

Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

March 11, 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, February 26, 2024

Bills

Public Comment:

Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation Committee – Feb. 28th
Ordinance Committee – Feb. 29th
Finance Committee – March 5th

Boards & Commissions

Pathway Board – Feb 1st

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2024

1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2024

2nd Reading

Emergency

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE TOWNSHIP, HANCOCK COUNTY, OHIO, FOR A MASTER REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT FOR ANNEXED PROPERTY FROM THE TOWNSHIP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2024

1st Reading

Emergency

A RESOLUTION NAMING ANDREW GROTHOUSE AS THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ALLEN COUNTY 911 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2024

1st Reading

Emergency

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BLUFFTON STONE COMPANY/BLUFFTON PAVING INC. TO ACQUIRE AGGREGATE AND ASPHALT MATERIAL, ASPHALT APPLICATION AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL, FOR THE 2024 CONSTRUCTION YEAR IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2024

1st Reading

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BLUFFTON BEYOND TOMORROW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, VERSION 1.0

Village Administration Report:

Mayor:

Safety Services Reports:

-EMS-

-Fire Dept.-

-Police Dept.-

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

- Council Meeting – Monday, March 11th at 7:00 pm
- Tree Commission – Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 pm
- Council Meeting – Monday, March 25th at 7:00 pm

Public Comment

Adjournment – Motion and Second

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting February 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Cupples motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on February 12, 2024. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

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

The Fiscal Officer gave the following readings:

3rd Reading:

Ordinance 02-2024 – An Ordinance to enact restricted parking zones on the northeasterly side of Town Hall along East Elm Street from Main Street to the mid-block alley. Sehlhorst motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 04-2024 – A Resolution establishing positions and wages for swimming pool staff and rates for 2024. Stahl motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Kingsley. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

1st Reading:

Resolution 07-2024 – A Resolution authorizing the Village of Bluffton to enter into an agreement with Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio, for a Master Revenue Sharing Agreement for annexed property from the township. Talavinia motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavinia motioned, seconded by Cupples, to approve the issuing of a purchase order to All-American Fire in the amount of \$556,311 for the purchase of a new fire engine. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. 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.

Parks & Recreation Committee on Wednesday, February 28 at noon.

Ordinance Committee on Thursday, February 29 at 5:00 p.m.

Finance Committee on Tuesday, March 5 at noon.

Pathway Board on Thursday, March 7 at noon.

Village Council on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Tree Commission on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
VOUCHER REPORT 3/11/2024

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION
AETNA	15,328.20	Multiple	HEALTH INSURANCE
ALL SERVICE AERATION, INC	482.50	Multiple	PORTABLE TOILETS
ALLOWAY TESTING	1,547.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	50.00	Multiple	TESTING
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	14,540.53	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	1,014.39	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
ANGIE ESSINGER	115.70	Multiple	PETTY CASH REIMBURSEMENT
BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	11,774.00	Capital Improvements	EMS HVAC
BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	821.25	Police	NEW TOILET & FLUSH VALVE
BLUFFTON FLYING SERVICE	5,000.00	Airport	AIRPORT MANAGEMENT
BLUFFTON NEWS	40.00	Police	SUBSCRIPTION
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	43.40	Administrative	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	169.98	Administrative	CABLE
CHOICE ONE	4,800.00	Park	TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY - SRK PROPERTY
CHOICE ONE	2,147.50	Capital Improvements	POCONO DR. UTILITY IMPROVEMENT
CHOICE ONE	14,163.72	Street	SR 103 AT NAVAJO IMPROVEMENT
CINTAS	83.77	Administrative	UNIFORMS
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CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	138.95	Police	EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	68.00	Administrative	POSTAGE
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	48.39	Police	TRAINING
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	16.18	Police	TRAINING
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	104.65	Administrative	CERTIFIED MAILINGS
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	69.04	Administrative	POSTAGE FOR MAILINGS
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	350.00	Police	TRAINING
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	27.49	Police	TRAINING
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	153.53	Police	TRAINING
CLARKE MOSQUITO	7,923.00	Street	30 GALLONS - DUET MOSQUITO SPRAY
COLONIAL SURFACE SOLUTIONS, INC.	552.89	Sewer	SEWER PLANT STEPS
CONNECT PARENT CORPORATION	222.58	Administrative	PHONES
DOTY, MICHAEL	63.00	Police	PD AUTO REPAIRS
DOTY, MICHAEL	70.50	Police	PD AUTO REPAIRS
DOTY, MICHAEL	70.50	Police	PD AUTO REPAIRS #595
DOTY, MICHAEL	1,229.49	Police	PD AUTO REPAIRS #598
EVERETT J PRESCOTT INC	1,061.80	Sewer	MANHOLE ADJUSTING RINGS
FAMILY HARDWARE DO IT BEST	183.04	Multiple	SUPPLIES
GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	184.98	Police	BOOTS - HOCHSTETLER
GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	410.00	Police	BOOTS - MICHAEL, BURKHOLDER
GARY'S REPAIR	207.56	Multiple	MOWER BLADES
GREAT LAKES BILLING ASSOCIATES, INC.	1,335.16	Rescue	EMS BILLING SERVICE
HOPE HANNAH	200.00	Police	BOOTS
HOWE ENTERPRISES LLC	180.00	Police	FRAMES
HOWE ENTERPRISES LLC	40.00	Administrative	FRAMES
JUSTIN SHANNON	483.96	Land & Buildings	TOWN HALL CLEANING
KENT KARHOFF LLC	500.00	Cemetery	BURIALS & FOUNDATIONS
KOI ENTERPRISES, INC.	282.32	Rescue	BATTERY FOR EMS SQUAD
KOI ENTERPRISES, INC.	295.65	Multiple	PARTS
LIMA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	54.00	Police	TEST POLICE CANDIDATE
MARATHON FLEET SERVICES	1,266.66	Multiple	FUEL
MIDNET MEDIA	180.00	Administrative	WEB HOSTING
NEW HORIZON COMMUNICATIONS	578.21	Administrative	PHONES
NORTHWEST OHIO ADVANCED ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	5,300.01	Administrative	BFR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
NORTHWESTERN OHIO SECURITY SYSTEMS	202.00	Land & Buildings	MONITORING
OHIO ASSN. CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC	789.00	Police	CONFERENCE - OGLESBEE
OSAGE AMBULANCES	278.13	Rescue	FENDER FLARE
PERRY CORPORATION	236.36	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	23.61	Administrative	IT CONTRACT

PERRY CORPORATION
 PRICE CONSULTATION SERVICES, LLC
 RAWHIDE FIRE HOSE
 RUMPKE
 RYAN BURKHOLDER
 SBC TITLE AGENCY, LLC.
 SBC TITLE AGENCY, LLC.
 SCHROEDER, BLANKENMEYER AND CLINTON, LLC.
 SMARTBILL
 STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE
 THE LAWFT
 THE LAWFT
 TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO
 USA BLUE BOOK
 VANCE'S OUTDOOR INC.
 VERIZON WIRELESS
 VERIZON WIRELESS
 VETTER LUMBER CO.
 WESSLER ENGINEERING
 WESSLER ENGINEERING
 ZOLL DATA SYSTEMS

31.13	Administrative
625.00	Police
374.94	Water
25,930.84	Refuse
211.85	Police
50,306.93	Park
300.00	Park
375.00	Park
1,104.52	Multiple
82.51	Multiple
180.00	Police
11.99	Police
307.59	Sewer
5,092.57	Sewer
281.60	Police
106.00	Multiple
160.44	Multiple
90.43	Multiple
475.00	Water
187.50	Sewer
161.26	Rescue
183,983.45	

IT CONTRACT
 ZIMMERMAN PSYCH TEST
 FLUSHING HOSE
 TRASH SERVICES
 TRAINING - MILEAGE
 LAND PURCHASE - MULLER
 PARK AQUISITION DOCUMENTS
 PARK AQUISITION
 BILLING SERVICES
 SUPPLIES
 NAME TAGS COLLAR BRASS
 NAME TAGS COLLAR BRASS
 ANNUAL SLUDGE FEE
 SAMPLER
 AMMO & SUPPLIES
 CELL PHONES
 CELL PHONES
 SUPPLIES
 LEAD LINE INVENTORY
 SANITARY ON-CALL SERVICES
 EMS CHARTS

FEBRUARY MONTHLY
 MEDICARE
 OPERS
 FICA

2,569.00
 37.22
 269.03
 40.14

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 2/23/24
 MEDICARE
 OPERS
 OP&F

50,626.88
 690.99
 3,877.13
 4,471.94

Council Signature : _____

Date: _____

Meeting: Bike and Pedestrian Pathway Board

Date/Time: Thursday, February 1, 2024, Noon

Location: Town Hall, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Mitch Kingsley, David Smith, Phill Talavinia, Greg Denecker

Village Liaison Present: Ben Stahl; Jessie Blackburn, Administrator

Agenda: Signage

Rep for Activate Allen County, Ped Path Task Force Steering Com

•Chair, Mitch Kingsley called to meeting to order:

•Minutes: Motion to approve (M:Greg /S:Dave) Approved.

Signage:

•We discussed what signs need to be placed along the 103 Pathway.

-To follow precedent on Augsburg Road we should place small stop signs along the pathway at larger road crossings. For the 103 Pathway, this would include Countyline Road (1), Citizens Parkway (2), Commerce Lane(2) and perhaps Dave's Way (2). These signs have a backing sign with the name of the pathway and a 'No Motorized Vehicle' on them. We would need 7 signs for the named roads and perhaps an additional set for crossing SR 103 at the pathway crossing (where ODOT signs have already been placed).

-Adam Boutwell of Masterpiece Signs has said he will make these signs for installation along the 103 Pathway. Mitch will discuss further with him.

-We discussed whether there could be some further pedestrian warning on the pathway near busy driveways, such as the Wendy's Restaurant. Perhaps this could take the form of Thermoplast lettering fastened to the asphalt. Jesse will explore this further.

Activate Allen County:

•Executive Director of Activate Allen County, Josh Unterbrink, had planned to attend today but was required elsewhere unexpectedly. He would like us to appoint a representative of our board to serve on the Steering Committee of the Pedestrian Pathway Task Force. He will attend our next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2024 Noon on the 3rd Floor of the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Kingsley/Jenny Pilarowski



BLUFFTON SOCCER COMPLEX

Partnership Agreement



We, the Village of Bluffton and the Bluffton Soccer Club, hereby declare our partnership for the development of the Bluffton Soccer Complex. Today, we stand united in our commitment to creating a vibrant and welcoming space that will serve as a cornerstone of our community.

Whereas, the Bluffton Soccer Club has created a strong climate of community engagement and volunteer efforts towards youth soccer, with a longstanding mission to create centralized soccer facilities in Bluffton;

Whereas, this climate, along with a generous donation of land from SumiRiko-Ohio; the cooperation of Greg Muller in selling the Village additional land; and residents' survey requests for more park and greenspace have paved the way for the Village of Bluffton to become engaged in this endeavor;

Whereas, we acknowledge the rich tradition of soccer in our community and the passion of our players, coaches, volunteers, supporters, and we value the role of sports and recreation in fostering teamwork, leadership, camaraderie, and community connections;

Whereas, embracing the spirit of collaboration, and recognizing the collective strength that comes from partnerships between local government and community organizations;

Now, therefore, in pursuit of our shared vision and common goals, we commit to:

1. Work collaboratively to plan, design, and develop the Bluffton Soccer Complex, to ensure that it meets the needs and aspirations of our community;
2. Allocate resources, both financial and human, to support the construction, maintenance, and programming of the soccer complex;
3. Create a public space for our community to further connect through shared outdoor interests, and to welcome individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities;
4. Promote active participation in soccer and other recreational activities, and encourage healthy lifestyles and lifelong learning; and
5. Celebrate the achievements and milestones of the partnership, as well as recognize the hard work and dedication of all involved.

By entering into this partnership, we affirm our shared values of community, collaboration, and service. Together, we will work to enrich the lives of generations to come.

Signed on this _____ day of _____, in the year _____.

Mayor, Village of Bluffton

President, Bluffton Soccer Club

Council Parks and Recreation Committee

Representative, Bluffton Soccer Club

Council Parks and Recreation Committee

Representative, Bluffton Soccer Club

Ordinance Committee Minutes

Village of Bluffton

February 29, 2024, 5:00 PM

Present: Joe Sehlhorst, Mitch Kingsley

Staff: Jesse Blackburn

Public:

TOPIC: Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

- We discussed our zoning ordinance and how the ordinance for ADUs will affect our current rules.
- Review the shell ordinance prepared by our solicitor. We have to develop text for the substance to govern ADUs in Bluffton. We will try to mirror the zoning outline from our residential categories.
- When we have ordinance language we will inform council and plan a public presentation of the material and hear public comment.

Submitted,

Joe Sehlhorst

Mitchell Kingsley

**Village of Bluffton
Finance Committee Meeting
March 5, 2024 @ 12:00 PM**

Committee member present, David Steiner, and Phil Talavinia

Staff present, Jesse Blackburn, Village Administrator and Kevin Nickel, Fiscal Officer.

The fiscal officer and the Village Administrator committee presented with the 2024 Appropriations, prepared by the with input by the departments. The committee reviewed the 13-page analysis of Revenues and Expenses for the year ended December 31, 2024.

After review and discussion, the committee recommends to the council that the first reading of the appropriations to be presented for review and approval at the March 11, 2024, Council meeting. The committee also requested that the 10-year budgets be included as information to Council.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM.

David Steiner

Phil Talavinia

ORDINANCE NO. 03 -2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate funds for the 2024 Fiscal Year for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio.

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that the timeliness of the approval of the Annual Appropriations is necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio;

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

SECTION 1: The attached Exhibit A shall be approved as the Annual Appropriations for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, for the 2024 Fiscal Year. The approved level of control for appropriations is at the fund, function level.

SECTION 2: That an emergency exists for the reasons set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: The effective date of these appropriations shall be March 25, 2024.

SECTION 4: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this 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 actions 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 this _____ day of _____, 2024 by the governing board of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Yes: _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

FISCAL OFFICER

MAYOR

Approved as to Form:

SOLICITOR

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON 2024 APPROPRIATIONS
Exhibit A

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	Permanent 2023 AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND:		
POLICE EXPENSES		
	PERSONAL SERVICES	641,410.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	266,723.00
	OPERATING	102,096.00
TOTAL		1,010,229.00
FIRE EXPENSES		
	PERSONAL SERVICES	37,666.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,242.00
	OPERATING	37,886.00
TOTAL		79,794.00
STREET & LIGHTING EXPENSES		
	OPERATING	69,818.00
TOTAL		69,818.00
RESCUE EXPENSES		
	PERSONAL SERVICES	137,476.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	20,247.00
	OPERATING	55,568.00
TOTAL		213,291.00
DISPATCHER EXPENSES		
	MISC. SERVICES	56,443.00
COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT EXPENSES		
	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	19,070.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL EXPENSES		
	MOSQUITO CONTROL	13,943.00
CULTURAL AFFAIRS EXPENSES		
A1-3C-52390	MISC. SERVICES	11,000.00
POOL EXPENSES		
	PERSONAL SERVICES	75,348.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	11,599.00
	OPERATING	60,543.00
TOTAL		147,490.00
BRUSH DUMP EXPENSES		
	OPERATING	25,000.00
TOTAL		25,000.00

STORM SEWER EXPENSES

A1-6D-52550	STORM SEWERS	-
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SIDEWALKS EXPENSES

A1-6G-52550	SIDEWALK PROGRAM	20,000.00
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AIRPORT EXPENSES

A1-6X-52390	MISC SERVICES	70,250.00
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A1-6X-52430	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	4,000.00
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A1-6X-52550	RUNWAY LIGHT PROJECT	-
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TOTAL		74,250.00
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MAYOR/ADMIN EXPENSES

PERSONAL SERVICES	198,652.00
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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	54,128.00
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OPERATING	223,150.00
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TOTAL	475,930.00
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LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE

PERSONAL SERVICES	26,000.00
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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,620.00
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OPERATING	-
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TOTAL	30,620.00
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MAYOR'S COURT EXPENSE

COURT COSTS	-
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FISCAL OFFICER'S EXPENSE

PERSONAL SERVICES	79,700.00
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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	31,435.00
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OPERATING	12,561.00
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TOTAL	123,696.00
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LAND & BUILDINGS EXPENSE

PERSONAL SERVICES	18,094.00
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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3,425.00
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OPERATING	213,637.00
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TOTAL	235,156.00
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE

MISC CONTRACTUAL SERV	23,500.00
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AUDITOR & TREASURER FEES EXPENSE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	14,000.00
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DELINQUENT LAND ADVERTISING EXPENSE

PUBLISHING	-
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AUDITOR'S EXPENSE		
	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	14,000.00
INCOME TAX ADMIN. EXPENSE		
	PERSONAL SERVICES	50,534.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	19,675.00
	OPERATING	55,526.00
TOTAL		125,735.00
SAFETY EXPENSE		
	MISC. SERVICES	-
OTHER EXPENSE		
	OPERATING	122,091.00
	TRANSFERS	1,613,000.00
	ADVANCES	-
TOTAL		1,735,091.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES		4,518,056.00
STREET MAINTENANCE EXPENSE		
	PERSONAL SERVICES	175,582.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	58,824.00
	OPERATING	1,137,234.00
TOTAL		1,371,640.00
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE		
	OPERATING SUPPLIES	10,000.00
	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	-
TOTAL		10,000.00
TOTAL STREET FUND EXPENSES		1,381,640.00
STATE HIGHWAY EXPENSES		
	OPERATING	26,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		26,000.00
CEMETERY EXPENSES		
	PERSONAL SERVICE	6,443.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	996.00
	MISC. SERVICES	35,167.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		42,606.00

PARK EXPENSES

OPERATING SUPPLIES	331,064.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	331,064.00

BENROTH BRIDGE EXPENSES

B5-6G-52430	MAINTENANCE	-
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COURT COMPUTER EXPENSES

B7-1A-52420	OPERATING SUPPLIES	-
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DUI ENFORCEMENT EXPENSES

B8-1A-52390	TRAINING	-
B8-1A-52420	OPERATING SUPPLIES	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		-

PERMISSIVE LICENSE FUND

B9-6A-52550	STREET CONSTRUCTION	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		

BLUFFTON IN BLOOM FUND

C4-1A-52390	MISC SVC	25,000.00
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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

C5-5J-52560	SYSTEM EXPANSION	-
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STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT EXPENSES

D2-6D-52390	MISC. SERVICES	-
D2-6D-52550	STORM SEWERS	110,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		110,000.00

FIRE & RESCUE IMPROVEMENT FUND

D3-1B-52520	EQUIPMENT	799,294.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		799,294.00

POOL IMPROVEMENT FUND

D4-3D-52510	POOL CAPITAL ITEMS	40,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		40,000.00

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT EXPENSES

D5-1F-52520	EQUIPMENT	-
D5-5X-52610	PRINCIPAL	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		-

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT EXPENSES

	OPERATING	1,062,227.00
Total		1,062,227.00
TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT EXPENSES		
D8-7E-52510	BUILDING IMPR.	15,000.00
POLICE EQUIPMENT EXPENSES		
D9-1A-52520	POLICE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	99,800.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		99,800.00
WATER EXPENSES		
	PERSONAL SERVICES	101,265.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	47,697.00
	OPERATING	927,057.00
E1-5X-52710	TRANSFERS	40,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,116,019.00
SEWER FUND EXPENSES		
	PERSONAL SERVICES	151,683.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	56,231.00
	OPERATING	397,874.00
	TRANSFERS	365,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		970,788.00
REFUSE FUND EXPENSES		
E7-5K-52390	REFUSE SERVICE	312,705.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		
WATER/ SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND EXPENSES		
	OPERATING	955,132.00
	DEBT	1,057,375.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		2,012,507.00
POLICE CONTINUING TRAINING		
F4-1A-52390	TRAINING	10,000.00
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT		
F6-6B-52420	OPERATING SUPPLIES	4,000.00
SHANNON CEMETERY		
F7-1A-52390	MISC SERVICES	-
F8-1A-52390	K9 EXPENSES	2,271.00

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2024

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WHEREAS; the Village of Bluffton, Ohio wishes to enter into a Master Revenue Sharing Agreement with Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio regarding the agreed upon annexed property from Orange Township, to the Village of Bluffton.

WHEREAS; the Agreement states that the Village shall pay the Board of Orange Township Trustees the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$2,500.00);

WHEREAS; the Agreement states that the Village shall annex five (5) parcels along State Route 103, immediately East of Interstate 75 in Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio.

WHEREAS; the Village shall make a payment to Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio equivalent to 2.8 mills per year upon the assessed, improved valuation of those parcels annexed by the Village, for a period of 15 years.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Village of Bluffton Council that the Village of Bluffton shall enter into an Agreement with Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio for a Master Revenue Sharing Agreement whereby the Village shall pay \$2,500.00 to the township in exchange for being able to annex five (5) parcels along State Route 103, immediately East of Interstate 75 in Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio; the Village further agrees that it shall pay the equivalent of 2.8 mills per year upon the assessed, improved valuation of those parcels for a period of 15 years to Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio; and does so by emergency so as to ensure no disruption of services that are vital to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bluffton, Ohio and the proposed annexed parcels.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024 by the governing body of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Yes: _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____

ATTEST:

Kevin Nickel, Fiscal Clerk

MAYOR Richard Johnson

APPROVED: _____

As to form: SOLICITOR Elliott T. Werth

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2024

A RESOLUTION NAMING ANDREW GROTHOUSE AS THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ALLEN COUNTY 911 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS; The Village of Bluffton participates in the Allen County 911 Program Review Committee;

WHEREAS; the position of representative for the Village of Bluffton on the Allen County 911 Program Review Committee is currently vacant;

WHEREAS; Andrew Grothouse was the only applicant for the open position;

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Village of Bluffton Council that the Village of Bluffton shall name Andrew Grothouse as their representative on the Allen County 911 Program Review Committee.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024 by the governing body of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Yes: _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____

ATTEST:

FISCAL OFFICER

MAYOR

APPROVED: _____

SOLICITOR

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2024

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BLUFFTON STONE COMPANY/BLUFFTON PAVING INC. TO ACQUIRE AGGREGATE AND ASPHALT MATERIAL, ASPHALT APPLICATION AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL, FOR THE 2024 CONSTRUCTION YEAR IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, The Village of Bluffton, Ohio advertised and received bids for Aggregate and Asphalt Material, Asphalt Application and Equipment Rental for the 2024 Construction Year; and

WHEREAS, The Bluffton Stone Company/Bluffton Paving Inc. submitted a qualified bid for Aggregate and Asphalt Material, Asphalt Application and Equipment Rental for the 2024 Construction Year; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into a Contract with Bluffton Stone Company/Bluffton Paving Inc. to provide the Village of Bluffton, Ohio for Aggregate and Asphalt Material, Asphalt Application and Equipment Rental for the 2024 Construction Year.

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

Section 1: That the Village Council accepts a bid proposal from the Bluffton Stone Company/Bluffton Paving Inc. to provide the Village of Bluffton, Ohio Aggregate and Asphalt Material, Asphalt Application and Equipment Rental for the 2024 Construction Year.

Section 2: That the Village Administrator is authorized to enter into a contract with the Bluffton Stone Company/Bluffton Paving Inc. to make such purchases as necessary.

Section 3: 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 4: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of the Resolution 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 this _____ day of _____, 2024, by the governing board of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Noes: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

Village Solicitor

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2024

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BLUFFTON BEYOND TOMORROW
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, VERSION 1.0**

WHEREAS, The Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio elected on February 28, 2022 to undertake comprehensive planning process and since has participated independently and collaboratively with the Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC); and,

WHEREAS, the planning process solicited input from the public and other stakeholders with several public surveys, public engagement meetings, published committee meetings and included data collection and analysis by LACRPC and the Bluffton Beyond Tomorrow (BBT) Committee; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Village Council to maintain and amend this Comprehensive Plan regularly to serve as general guidance for the future development of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, the final draft of the BBT Comprehensive Plan approved by LACRPC and Village Council on July 10, 2023 has been completed and is presented for adoption by Village Council as the Bluffton Beyond Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, Version 1.0;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio:

Section 1: That the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio hereby endorses and adopts the Bluffton Beyond Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, Version 1.0 as an important planning tool to serve Bluffton's continued successful growth.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

Clerk

Mayor

Approved as to form:

Elliot T. Werth, Village Solicitor

Village of Bluffton

Administration's Report

To: Mayor Johnson & Council Members



03-11-24

2024 Pathway Project: Co. Line Rd

Installation of storm sewer facilities will be completed soon followed by the grading work and pathway base installation. Entire pathway planned be ready for asphalt when Bluffton Paving opens for the year.

GRANT AWARD FROM OHIO EPA – 4 bottle filling stations to be installed throughout Bluffton.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency 2024 Water Bottle Refilling Station Grant Agreement

The effective date of this Agreement is the date when the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency signs this Agreement, or April 1, 2024, whichever date is later.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

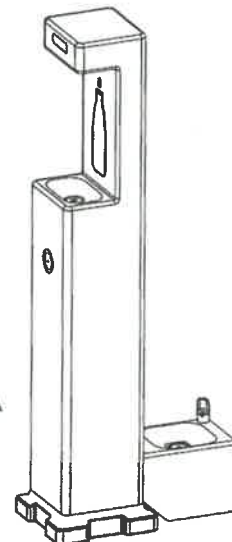
Grantee: Village of Bluffton
Award: \$8,836.00

Elkay Outdoor ezH2O® Single Arm Bottle Filling Station Wall Mount Non-Filtered Non-Refrigerated



- 1 at Village Park –
- 1 at Bluffton Pool

- 2 at Dog Park



2024 Seasonal Workers:

Request a motion from Council to hire Rick Lichtle (\$16.00/hr.) and Chris Schroeder (\$15.00/hr) as 2024 Seasonal Employees

Surplus – request a motion from Council to declare the following items surplus and be sold through GovDeals.com

- seven Motorola GP350 portable radios
- Tree climbing equipment

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Dominion Energy Ohio is Now Enbridge Gas Ohio

On March 7, 2024, Dominion Energy Ohio was sold to Enbridge Inc., becoming Enbridge Gas Ohio. Please review the [recent news release](#) for more information.

The safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to our customers' homes and businesses is always our priority.

We are currently updating our physical properties, including buildings and vehicles, to include the Enbridge logo. Over the next few months, you will see the Dominion Energy Logo phased out and replaced with the Enbridge logo.

It is our goal to keep our customers informed throughout this process.

There are currently no changes to:

- How or where customers make payments
- Budget billing or payment arrangements
- Service appointments
- Our phone number
- Agreements with a natural gas supplier through the [Energy Choice program](#).




Community message included on Utility Bill

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:
The pedestrian pathway along the Co. Line Rd. is being constructed! Expect lane closure and restrictions of the northbound lane from College Ave to the CO. Line Rd. until early April.

REQUESTING FEEDBACK ABOUT THE BUCKEYE PARK
Please scan the QR Code and provide your thoughts on the Buckeye Park.
We are Partnering with Allen Co. Public Health – Creating Healthy Communities to make some informed improvements to the Buckeye!

INCOME TAX NOTICE
All residents of Bluffton 18 years & older must file an Income Tax Return every year with Bluffton.
2023 Income Tax Returns will be due April 15, 2024.

Enroll in the ACH option described on the back of this bill and never have a late fee!



Committee Meeting Requests:

- Personnel
- Ordinance – week of 18th



VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
100 E. ELM STREET, P.O. BOX 63 BLUFFTON, OHIO 45817-0063

RECEIVED
MAR 07 2024
By _____

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

EVENT NAME: Bluffton Area Ministerial Association Cross Walk DATE(S) OF EVENT: Fri. March 29th 2024
APPLICANT: Rev. Jeremy Mann CONTACT PERSON: Rev. Jeremy Mann
APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: 8300 Phillips Road Bluffton 45827 CONTACT'S PHONE: 419-420-5052
E-MAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): jmann002@gmail.com
LOCATION OF EVENT: Bluffton streets/churches (see attached)
TIME(S) FOR EVENT: 11:30 - 12 noon
DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: Cross Walk to each local area church for Good Friday

SERVICES REQUESTED FROM VILLAGE: Must provide map of plans and any other information required as necessary.

TRAFFIC CONTROL: X NUMBER OF OFFICERS REQUESTED: 2
Number of officers required to cover security will be determined on a case by case basis upon consultation with the Chief of Police

ROAD CLOSURE: _____
SECURITY: _____ NUMBER OF OFFICERS REQUESTED: _____
Number of officers required to cover security will be determined on a case by case basis upon consultation with the Chief of Police

EMS SERVICES: _____ FIRE DEPT. SERVICES: _____
WATER SERVICE: _____ OTHER SERVICES: _____

ALCOHOL SERVED: YES _____ NO X * Applicant is responsible for obtaining the proper alcohol permit from the Division of Liquor Control prior to the event.

EVENT'S INSURER: N/A * Village must be listed as Additional Insured

ATTACH CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE TO APPLICATION

PLEASE LIST VENDORS, SERVICES, CONTRACTORS, ETC. INVOLVED WITH EVENT:	
NAME OF VENDOR	TYPE OF SERVICE PROVIDED

* FOOD VENDORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ANY NECESSARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERMITS

I understand that the granting of this permit for the special event creates no agreement or guarantee, express or implied, to any person or entity for any liability whatsoever connected with this special event. Any liability is the sole responsibility of the person or organization responsible for the special event. By signing this application, I acknowledge that all statements made herein are true and correct and that I have the authority to bind the organization that I represent.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: Rev. Jeremy Mann DATE: 3/6/24

APPROVED
MAYOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Requested Route for Detail: Bluffton Cross Walk 2024

Starting Point: English Lutheran Church (Grove St.)

1. Northwest on Grove St. towards S. Jackson St.
2. Right onto S. Jackson St.

Point 2: St. John's United Church of Christ (S. Jackson St.)

3. Right onto W. College Ave. towards S. Main St.
4. Left onto S. Main St.

Point 3: Bluffton Presbyterian Church (S. Main St.)

5. Northeast on S. Main St. towards W. Elm St.
6. Left onto W. Elm St.

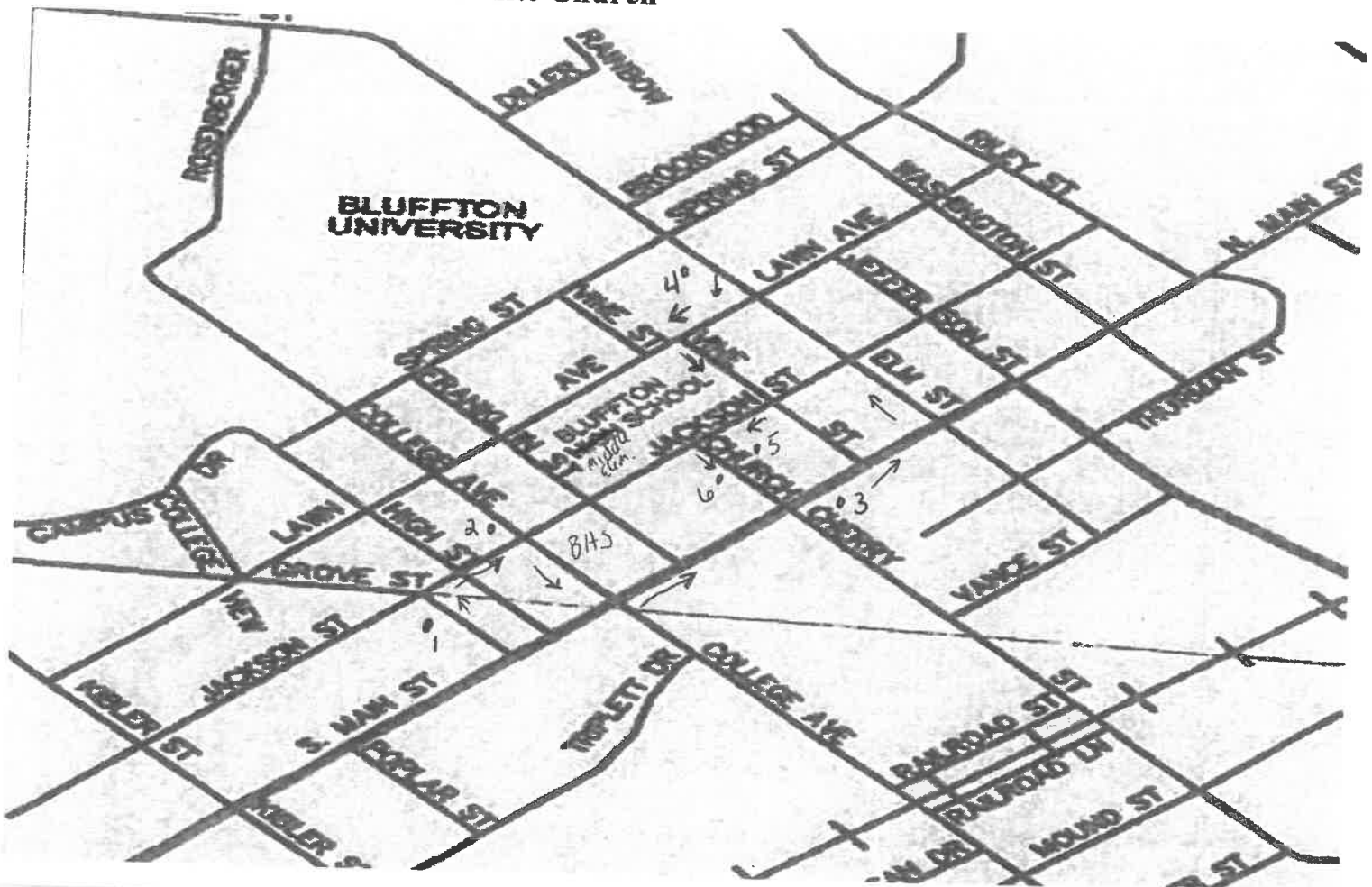
Point 4: St. Marys Catholic Church (W. Elm St.)

7. South through St. Marys Parking Lot
8. Right onto N. Lawn Ave. towards Vine St.
9. Left onto Vine St. towards N. Jackson St.
10. Right onto N. Jackson St. towards Church St.
11. Left onto Church St.

Point 5: Bluffton First Methodist Church

12. Cross the street

Point 6: Bluffton First Mennonite Church





VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON

154 N. MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 63 BLUFFTON, OHIO 45817-0063
419-358-2066

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

EVENT NAME: <u>Solar Eclipse</u>	DATE(S) OF EVENT: <u>April 6-8, 2024</u>
APPLICANT: <u>Citizens National Bank</u>	CONTACT PERSON: <u>Lori Painter</u>
APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: <u>131 Citizens Pkwy</u>	CONTACT'S PHONE: <u>419-358-8060 x138</u>
E-MAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): <u>lorip@cnbohio.com</u>	Cell: <u>419-615-3541</u>
LOCATION OF EVENT: <u>Solar Eclipse</u>	
TIME(S) FOR EVENT: <u>April 6th - 8th, 2024</u>	
DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: <u>Solar Eclipse / Block off Citizens Pkwy Road after Entrance of Dollar General</u>	

SERVICES REQUESTED FROM VILLAGE: Must provide map of plans and any other information required as necessary.

TRAFFIC CONTROL: _____ NUMBER OF OFFICERS REQUESTED: _____
Number of officers required to cover security will be determined on a case by case basis upon consultation with the Chief of Police
ROAD CLOSURE: X - See Description of Event
SECURITY: _____ NUMBER OF OFFICERS REQUESTED: _____
Number of officers required to cover security will be determined on a case by case basis upon consultation with the Chief of Police
EMS SERVICES: _____ FIRE DEPT. SERVICES: _____
WATER SERVICE: _____ OTHER SERVICES: _____

ALCOHOL SERVED: YES _____ NO X * Applicant is responsible for obtaining the proper alcohol permit from the Division of Liquor Control prior to the event.

EVENT'S INSURER: _____ * Village must be listed as Additional Insured

ATTACH CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE TO APPLICATION

PLEASE LIST VENDORS, SERVICES, CONTRACTORS, ETC. INVOLVED WITH EVENT:	
NAME OF VENDOR	TYPE OF SERVICE PROVIDED
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

* FOOD VENDORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ANY NECESSARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERMITS

I understand that the granting of this permit for the special event creates no agreement or guarantee, express or implied, to any person or entity for any liability whatsoever connected with this special event. Any liability is the sole responsibility of the person or organization responsible for the special event. By signing this application, I acknowledge that all statements made herein are true and correct and that I have the authority to bind the organization that I represent.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: Lori Painter VP Security DATE: 2/13/2024
Citizens National Bank

APPROVED

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



Date: March 1st, 2024

To: Mayor Johnson and Council

From: Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

Reference: Police Department Monthly Report

POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

February 2024

Police Calls for Service- 200

Police Chief Calls for Service- 691

Traffic Stops - 38

Citations - 7

CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

Child Abuse	-	1
Disorderly Conduct	-	1
Fraud	-	1
Making False Alarms	-	1
Missing Person	-	1
Miscellaneous	-	2
Theft	-	2

Total - 9



Incident Breakdown By Month Report

Print Date/Time: 03/07/2024 09:22
Login ID: rburkholder
Year: 2024

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
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Accident Property	2	22.2	6	66.7	1	11.1	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	9
Accident w/Injuries	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	0	0.0	1
Administrative	184	42.0	249	56.8	5	1.1	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	438
Aiding Other	13	50.0	10	38.5	3	11.5	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	26
Alarm	8	47.1	8	47.1	1	5.9	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	17
Animal Complaint	2	33.3	3	50.0	1	16.7	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	6
Assist Police	8	42.1	9	47.4	2	10.5	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	19
Child Abuse	0	0.0	2	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	0	0.0	2
Civil Complaint	0	0.0	1	50.0	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	0	0.0	2
Criminal Damage	2	50.0	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	0	0.0	4
Domestic	2	66.7	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	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Escort	0	0.0	2	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	0	0.0	2
Felony Assault	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	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Fight Complaint	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	0	0.0	1
Follow Up	0	0.0	32	94.1	2	5.9	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	34
Hazmat	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	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Hit Skip	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	0	0.0	1
House/Building	210	45.1	215	46.1	41	8.8	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	466
Investigate Vehicle	17	37.8	22	48.9	6	13.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	45
K9 Request	0	0.0	2	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	0	0.0	2
Lock Out	6	50.0	6	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	0	0.0	0	0.0	12
Medical Call - BLS	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	0	0.0	1
Menacing	0	0.0	3	60.0	2	40.0	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	5
Mentally Ill Person	1	11.1	6	66.7	2	22.2	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	9
Miscellaneous	45	39.1	53	46.1	17	14.8	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	115
Missing Juvenile	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	0	0.0	1



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	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Motorist Assist	4	57.1	3	42.9	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	7
Paper Service	2	66.7	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	0	0.0	3
Receiving/Recover	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	0	0.0	1
Stolen Vehicle	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	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Suspicious Person	2	22.2	5	55.6	2	22.2	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	9
Telephone	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
Theft	0	0.0	6	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	0	0.0	6
Traffic Stop	37	45.1	38	46.3	7	8.5	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	82
Unruly Juvenile	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
Unsecured Door	2	40.0	2	40.0	1	20.0	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	5
Unwanted Guest	2	66.7	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	0	0.0	3
Total:	552	41.1	691	51.5	99	7.4	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	1342



Ticket Statistics

Print Date/Time: 03/07/2024 09:29

Login ID: rburkholder

Statute: All

From Date: 02/01/2024

To Date: 02/29/2024

Ticket Type: All

Bluffton Police Department

ORI Number: OH0020100

Traffic	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
4511.69F Handicap Parking	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.21B6 Speed 50 MPH (also 45 MPH)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
4511.21B1a Speed - 20 MPH (School Zone)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4513.241C WINDOW TINT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.21A SPEED/ACDA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Traffic Totals	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Totals	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7

Council Packet Additional Information

- ❖ Boy Scouts Merit Badge
- ❖ Sgt. Hochstetler - Teaching principals of ALICE at MMH
- ❖ Attorney General Yost - Consumer Advocate Newsletter
- ❖ School Bus Educational Pamphlet - School Resource Officer Hope Hannah

Upcoming Events

Allen County Special Olympics fundraiser basketball game with Lima/Allen County police, fire departments, and local government departments in April timeline. I have volunteered to participate in the event with more details to come.



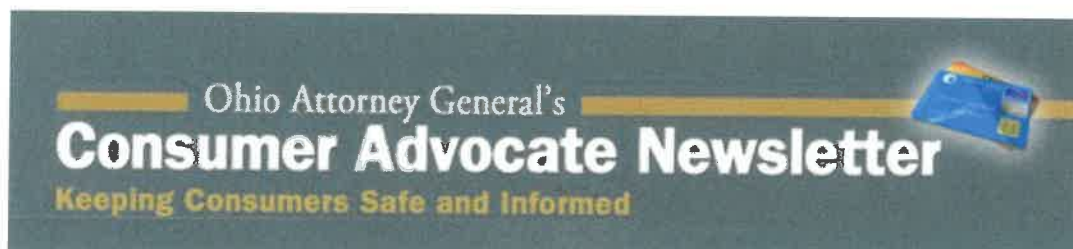


In January, Sergeant Tyler Hochstetler was given the opportunity to teach the principals of ALICE training, requested by Mennonite Memorial Home residents.

Here are a few pictures from presentation show and Sgt. Hochstetler teaching the residents.



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Beware of online job scams



Many people who are seeking work-from-home opportunities often turn to the internet to find openings. The online realm, however, is rife with job scammers, so do some research before submitting an application. Read on for more information and tips to avoid job scams.

BONUS TIP YOU CAN USE

Did you know that the three major credit reporting bureaus – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion – have agreed to permanently let consumers access their credit reports for free on a weekly basis? Under federal law, consumers have long been able to get a free credit report once every 12 months from each of the three reporting bureaus. During the pandemic, however, the reporting bureaus decided to let consumers check their credit reports once a week for free. That [decision](#) was extended twice by the bureaus and made permanent in late 2023. Credit reports are available at www.AnnualCreditReport.com.

Choosing the right tax preparer

With tax season here, the thought of engaging a tax preparer may cross your mind. Before proceeding take a moment to review this checklist.

Dollar General settlement brings help to Ohioans

The Ohio Attorney General's Office finalized an agreement with Dollar General that ensures prices will ring up correctly at the register and also provides funding to food banks and other hunger-relief organizations across Ohio.

The basics of virtual private networks: Is a VPN right for me?

Keeping your personal information safe while online is an important aspect of the modern home and workplace. A virtual private network (VPN) is a key tool for enhancing your online security. This article discusses the purpose of VPNs and whether you would benefit from using one.

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Requires all drivers to stop for a school bus. When the school bus is stopped to drop-off or pick up children, the bus will activate the red light and the stop sign will extend and flash. If a bus is stopped for this purpose, drivers in all directions must be stopped at least ten feet from the front and rear of the bus.

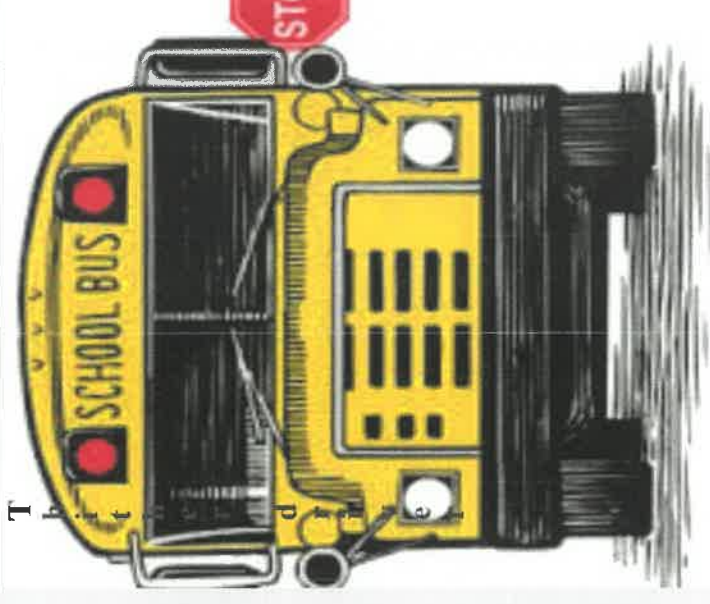
Yellow Lights on, is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Be ready to stop and watch for children in the roadway.

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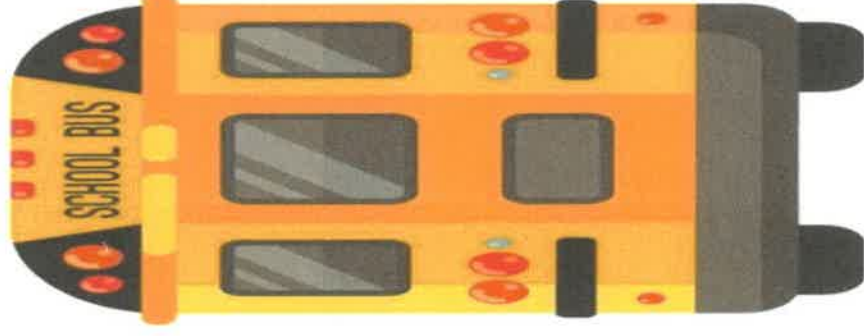
(F)(1) Whoever violates division (A) of this section maybe fined an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars. If you are issued a citation for a violation of this division it's a mandatory court appearance. Appearance will be in the proper court to answer the charge.

(2) In addition to and independent of other penalty's provided bylaw, the court may impose upon the offender a class suspension of license.

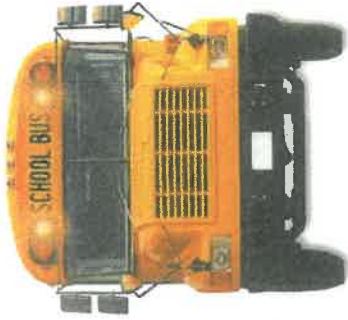
When to Stop for a School Bus



Bluffton Police Department
154 N. Main St Bluffton, Ohio
419-358-2961



Traffic must stop at least 10 feet away from the school bus whether coming from its front or its rear.

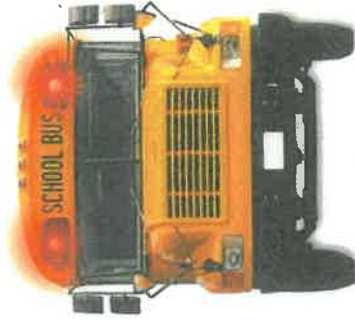


SCHOOL BUSES WITH OVERHEAD

Red and Yellow Lights

(With or Without Bus Stop Signs)

- ▶ **Yellow lights are flashing:**
Prepare to stop
- ▶ **Red lights are flashing:**
Stop no closer than 20 feet from the bus
- ▶ **Red lights turned off:**
Proceed

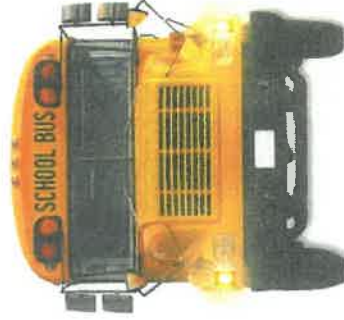


SCHOOL BUSES WITH OVERHEAD

Red Lights

(With or Without Bus Stop Signs)

- ▶ **Red lights are flashing and bus is stopped:**
Stop no closer than 20 feet from the bus
- ▶ **When red lights are turned off:**
Proceed



ALL SCHOOL BUSES

Yellow Lights

- ▶ **Yellow hazard warning lights are flashing:**
Proceed with caution

What do the lights mean and when to stop?



The National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation recently revealed the results of its 2023 survey on illegal passing of stopped school buses and the numbers are staggering.

In the survey, 94,581 school bus drivers reported that 62,482 vehicles passed their buses illegally on a single day during the 2022-2023 school year.

Fox 8 August 10, 2023

New school year, new alarming stats about bus passing violations.

