

Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

January 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM



Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order, Mayor Johnson presiding
Pledge of Allegiance



Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the Council Meeting held on Monday, December 22, 2025.

Bills

Public Comment: Recognition of Jerry Cupples, Mitch Kingsley and Dave Steiner for years of dedicated service as Council Members

Committee Reports

Boards & Commissions

Pathway Board – Dec. 4 Minutes
Cultural Affairs - update

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2026

1st Reading

Emergency

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2026 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2025

2nd Reading

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RUMPKE WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2026

1st 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. 02-2026

1st Reading

Emergency

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND EMS CHIEF TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION FROM CHELMSFORD, MA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2026

1st Reading

Emergency

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AGGREGATE AND ASPHALT MATERIAL, ASPHALT APPLICATION AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL FOR THE 2026 CONSTRUCTION YEAR 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*)

- Council Meeting – Monday, January 12th at 7:00 pm
- Special Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30 pm
- Council Meeting – Monday, January 26th at 7:00 pm

Public Comment

Adjournment – Motion and Second

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting December 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Cupples motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on December 8, 2025. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, and Stahl. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Stahl motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, and Stahl. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

The Fiscal Officer gave the following readings:

3rd Reading:

Ordinance 13-2025 – An Ordinance assigning zoning district classifications to certain annexed properties located in the Village of Bluffton, Ohio. Kingsley motioned to approve the ordinance, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, and Stahl. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

1st Reading:

Resolution 33-2025 – A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services for the collection of solid waste and recycling within the Village of Bluffton, Ohio. Cupples motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Stahl. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, and Stahl. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Kingsley motioned, seconded by Sehlhorst, to declare as surplus, the list of computers, network switches, printer, and monitors as listed in the Administrator’s report and authorize the sale of the surplus equipment on GovDeals.com. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, and Stahl. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Cupples motioned, seconded by Stahl, to accept the resignation of Thomas Downey from the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals and to appoint Dave Bracy to the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, and Stahl. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Stahl motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to declare as surplus 15 sets of old fire gear. The gear is not allowed to be sold for use in the United States but will be donated to a company for use overseas. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, and Stahl. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Kingsley motioned, seconded by Sehlhorst, to enter into executive session to discuss possible legal action with Council, Mayor, Solicitor, Police Chief, and Police Lieutenant present. No action is expected. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, and Stahl. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Kingsley motioned, seconded by Cupples, to exit executive session and return to open session. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, and Stahl. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Mayor Johnson recognized Council President Cupples and Council Member Kingsley for their long and distinguished service to the Village of Bluffton. This represents the last meeting for both.

Kingsley motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cupples.

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

Council Meeting on Monday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
VOUCHER REPORT 1/12/2026

| VENDOR | AMOUNT | DEPARTMENT | DESCRIPTION |
|---|------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| ALL SERVICE AERATION | 482.50 | Park | PORTABLE TOILETS |
| ALL-AMERICAN FIRE EQUIPMENT | 10,914.35 | Fire | TOWER 107 REPAIR |
| ALLEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS | 58,148.84 | Administrative | DISPATCH SERVICES |
| ALLEN COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSN | 150.00 | Police | 2026 DUES |
| ALLOWAY TESTING | 50.00 | Multiple | TESTING |
| ALLOWAY TESTING | 75.00 | Multiple | TESTING |
| AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER | 13,464.26 | Multiple | ELECTRICITY |
| ANDERSON TRACTOR SUPPLY, INC. | 20.00 | Street | DUST CAPS |
| ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD | 222.75 | Multiple | LIFE INSURANCE |
| BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC | 2,157.14 | Administrative | INSURANCE EXPENSE |
| BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC | 136.47 | Multiple | SUPPLIES/PARTS |
| BLUFFTON FLYING SERVICE | 5,000.00 | Airport | AIRPORT MANAGEMENT |
| BOBCAT COMPANY | 54.60 | Street | HYDRAULIC COUPLER |
| CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS | 50.40 | Administrative | INTERNET |
| CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS | 170.00 | Multiple | INTERNET |
| CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS | 170.00 | Administrative | INTERNET |
| CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS | 170.00 | Multiple | INTERNET |
| CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING | 577.50 | Multiple | GENERAL ENGINEERING |
| CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING | 495.00 | Street | SR 103 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS |
| CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING | 1,175.00 | Street | SR 103 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS |
| CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING | 1,260.00 | Street | SR 103 SPEED STUDY |
| CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2 | 11.17 | Multiple | FIRST AID SUPPLIES |
| CINTAS | 99.04 | Administrative | UNIFORMS |
| CINTAS | 99.04 | Administrative | UNIFORMS |
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| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 1,442.40 | Rescue | EMS KITCHEN SUPPLIES |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 201.91 | Police | JUMP BOX FOR CRUISERS |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 309.51 | Police | MOUNTING HARDWARE |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 112.02 | Police | POSTAGE |
| CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK- HSA | 38,500.00 | Multiple | HSA CONTRIBUTIONS |
| CONNECT PARENT CORPORATION | 240.14 | Administrative | PHONES |
| ELAN CITY | 72.50 | Street | SIGN BRACKET |
| FAMILY HARDWARE DO IT BEST | 509.98 | Multiple | SUPPLIES |
| FRUCHEY, LOGAN | 111.52 | Administrative | BOOTS |
| GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY | 191.99 | Police | BOOTS - BURKHOLDER |
| HANCOCK CLEANING, LLC. | 635.50 | Land & Buildings | TOWN HALL CLEANING |
| HSI EMERGENCY CARE SOLUTIONS INC./MEDIC FIRST AID | 416.00 | Rescue | EMS TRAINING PLATFORM |
| INNOVATIVE SOFTWARE SERVICES, INC. | 24,246.00 | Administrative | CITY TAX SOFTWARE |
| KAHLE TECHNOLOGIES | 3,960.00 | Water | WATER PLANT PUMP PROGRAMMING |
| KOI ENTERPRISES, INC. | 84.45 | Multiple | PARTS |
| LEXIS NEXIS RISK DATA MANAGEMENT INC. | 50.00 | Administrative | ADDRESS SEARCHES |
| MAGLOCLIN, INC. | 400.00 | Police | TRAINING RESOURCE |
| MARATHON FLEET SERVICES | 1,311.07 | Multiple | FUEL |
| NEW HORIZON COMMUNICATIONS | 565.75 | Administrative | PHONES |
| NOBLE, SKYLER | 195.97 | Police | BOOTS |
| NORTHWESTERN OHIO SECURITY SYSTEMS | 208.00 | Land & Buildings | MONITORING |
| OHIO CRIME PREVENTION ASSN. | 50.00 | Police | OCPA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP |
| OHIO TREASURER | 57,997.70 | Multiple | LOAN PAYMENT |
| OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY | 244,614.13 | Capital Improvements | OWDA LOAN PAYMENT |
| PROBST, GREG | 2,090.00 | Cemetery | CEMETERY RECORDS VERIFICATION |
| Railroad Management Company IV LLC | 674.36 | Water | LICENSE FEE |
| RUMPKE | 27,808.20 | Refuse | TRASH SERVICES |
| SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS | 25,464.00 | Multiple | ANNUAL HARDWARE & SOFTWARE SUPPORT |
| SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS | 2,524.50 | Multiple | ANNUAL HARDWARE & SOFTWARE SUPPORT |
| TAX ASSOCIATION OF WEST CENTRAL OHIO | 20.00 | Administrative | 2026 DUES |

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| THE LAWFT | 185.00 | Rescue | UNIFORMS |
| THE LAWFT | 131.00 | Rescue | UNIFORMS |
| THE LAWFT | 19.00 | Rescue | UNIFORMS |
| THE LAWFT | 177.50 | Rescue | UNIFORMS |
| THE LAWFT | 170.00 | Rescue | UNIFORMS |
| THE LAWFT | 65.50 | Rescue | UNIFORMS |
| THE LAWFT | 85.00 | Rescue | UNIFORMS |
| UTILITY ASSOCIATES, INC. | 80,322.63 | Police | BODY CAMERAS |
| | <u>610,932.83</u> | | |

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| DECEMBER MONTHLY | 2,245.25 |
| MEDICARE | 32.53 |
| OPERS | 223.70 |
| FICA | 40.14 |

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| BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 12/26/25 | 81,522.32 |
| MEDICARE | 1,126.42 |
| OPERS | 7,372.96 |
| OP&F | 5,412.83 |

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| BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 1/9/26 | 88,534.92 |
| MEDICARE | 1,226.20 |
| OPERS | 8,211.69 |
| OP&F | 5,826.61 |

Council Signature : _____

Date: _____

Meeting: Bike and Pedestrian Pathway Board

Date/Time: Thursday, December 4, 2025, Noon, Town Hall, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Mitch Kingsley, Phill Talavinia, Dave Smith, Greg Denecker, Jenny Pilarowski

Village Liaison Present: Jesse Blackburn, Administrator; Ben Stahl

Guest: Sarah Misiakiewicz, Allen Co. Health Department

Agenda: Sidewalk ordinance, Riley Street path

Minutes of the November 6, 2025 meeting were approved.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to The Bluffton Bike and Pedestrian Pathway Board at a meeting of the Allen County Bike and Pedestrian Task Force meeting in recognition that Bluffton is 4th in the state of Ohio and 35th in the Nation as a bike friendly community.

- Sidewalk ordinance – Ben pointed out that there is a law from the Ohio Revised Code that states you can ride a bike on the sidewalk but not if it is an e-bike with the motor engaged. We discussed creating a “Dismount Area” in high risk areas such as Main Street sidewalks along the retail district. There would need to be signage as well as public education to develop compliance. We agreed that a public hearing would allow input and engagement around this idea. More planning to come in subsequent meetings.
- Riley Street path – Jesse has received some engineer estimates of various options for pedestrian passage in the Bentley to Spring corridor. He is suggesting we consider between these options: A) a 6’ sidewalk from Bentley to Spring Street on the south and west side of Riley Street; or B) a path on the north and east side of Riley along with reducing the driving lanes to 10’ in each direction. More discussion to follow!

Next Meeting: February 5, 2026, Noon, 3rd Floor, Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Pilarowski



Partnerstädte:
Bourg de Péage (Frankreich)
East Grinstead (England)
Sant Feliu de Guíxols (Spanien)
Schwaz (Österreich)
Tramin (Italien – Südtirol)
Verbania (Italien)

Mindelheim, Dezember 2025

Dear friends in our partner cities,

As an eventful year comes to an end, we look back with deep gratitude on many meaningful encounters. The visits, exchanges, and shared experiences with people from our partner cities enrich us time and again. They remind us how vibrant, warm, and important our international friendships are for our community.

A particular highlight this year was once again the event "Youth without Borders." It brings generations together, overcomes boundaries, and creates moments that stay with us for a long time. We are delighted to see how young people – and adults alike – form new friendships that last well beyond the event itself.

However, the past year also brought moments of sadness. We had to say goodbye to dear friends who shaped our partnerships for many years. Their commitment, kindness, and dedication will always be remembered. They remain an important part of our shared history.

As the year draws to a close, we wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas season, joyful holidays with your loved ones, and a healthy and happy New Year.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Mindelheim in 2026 – especially for the Frundsberg Festival, which will once again bring us together and strengthen our bonds of friendship.

With warm regards,

Chairman Florian Kastenmeier
Förderkreis Städtepartnerschaft Mindelheim
on behalf of the entire board



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ORDINANCE NO. 01-2026

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2026 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, 2026 Edition, reflects the changes made to Ohio Law during 2025.

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, 2026 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, 2026 Edition.

Section 2. One copy of American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2026 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, 2026 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, 2026 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 _____, 2026, 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.

FISCAL OFFICER

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. 33-2025

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RUMPKE WASTE AND RECYCLING
SERVICES FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING WITHIN
THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO**

WHEREAS, the Village of Bluffton, Ohio is responsible for ensuring the safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible collection of residential solid waste and recyclable materials within the Village limits; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council Utilities Committee along Village Administration and Mayor have evaluated the proposals received for refuse and recycling collection and have determined that contracting with Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services is in the best interest of the Village and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services is a licensed and experienced solid waste and recycling service provider that is capable of meeting the Village's collection, disposal, and recycling needs; and have provided the pricing for these services as shown in Exhibit A for a three year period beginning May 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract establishes the terms and conditions under which solid waste and recycling services shall be provided, including, but not limited to: collection costs, service levels, collection schedules and performance standards; and

WHEREAS, Village Council desires to authorize the Mayor and Village Administrator to execute said contract on behalf of the Village of Bluffton.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Village Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services for the collection of solid waste and recyclable materials within the Village of Bluffton, Ohio.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Village Administrator are further authorized to execute any related documents and take all actions necessary to implement and administer the contract approved herein.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026, by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio.

AYES: _____ NAYES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

ATTEST:

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

Approved as to Form:

Village Solicitor

EXHIBIT A

RUMPKE PRICING

- Item #1:**
- Unlimited weekly same-day curbside recycling and garbage and refuse pick up service with Company-supplied carts.
 - Approved bulk items will be collected as part of the normal route. Residents will need to pre-schedule bulk collection using the approved policy, e.g. scheduling on the Company's website at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance. No charge for bulk items and no limitations.

Pricing: \$22.73 Per Unit, Per Month *Village adds \$0.50 per month to each bill

Temporary Services

Item #3: Unit price for Company to supply, upon request of resident, large roll-off dumpsters, or equivalent unit, to be **delivered to Bluffton residence for residential projects and disposal**

Pricing: \$80.00 Each 4 yd container

\$100.00 Each 6 yd container

\$120.00 Each 8 yd container

\$160.00/LOAD 20 yd Roll Off
\$40.00/TON

Item #4: 30-40 yd Roll-off fee & per ton disposal for annual Community Clean-up event and as needed.

Pricing: \$160.00/LOAD per delivery of 30-40 yd dumpster and

\$40.00/TON per ton for disposal

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2026

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 (180th) 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. 02-2026

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND EMS CHIEF TO ENTER INTO
A CONTRACT WITH ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION FROM CHELMSFORD, MA,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the existing cardiac monitors are end of life, beginning to fail, and were scheduled to be replaced in 2026 and;

WHEREAS, Zoll Medical Corporation, a company located in Chelmsford, MA, has submitted a proposal to supply the necessary cardiac monitors for a total cost of \$128,060.30 with installments of \$25,612.06 annually for a term of five years, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and EMS Chief have reviewed the proposal from Zoll Medical Corporation and believe it is in the best interest of the Village to proceed with this contract, and;

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that approval and timely acceptance of the attached contract is needed for replacement of failing Village cardiac monitors for the benefit of the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio;

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

Section 1. The Mayor and EMS Chief are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract Zoll Medical Corporation for the delivery of two Zenix Monitors.

Section 2. The Mayor and EMS Chief are further authorized to take any and all actions necessary to implement and execute this contract, including but not limited to finalizing the scope of work and approving any amendments to the agreement as necessary.

Section 3. That an emergency exists for the reasons set forth in this resolution.

Section 4: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were made in an 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 _____, 2026 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

Approved as to form:

Village Solicitor

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AGGREGATE AND ASPHALT MATERIAL, ASPHALT APPLICATION AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL FOR THE 2026 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 2026 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

Village of Bluffton

Administration Report

To: Mayor Johnson & Council Members



01-12-26

Surplus Equipment:

Request a motion from Council to declare the following item as surplus and list for sale on GovDeals.com:

- HP DesignJet T790 plotter printer

S.R. 103 Roundabout:

Installation of storm water infrastructure has begun along SR 103 outside of the roadway area.

Brush Grinding:

Request a motion from Village Council to approve a three-year contract with Resource Recycling, Lima, OH.

Terms:

- All material on site will be included in this contract.
- 40% of on-site material will remain here after being double ground.
- Remaining material will be hauled away.
- \$12,000 per year. 2026 - 2028

Upcoming Meetings:

Special Council Meeting – Jan. 20th.

- Three interviews for prospective Council Members beginning at 6:30 pm.
- Meeting will be held in Executive Session.

Safety Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 pm - Tentative
Richland Twp House

Utility Bill Message

Friendly reminders as we move through our winter season:

- Please remove snowfall from public sidewalks promptly.
- Don't shovel or blow snow into the roadway.



INCOME TAX NOTICE

All residents of Bluffton 18 years & older must file an Income Tax Return every year with Bluffton.
2025 Income Tax Returns will be due April 15, 2026.

Continued thanks to those residents who decorated for the holidays and continue to make our holiday season joyful.

Please note:
Village Offices will be closed Jan. 19.



Bluffton EMS 2025 Statistics

| | Medical | Transfer | MVA | Fire | M/A Fire | M/A Med. | Spec. Events | Total Calls | Missed Calls |
|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| January | 31 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 47 | 3 |
| February | 49 | 12 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 75 | 1 |
| March | 45 | 14 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 75 | 0 |
| April | 36 | 12 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 67 | 0 |
| May | 41 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 66 | 0 |
| June | 34 | 11 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 60 | 0 |
| July | 39 | 10 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 63 | 0 |
| August | 35 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 58 | 0 |
| September | 35 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 59 | 0 |
| October | 34 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 64 | 0 |
| November | 35 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 59 | 0 |
| December | 28 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 49 | 0 |
| Totals | 442 | 93 | 35 | 124 | 2 | 32 | 14 | 742 | 4 |

Bluffton EMS Time of Day Calls Come In 2025

| | 6 am-6 pm | 6 pm-6 am | Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| January | 36 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 6 |
| February | 43 | 32 | 13 | 14 | 4 | 12 | 13 | 9 | 10 |
| March | 46 | 29 | 9 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 17 | 7 | 17 |
| April | 43 | 24 | 6 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 5 | 15 | 7 |
| May | 42 | 24 | 9 | 11 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 10 |
| June | 36 | 24 | 12 | 12 | 5 | 6 | 16 | 8 | 1 |
| July | 29 | 34 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 17 | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| August | 31 | 27 | 8 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 8 |
| September | 30 | 29 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 11 |
| October | 34 | 30 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 7 |
| November | 34 | 25 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 10 |
| December | 27 | 22 | 7 | 15 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 7 |
| Total | 431 | 311 | 100 | 131 | 92 | 98 | 111 | 108 | 102 |

742

| | BH | BVH | SRMC | LMH | MMH Comm. | Airport | Other | Total Transports | No Transport |
|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------------|--------------|
| January | 15 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 24 |
| February | 15 | 14 | 16 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 17 |
| March | 16 | 8 | 17 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 50 | 25 |
| April | 13 | 7 | 21 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 21 |
| May | 16 | 7 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 18 |
| June | 21 | 4 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 15 |
| July | 14 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 28 |
| August | 17 | 6 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 42 | 19 |
| September | 11 | 9 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 28 |
| October | 12 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 35 |
| November | 11 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 28 |
| December | 11 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 20 |
| Totals | 172 | 79 | 151 | 38 | 31 | 3 | 0 | 474 | 278 |



Date: January 1st, 2026

To: Mayor Johnson and Council

From: Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

Reference: Police Department Monthly Report

POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

December 2025

Police Calls for Service- 512

Police Chief Calls for Service- 53

Traffic Stops - 9

CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Assisting another Agency (Pursuit) | - | 1 |
| Domestic Violence | - | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | - | 1 |
| No Operators License | - | 1 |
| Telecommunication Harassment | - | 1 |
| Violation of Protection Order | - | 1 |
| Warrant | - | 1 |
| Total | - | 7 |



Incident Breakdown By Month Report

Print Date/Time: 01/01/2026 17:47
 Login ID: rburkholder
 Year: 2025

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 | 3.1 | 10 | 15.6 | 8 | 12.5 | 6 | 9.4 | 4 | 6.3 | 2 | 3.1 | 4 | 6.3 | 11 | 17.2 | 4 | 6.3 | 7 | 10.9 | 4 | 6.3 | 2 | 3.1 | 64 |
| Accident w/Injuries | 1 | 6.7 | 3 | 20.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 6.7 | 1 | 6.7 | 1 | 6.7 | 1 | 6.7 | 3 | 20.0 | 3 | 20.0 | 3 | 6.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 15 |
| Administrative | 153 | 11.3 | 102 | 7.5 | 191 | 14.1 | 102 | 7.5 | 77 | 5.7 | 103 | 7.6 | 102 | 7.5 | 88 | 6.5 | 110 | 8.1 | 164 | 12.1 | 87 | 6.4 | 74 | 5.5 | 1353 |
| Aiding Other | 12 | 8.7 | 7 | 5.1 | 7 | 5.1 | 9 | 6.5 | 12 | 8.7 | 13 | 9.4 | 13 | 9.4 | 14 | 10.1 | 10 | 7.2 | 14 | 10.1 | 12 | 8.7 | 15 | 10.9 | 138 |
| Alarm | 4 | 4.4 | 5 | 5.5 | 4 | 4.4 | 7 | 7.7 | 5 | 5.5 | 14 | 15.4 | 10 | 11.0 | 8 | 8.8 | 6 | 6.6 | 6 | 6.6 | 10 | 11.0 | 12 | 13.2 | 91 |
| Animal Complaint | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 12.5 | 3 | 9.4 | 4 | 12.5 | 5 | 15.6 | 1 | 3.1 | 1 | 3.1 | 4 | 12.5 | 1 | 3.1 | 1 | 3.1 | 4 | 12.5 | 4 | 12.5 | 32 |
| Assist Police | 8 | 8.5 | 11 | 11.7 | 9 | 9.6 | 5 | 5.3 | 6 | 6.4 | 6 | 6.4 | 12 | 12.8 | 9 | 9.6 | 6 | 6.4 | 7 | 7.4 | 6 | 6.4 | 9 | 9.6 | 94 |
| B&E | 1 | 33.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 33.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 |
| Child Abuse | 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 |
| Civil Complaint | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 6.3 | 3 | 9.4 | 3 | 9.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 3.1 | 5 | 15.6 | 5 | 15.6 | 2 | 6.3 | 3 | 9.4 | 5 | 15.6 | 3 | 9.4 | 32 |
| Criminal Damage | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 20.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 20.0 | 1 | 6.7 | 1 | 6.7 | 1 | 6.7 | 2 | 13.3 | 4 | 26.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 15 |
| Deceased | 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 |
| Domestic | 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 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 25.0 | 4 |
| Escort | 1 | 8.3 | 1 | 8.3 | 1 | 8.3 | 2 | 16.7 | 1 | 8.3 | 1 | 8.3 | 1 | 8.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 8.3 | 2 | 16.7 | 1 | 8.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 12 |
| Fight Complaint | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 10.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 10.0 | 1 | 10.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 20.0 | 1 | 10.0 | 1 | 10.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 30.0 | 10 |
| Fire | 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 | 8 | 14.8 | 3 | 5.6 | 9 | 16.7 | 9 | 16.7 | 2 | 3.7 | 4 | 7.4 | 2 | 3.7 | 1 | 1.9 | 5 | 9.3 | 8 | 14.8 | 2 | 3.7 | 1 | 1.9 | 54 |
| Forgery | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 50.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 50.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 |
| Hazmat | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 42.9 | 1 | 14.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 14.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 14.3 | 7 |
| Hit Skip | 1 | 11.1 | 3 | 33.3 | 1 | 11.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 11.1 | 2 | 22.2 | 1 | 11.1 | 9 |
| House/Building | 381 | 8.6 | 483 | 10.9 | 498 | 11.2 | 473 | 10.7 | 382 | 8.6 | 370 | 8.3 | 352 | 7.9 | 284 | 6.4 | 306 | 6.9 | 345 | 7.8 | 308 | 6.9 | 257 | 5.8 | 4439 |
| Intoxicated Driver | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 33.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 33.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 33.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 |
| Intoxicated Person | 1 | 50.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 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 |
| Investigate Vehicle | 19 | 6.0 | 28 | 8.8 | 34 | 10.7 | 29 | 9.1 | 20 | 6.3 | 29 | 9.1 | 29 | 9.1 | 23 | 7.2 | 25 | 7.8 | 21 | 6.6 | 31 | 9.7 | 31 | 9.7 | 319 |
| Lock Out | 8 | 10.3 | 12 | 15.4 | 5 | 6.4 | 5 | 6.4 | 7 | 9.0 | 8 | 10.3 | 6 | 7.7 | 8 | 10.3 | 4 | 5.1 | 4 | 5.1 | 3 | 3.8 | 8 | 10.3 | 78 |
| Menacing | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 11.1 | 1 | 11.1 | 1 | 11.1 | 2 | 22.2 | 1 | 11.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 11.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 11.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 11.1 | 9 |



Incident Breakdown By Month Report

Print Date/Time: 01/01/2026 17:47
 Login ID: rburkholder
 Year: 2025

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 |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | |
| Mentally Ill Person | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 6.7 | 2 | 13.3 | 2 | 13.3 | 2 | 13.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 13.3 | 1 | 6.7 | 3 | 20.0 | 1 | 6.7 | 1 | 6.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 15 |
| Miscellaneous | 48 | 7.0 | 62 | 9.0 | 45 | 6.5 | 61 | 8.8 | 67 | 9.7 | 56 | 8.1 | 49 | 7.1 | 61 | 8.8 | 39 | 5.7 | 70 | 10.1 | 73 | 10.6 | 59 | 8.6 | 690 |
| Missing Adult | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 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 | 2 |
| Missing Juvenile | 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 |
| Motorist Assist | 9 | 16.7 | 5 | 9.3 | 2 | 3.7 | 3 | 5.6 | 1 | 1.9 | 4 | 7.4 | 4 | 7.4 | 10 | 18.5 | 4 | 7.4 | 4 | 7.4 | 1 | 1.9 | 7 | 13.0 | 54 |
| Paper Service | 4 | 14.3 | 3 | 10.7 | 2 | 7.1 | 2 | 7.1 | 1 | 3.6 | 2 | 7.1 | 5 | 17.9 | 1 | 3.6 | 4 | 14.3 | 2 | 7.1 | 1 | 3.6 | 1 | 3.6 | 28 |
| Pedestrian Stop | 1 | 9.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 27.3 | 2 | 18.2 | 1 | 9.1 | 2 | 18.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 9.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 9.1 | 11 |
| Receiving/Recover | 1 | 14.3 | 1 | 14.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 14.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 14.3 | 1 | 14.3 | 1 | 14.3 | 1 | 14.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 7 |
| Sexual Abuse | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 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 | 2 |
| Shots Fired | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 50.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 50.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 |
| Special Detail | 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 |
| Stolen Vehicle | 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 |
| Suspicious Person | 3 | 5.8 | 4 | 7.7 | 5 | 9.6 | 6 | 11.5 | 6 | 11.5 | 3 | 5.8 | 5 | 9.6 | 5 | 9.6 | 6 | 11.5 | 2 | 3.8 | 3 | 5.8 | 4 | 7.7 | 52 |
| Telephone | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 25.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 50.0 | 1 | 25.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 |
| Theft | 4 | 12.5 | 4 | 12.5 | 4 | 12.5 | 2 | 6.3 | 4 | 12.5 | 1 | 3.1 | 1 | 3.1 | 2 | 6.3 | 2 | 6.3 | 2 | 6.3 | 2 | 6.3 | 4 | 12.5 | 32 |
| Traffic Obstruction | 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 |
| Traffic Stop | 40 | 9.1 | 52 | 11.8 | 64 | 14.5 | 30 | 6.8 | 31 | 7.0 | 59 | 13.4 | 45 | 10.2 | 31 | 7.0 | 28 | 6.4 | 25 | 5.7 | 26 | 5.9 | 9 | 2.0 | 440 |
| Unmly Juvenile | 1 | 33.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 33.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 33.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 |
| Unsecured Door | 1 | 11.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 33.3 | 1 | 11.1 | 1 | 11.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 11.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 22.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 9 |
| Unwanted Guest | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 7.7 | 1 | 7.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 15.4 | 2 | 15.4 | 3 | 23.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 15.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 15.4 | 13 |
| Violating PTO | 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 | 50.0 | 2 | 50.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 |
| Warrant Service | 1 | 25.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 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 | 2 | 50.0 | 4 |
| Total: | 714 | 8.7 | 814 | 10.0 | 910 | 11.1 | 769 | 9.4 | 648 | 7.9 | 688 | 8.4 | 656 | 8.0 | 579 | 7.1 | 581 | 7.1 | 706 | 8.6 | 590 | 7.2 | 512 | 6.3 | 8167 |



Officer Ticket Statistics

Print Date/Time: 01/01/2026 17:50
 Login ID: rburkholder
 Statute: All

From Date: 12/01/2025
 To Date: 12/31/2025
 Ticket Type: All

Bluffton Police Department
 ORI Number: OH0020100
 Badge Number: All

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | TOTAL |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 22 Probst | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Warning | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4511.21B1a Speed - 20 MPH (School Zone) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 4511.21B2 Speed 25 MPH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 4511.21D4 Speed - 70MPH Freeway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Warning Totals | 0 | 3 |
| Traffic | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4511.33A1 Rules for Changing Lanes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Traffic Totals | 0 | 1 |
| 22 Probst Totals | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 27 Rayle | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Warning | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4511.21B3 Speed 35 MPH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 4511.21B6 Speed 50 MPH (also 45 MPH) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 4511.69A Parallel Parking Far From Curb - Not More than 12" | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Warning Totals | 0 | 3 |
| Traffic | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4510.12A1 No Drivers License (NO OL) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 4511.21B1a Speed - 20 MPH (School Zone) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 4511.21B3 Speed 35 MPH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Traffic Totals | 0 | 3 |
| 27 Rayle Totals | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Totals | 0 | 10 |



Incident Breakdown By Priority Report

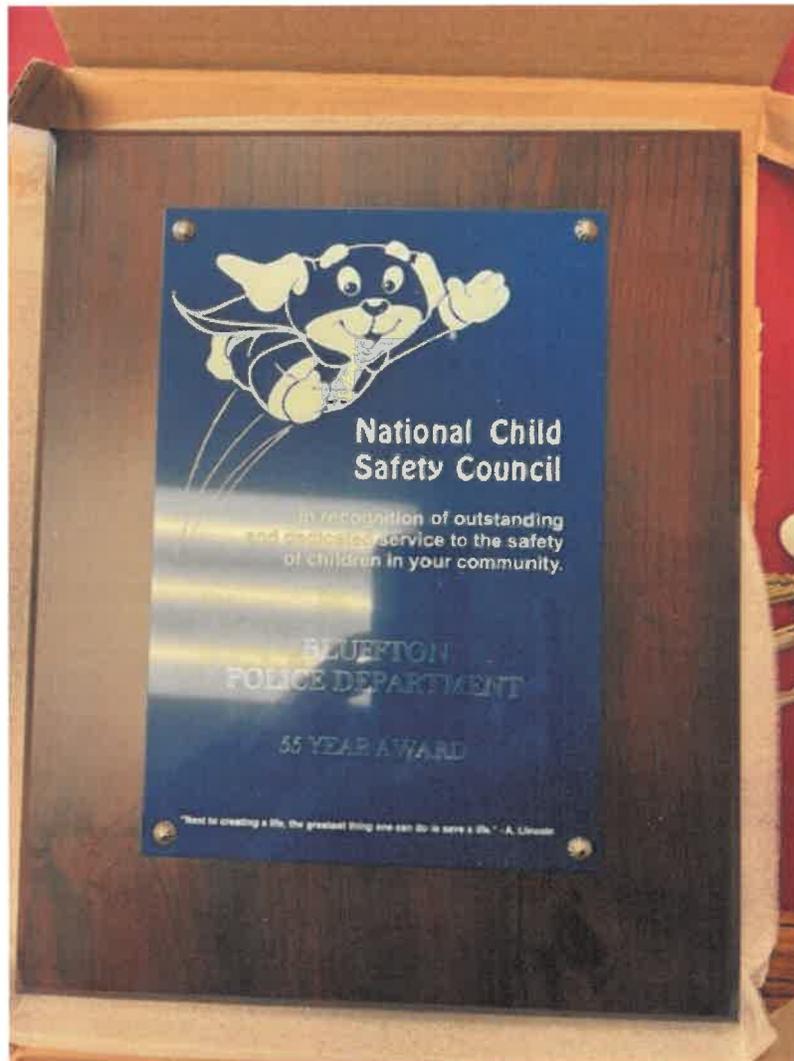
Print Date/Time: 01/01/2026 17:53
Login ID: rburkholder
Incident Type: All

From Date: 12/01/2025 00:00
To Date: 12/31/2025 23:59

Bluffton Police Department
ORI Number: OH0020100

| Priority | Sunday Totals | | Monday Totals | | Tuesday Totals | | Wednesday Totals | | Thursday Totals | | Friday Totals | | Saturday Totals | | Calls |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| | Calls | % | Calls | % | Calls | % | Calls | % | Calls | % | Calls | % | Calls | % | |
| 4-Low | 45 | 14.7 | 53 | 17.3 | 61 | 19.9 | 37 | 12.1 | 39 | 12.7 | 25 | 8.2 | 46 | 15.0 | 306 |
| 3-Medium | 0 | 0.0 | 7 | 24.1 | 5 | 17.2 | 4 | 13.8 | 6 | 20.7 | 3 | 10.3 | 4 | 13.8 | 29 |
| 1-High | 7 | 7.5 | 16 | 17.2 | 16 | 17.2 | 16 | 17.2 | 13 | 14.0 | 12 | 12.9 | 13 | 14.0 | 93 |
| Total: | 52 | 12.1 | 76 | 17.8 | 82 | 19.2 | 57 | 13.3 | 58 | 13.6 | 40 | 9.3 | 63 | 14.7 | 428 |

55 YEAR AWARD



The Bluffton Police Department has continued with educating young children about safety and just received our new award. This plaque is displayed in our SRO office at Bluffton School. Thanks to all the community members / businesses that continuously support this program with the material for the children each year!

Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

On December 16th, 2025, I received an email about one of our officers going out of their way while on their shift. After having a conversation with sender of the email he granted me permission to share it with the community and the village council.

EMAIL:

Dear sir: I want to personally thank you for the service of one of your officers. I was on the on ramp I believe exit 140 north bound 75. I had my van on a jack on front wheel. Taking numerous breaks to warm up. This officer saw me. Turned his lights on. Backed down the ramp and parked behind me. And insisted to help. I asked several times to let me do it. I knew his uniform would be covered in salt. But, no. He did so much for me. I'm handicapped as it is. Plus the cold. This man deserves a round of applause! I forgot to get his name and badge number. But I'm sure if you looked at the radio's and the time was around approximately 11:15 am. Thin guy short dark beard. Big kudos to this officer!! We need more people like him in this world. Thank you for such remarkable officers!! Randy Leibrock.

Sent from my iPhone

Officer Identified as: Cpl Eric Rayle

I would like to thank Cpl. Eric Rayle for assisting this motorist and his efforts didn't go unnoticed! Thank you again!

Chief Ryan M. Burkholder