	18	11.9	3	2.0	151
Alarm	7	8.1	4	4.7	5	5.8	8	9.3	10	11.6	10	11.6	6	7.0	12	14.0	10	11.6	5	5.8	8	9.3	1	1.2	86
Animal Complaint	2	6.3	0	0.0	1	3.1	2	6.3	2	6.3	3	9.4	6	18.8	0	0.0	6	18.8	7	21.9	3	9.4	0	0.0	32
Assist Police	26	13.5	18	9.4	13	6.8	19	9.9	37	19.3	16	8.3	11	5.7	11	5.7	11	5.7	17	8.9	11	5.7	2	1.0	192
B&E	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	60.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Civil Complaint	1	3.1	2	6.3	2	6.3	2	6.3	5	15.6	3	9.4	7	21.9	2	6.3	1	3.1	3	9.4	3	9.4	1	3.1	32
Court	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	80.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Criminal Damage	1	8.3	0	0.0	1	8.3	0	0.0	2	16.7	1	8.3	0	0.0	4	33.3	1	8.3	1	8.3	1	8.3	0	0.0	12
Deceased	0	0.0	1	12.5	0	0.0	1	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	12.5	2	25.0	0	0.0	2	25.0	0	0.0	1	12.5	8
Domestic	2	16.7	0	0.0	1	8.3	2	16.7	1	8.3	1	8.3	1	8.3	0	0.0	1	8.3	1	8.3	1	8.3	1	8.3	12
Drug Abuse	2	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Escort	1	14.3	0	0.0	2	28.6	0	0.0	2	28.6	0	0.0	2	28.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7
Fight Complaint	0	0.0	2	16.7	0	0.0	2	16.7	2	16.7	0	0.0	1	8.3	0	0.0	3	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	12
Fire	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Follow Up	16	15.0	15	14.0	25	23.4	2	1.9	9	8.4	14	13.1	4	3.7	4	3.7	4	3.7	5	4.7	9	8.4	0	0.0	107
Forgery	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Hazmat	2	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Hit Skip	2	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	13.6	0	0.0	2	9.1	3	13.6	3	13.6	3	13.6	1	4.5	4	18.2	1	4.5	22
House/Building	289	11.5	221	8.8	290	11.5	250	9.9	218	8.7	238	9.5	234	9.3	207	8.2	171	6.8	223	8.9	146	5.8	30	1.2	2517
Intoxicated Driver	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Investigate Vehicle	20	6.1	29	8.9	24	7.4	36	11.0	26	8.0	31	9.5	31	9.5	36	11.0	29	8.9	26	8.0	31	9.5	7	2.1	326
K9 Request	1	25.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4



## Incident Breakdown By Month Report

Print Date/Time: 12/08/2023 09:52  
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Year: 2023

Bluffton Police Department  
ORI Number: OH0020100  
Incident Type: All

Incident Type	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Yearly Totals
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Lock Out	6	8.0	10	13.3	1	1.3	7	9.3	5	6.7	6	8.0	6	8.0	9	12.0	3	4.0	8	10.7	10	13.3	4	5.3	75
Medical Call - BLS	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Menacing	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Mentally Ill Person	2	10.0	2	10.0	0	0.0	3	15.0	5	25.0	1	5.0	0	0.0	2	10.0	3	15.0	2	10.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	20
Miscellaneous	71	13.3	52	9.7	62	11.6	47	8.8	30	5.6	59	11.0	36	6.7	51	9.5	46	8.6	43	8.0	30	5.6	8	1.5	535
Missing Adult	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Missing Juvenile	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Motorist Assist	2	4.5	5	11.4	3	6.8	3	6.8	8	18.2	2	4.5	5	11.4	4	9.1	6	13.6	2	4.5	3	6.8	1	2.3	44
Paper Service	3	7.5	5	12.5	6	15.0	4	10.0	3	7.5	3	7.5	5	12.5	6	15.0	1	2.5	1	2.5	2	5.0	1	2.5	40
Patrol Check	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Pedestrian Stop	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	2	33.3	2	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Prisoner Escort	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Prowler	0	0.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Range Training	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Receiving/Recover	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Service Call	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Sex Offense	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Sexual Abuse	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Shots Fired	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	5
Stand By	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	1
Stolen Vehicle	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Suspicious Person	3	7.3	1	2.4	1	2.4	5	12.2	5	12.2	6	14.6	2	4.9	4	9.8	7	17.1	4	9.8	3	7.3	0	0.0	41
Telephone	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	5
Theft	0	0.0	1	4.3	2	8.7	4	17.4	1	4.3	8	34.8	2	8.7	1	4.3	1	4.3	1	4.3	2	8.7	0	0.0	23
Traffic Obstruction	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Traffic Stop	36	7.4	31	6.4	67	13.8	59	12.1	32	6.6	40	8.2	37	7.6	40	8.2	32	6.6	63	12.9	38	7.8	12	2.5	487



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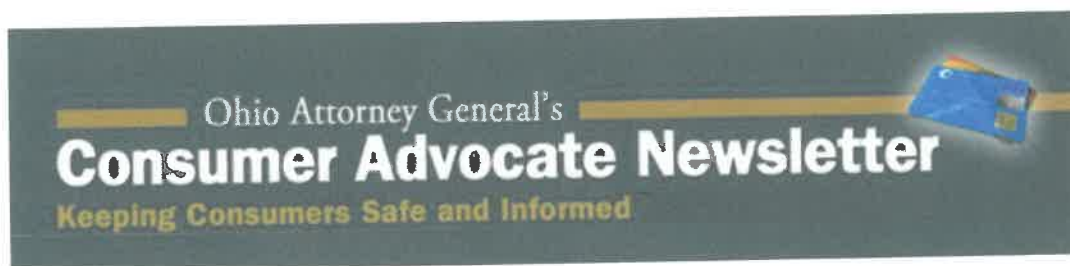
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Trespass	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	1
Unruly Juvenile	0	0.0	2	14.3	2	14.3	1	7.1	1	7.1	4	28.6	1	7.1	0	0.0	2	14.3	0	0.0	1	7.1	0	0.0	14
Unsecured Door	2	5.3	1	2.6	2	5.3	10	26.3	5	13.2	4	10.5	6	15.8	3	7.9	2	5.3	3	7.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	38
Unwanted Guest	1	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	28.6	2	28.6	0	0.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	7
Violating PTO	2	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Warrant Service	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	33.3	2	33.3	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	6
Total:	703	10.6	559	8.4	738	11.1	655	9.9	572	8.6	717	10.8	571	8.6	598	9.0	549	8.3	511	7.7	376	5.7	77	1.2	6626



**From:** Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost <OhioAG@public.govdelivery.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2023 9:29 AM  
**To:** Ryan Burkholder  
**Subject:** Consumer Advocate: December 2023



**December 2023**

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As winter descends on Ohio, residents may face weather-related challenges, including higher heating bills and other expenses. Read on to learn more about assistance options that could help ease the strain on your budget.

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##### The Consumer Assistance Unit

The Consumer Assistance Unit of the Consumer Protection Section encompasses complaint specialists, the Identity Theft Unit and the Title Defect Recision Fund staff.

The team serves consumers, small businesses and nonprofits that file complaints against various businesses or who believe they are the victims of identity theft. In 2022, the Consumer Protection Section received nearly 23,000 complaints.

Complaint specialists play a crucial role, engaging with businesses to facilitate informal dispute resolution. They are trained to identify problems, and the complaint information

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they gather may be referred for further investigation. Notably, many complaint referrals have resulted in successful litigation, showcasing the unit's contributions to addressing consumer concerns.

The Identity Theft Unit works with individuals to rectify the effects of identity theft. This involves contacting creditors, collectors, credit-reporting agencies and other relevant entities. Further, because children in the foster-care system may be especially vulnerable to identity theft, the unit works to correct errors that are discovered on the youth's credit reports.

*Consumers who suspect an unfair business practice or who want help addressing a consumer problem should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at [www.OhioProtects.org](http://www.OhioProtects.org) or 800-282-0515.*

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Date: January 1, 2024

To: Mayor Johnson and Council

From: Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

Reference: Police Department Monthly Report

### POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

December 2023

Police Calls for Service - 422

Police Chief Calls for Service- 103

Traffic Stops - 29

Citations - 3

### CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

Burglary	-	1
Criminal Damaging	-	1
Deceased	-	1
Domestic Violence	-	1
Tampering with Evidence	-	1
Miscellaneous	-	2
Missing Persons	-	1
 Total	-	 8





# Incident Breakdown By Month Report

**Print Date/Time:** 01/01/2024 13:02  
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Bluffton Police Department  
**ORI Number:** OH0020100  
**Incident Type:** All

Incident Type	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Yearly Totals	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Abandoned 911	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Accident Property	10	15.6	3	4.7	9	14.1	3	4.7	7	10.9	5	7.8	2	3.1	4	6.3	6	9.4	5	7.8	6	9.4	4	6.3	64	6.3
Accident w/Injuries	2	10.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	15.0	0	0.0	4	20.0	1	5.0	5	25.0	1	5.0	2	10.0	2	10.0	0	0.0	20	2.0
Administrative	178	10.5	134	7.9	186	10.9	166	9.8	130	7.7	234	13.8	140	8.2	169	9.9	176	10.4	62	3.6	36	2.1	88	5.2	1699	16.99
Aiding Other	12	7.5	14	8.7	18	11.2	7	4.3	14	8.7	12	7.5	12	7.5	9	5.6	15	9.3	17	10.6	18	11.2	13	8.1	161	16.1
Alarm	7	7.8	4	4.4	5	5.6	8	8.9	10	11.1	10	11.1	6	6.7	12	13.3	10	11.1	5	5.6	8	8.9	5	5.6	90	9.0
Animal Complaint	2	5.6	0	0.0	1	2.8	2	5.6	2	5.6	3	8.3	6	16.7	0	0.0	6	16.7	7	19.4	3	8.3	4	11.1	36	3.6
Assist Police	26	13.3	18	9.2	13	6.7	19	9.7	37	19.0	16	8.2	11	5.6	11	5.6	11	5.6	17	8.7	11	5.6	5	2.6	195	19.5
B&E	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	50.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	6	6.0
Civil Complaint	1	2.9	2	5.7	2	5.7	2	5.7	5	14.3	3	8.6	7	20.0	2	5.7	1	2.9	3	8.6	3	8.6	4	11.4	35	3.5
Court	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	80.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	5.0
Criminal Damage	1	7.7	0	0.0	1	7.7	0	0.0	2	15.4	1	7.7	0	0.0	4	30.8	1	7.7	1	7.7	1	7.7	1	7.7	13	1.3
Deceased	0	0.0	1	11.1	0	0.0	1	11.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.1	2	22.2	0	0.0	2	22.2	0	0.0	2	22.2	9	9.0
Domestic	2	15.4	0	0.0	1	7.7	2	15.4	1	7.7	1	7.7	1	7.7	0	0.0	1	7.7	1	7.7	1	7.7	2	15.4	13	1.3
Drug Abuse	2	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	5.0
Escort	1	12.5	0	0.0	2	25.0	0	0.0	2	25.0	0	0.0	2	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	12.5	8	8.0
Fight Complaint	0	0.0	2	15.4	0	0.0	2	15.4	2	15.4	0	0.0	1	7.7	0	0.0	3	23.1	0	0.0	2	15.4	1	7.7	13	1.3
Fire	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.0
Follow Up	16	14.2	15	13.3	25	22.1	2	1.8	9	8.0	14	12.4	4	3.5	4	3.5	4	3.5	5	4.4	9	8.0	6	5.3	113	11.3
Forgery	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.0
Hazmat	2	28.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	14.3	1	14.3	1	14.3	0	0.0	1	14.3	7	7.0
Hitt Skip	2	8.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	13.0	0	0.0	2	8.7	3	13.0	3	13.0	3	13.0	1	4.3	4	17.4	2	8.7	23	2.3
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Intoxicated Driver	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	4.0
Investigate Vehicle	20	6.0	29	8.6	24	7.1	36	10.7	26	7.7	31	9.2	31	9.2	36	10.7	29	8.6	26	7.7	31	9.2	17	5.1	336	33.6
K9 Request	1	25.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	4.0



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Medical Call - BLS	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	
Menacing	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	
Mentally Ill Person	2	8.3	2	8.3	0	0.0	3	12.5	5	20.8	1	4.2	0	0.0	2	8.3	3	12.5	2	8.3	0	0.0	4	16.7	24	
Miscellaneous	71	12.5	52	9.1	62	10.9	47	8.3	30	5.3	59	10.4	36	6.3	51	9.0	46	8.1	43	7.6	33	5.8	39	6.9	569	
Missing Adult	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	
Missing Juvenile	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	
Motorist Assist	2	4.3	5	10.6	3	6.4	3	6.4	8	17.0	2	4.3	5	10.6	4	8.5	6	12.8	2	4.3	3	6.4	4	8.5	47	
Paper Service	3	7.5	5	12.5	6	15.0	4	10.0	3	7.5	3	7.5	5	12.5	6	15.0	1	2.5	1	2.5	2	5.0	1	2.5	40	
Patrol Check	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	
Pedestrian Stop	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	2	33.3	2	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	
Prisoner Escort	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	
Prowler	0	0.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	
Range Training	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	
Receiving/Recover	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	
Service Call	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	
Sex Offense	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	
Sexual Abuse	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	
Shots Fired	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	5	
Stand By	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	1	
Stolen Vehicle	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	
Suspicious Person	3	7.0	1	2.3	1	2.3	5	11.6	5	11.6	6	14.0	2	4.7	4	9.3	7	16.3	4	9.3	3	7.0	2	4.7	43	
Telephone	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	5	
Theft	0	0.0	1	4.0	2	8.0	4	16.0	1	4.0	8	32.0	2	8.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	1	4.0	2	8.0	2	8.0	25	
Traffic Obstruction	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	
Traffic Stop	36	7.1	31	6.2	67	13.3	59	11.7	32	6.3	40	7.9	37	7.3	40	7.9	32	6.3	63	12.5	38	7.5	29	5.8	504	



# Incident Breakdown By Month Report

Print Date/Time: 01/01/2024 13:02 Bluffton Police Department  
Login ID: rburkholder ORI Number: OH0020100  
Year: 2023 Incident Type: All

Incident Type	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Yearly Totals	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Trespass	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Unruly Juvenile	0	0.0	2	14.3	2	14.3	1	7.1	1	7.1	4	28.6	1	7.1	0	0.0	2	14.3	0	0.0	1	7.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Unsecured Door	2	5.3	1	2.6	2	5.3	10	26.3	5	13.2	4	10.5	6	15.8	3	7.9	2	5.3	3	7.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Unwanted Guest	1	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	28.6	2	28.6	0	0.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Violating PTO	2	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Warrant Service	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	33.3	2	33.3	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total:	703	10.1	559	8.0	738	10.6	655	9.4	572	8.2	717	10.3	571	8.2	598	8.6	549	7.9	511	7.3	379	5.4	422	6.1	6974	6.1



# Ticket Statistics

Print Date/Time: 01/01/2024 12:56  
Login ID: rburkholder  
Statute: All

From Date: 12/01/2023  
To Date: 12/31/2023  
Ticket Type: All

Bluffton Police Department  
ORI Number: OH0020100

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Parking													
4511.68A14 PARKING WHERE SIGNS PROHIBIT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Parking Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Warning													
4511.75A Stopping for School Bus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Warning Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Traffic													
4511.21B2 Speed 25 MPH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Traffic Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3



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As Of Date: 12/31/2023

Statute Description	Current Month		Year to Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
2 HEADLIGHTS REQUIRED/ 1 HEADLIGHT ON MOTORCYCLE	0	0	0	1
Confining, restraining, debarking dog; dangerous dog registration	0	0	1	0
Driving Under Suspension - FRA	0	0	2	4
Driving Under Suspension - License Forfeiture	0	0	1	0
Driving Under Suspension - OVI	0	0	1	1
Expired License Plates	0	0	8	9
Expired Plates	0	0	0	1
Fail to Yield Stop Sign	0	0	1	4
Failure to Control - Weaving Course	0	0	1	0
FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	0	0	1	9
Failure to Reinstate	0	0	1	1
Failure to Yield - Stop Sign	0	0	6	0
Failure to Yield - Yield Signs	0	0	0	1
Failure to Yield the Right of Way - Any Other Place (Driveways)	0	0	2	0
Failure to yield the right of way when turning left	0	0	0	1
Handicap Parking	0	0	6	0
Lanes of Travel - Driving on the Right	0	0	1	0
Lights required at Dark	0	0	2	0
Marijuana Drug Paraphernalia	0	0	0	1
No Drivers License (NO OL)	0	1	7	7
Obedience to Traffic Control Devices	0	0	1	1
OVI	0	0	1	1
OVI Over .17 - Breath	0	0	1	1
PARKING FACING ONCOMING TRAFFIC	0	0	6	2
PARKING WHERE SIGNS PROHIBIT	1	0	6	0
Plates from Another Vehicle	0	1	1	1
Prohibited Standing / Parking Places - Safety Zone	0	0	1	0
Rear-View Mirror, Clear View to Front, Both Sides/Rear	0	0	0	1
Reasonable Control	0	0	2	2
Reckless Operation on public Road	0	0	1	0
Right-of-Way When Turning Left	0	0	1	0
Rules for Backing	0	0	0	1
Rules for Starting and/or Backing	0	0	0	1
Rules for Turning - Right Turn as Close to Curb as Possible	0	0	0	1
Speed	0	0	3	0
Speed - 20 MPH (School Zone)	0	0	6	0
Speed - 20 MPH (School Zone)	0	0	0	1
Speed - 70MPH Freeway	0	0	0	1
Speed 25 MPH	1	2	5	8
Speed 25 MPH	0	0	0	2
Speed 35 MPH	0	0	5	8
Speed 35 MPH	0	0	0	4
Speed 50 MPH (also 45 MPH)	0	0	0	1
Speed 55 MPH	0	0	1	0
Speed 65 MPH	0	0	1	0
SPEED/ACDA	0	0	3	3
Stopping for School Bus	1	0	6	0
Tail Lights and Illumination of Rear License Plate	0	0	1	0
Traffic Control Device (Red Light)	0	0	1	0
Truck Loading Zones	0	0	0	1
Violation of License Restrictions (2255 Needed)	0	0	0	1



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Bluffton Police Department  
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**As Of Date:** 12/31/2023

Statute Description	Current Month		Year to Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
WINDOW TINT	0	0	1	1
Grand Totals	3	4	95	83





This award is given to the officer that was nominated by their peers for their ability to teach skills and other tactics to the newer officers. This officer is very encouraging, is a pleasure to be around, is knowable, and is willing to help others succeed. He is always looking forward to the next challenge.

The 2023 Officer the Year:

Officer Skyler Noble

Chief Ryan M. Burkholder



## CHIEF' S LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is given to an Officer who has shown strong leadership, encouraged mentoring, and had much dedication toward the department and community. Nathan has faithfully served the Bluffton Community for many years. He deserves this honor for his 27 years of service in law enforcement. Nathan was a jack of all trades whether it was working with radios, electrical issues, converting over the 1<sup>st</sup> K9 cruiser, and his willingness to cover additional shifts, parades, etc. Nathan has always been extremely reliable and is well deserving of this award for future officers to look up to during their journey in law enforcement.

The 2023 Chief Leadership Award goes to:

Officer Nathan Jordan

CHIEF 

Chief Ryan M. Burkholder