Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

October 26, 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, October 12, 2026.

Bills

Committee Reports		**Boards & Commissions**	
Parks & Recreation Committee:	10/14	Planning Commission:	10/19
Utilities Committee:	10/19	Tree Commission:	10/22
Parks & Recreation:	10/20		

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2026 **1st Reading**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 37.059(A)(8) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO, TO ESTABLISH ELECTRONIC W-2 FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYERS

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2026 **1st Reading**

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RATE CHARGED BY THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA, OHIO TO THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO FOR BULK WATER BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2026 **1st Reading**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNNY APPLESEED METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE 2027 COOPERATIVE PARK IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Village Administrative Reports:

Mayor:

Safety Services Reports:

-EMS- **-Fire Dept.-** **-Police Dept.-**

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

- Council Meeting – Monday, October 26th at 7:00 pm
- Riley St. Open House – Monday, November 2nd from 5:00 – 7:00 pm
- Pathway Board – Thursday, November 5th at noon
- Tree Commission – Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 pm
- Council Meeting – Monday, November 9th at 7:00 pm

Public Comment

Adjournment – Motion

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting October 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Johnson presiding. Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia present.

Downey motioned, seconded by Gordon-Hancock, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on Sept. 28, 2026. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavinia motioned, seconded by Stahl, to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Sehlhorst motioned, seconded by Downey, to exit the regular Council Meeting to enter a Public Hearing to consider the Bluffton Planning Commission recommendation to rezone parcel no. 28-0200-03-001.000. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Following the public hearing:

Downey motioned, seconded by Talavinia, to end the Public Hearing and return to open session of the regular Council meeting. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

The Fiscal Officer gave the following readings:
3rd Reading:
Ordinance 05-2026 – An ordinance changing the zoning classification for Parcel No. 28-0200-03-001.000 located in the Village of Bluffton, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Downey motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Talavinia. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Downey motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Stahl. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

1st Reading:
Resolution 24-2026 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Choice One Engineering for professional engineering services related to the Legacy Park – Phase III project and declaring an emergency. Sehlhorst motioned to suspend the rule, seconded by Downey. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Stahl motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Police Chief Burkholder recognized the service of Lt. Matt Oglesbee and Ed Montgomery, both of whom have served 25 years on the Bluffton Police Department.

Talavinia 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, October 14 at 5:15 p.m.
Utilities Committee on Monday, October 19 at 4:30 p.m.
Planning Commission on Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Committee on Tuesday, October 20 at 5:15 p.m.
Tree Commission on Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting on Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.
Street Committee & Pathway Board Open House on Monday, November 2, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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MAYOR FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
VOUCHER REPORT 10/26/2026

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION
BLACKHOOF TITLE AGENCY, LLC	27,662.00	Land & Buildings	LAND PURCHASE - FLOODPLAIN
BLUFFTON STONE CO.	49.44	Multiple	STONE
BLUFFTON STONE CO.	91.36	Multiple	STONE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	175.35	Multiple	INTERNET
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	53.47	Multiple	INTERNET
CINTAS	78.11	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CINTAS	122.99	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK	40,522.56	Capital Improvements	LOAN PAYMENT
COMMAND LLC	1,404.75	Fire	LADDER TESTING
CORE & MAIN LP	907.25	Water	1" WATER METERS
ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	432.77	Multiple	NATURAL GAS
EVERETT J PRESCOTT INC	1,196.04	Capital Improvements	MANHOLE FRAMES/COVERS
FAMILY HARDWARE DO IT BEST	237.25	Multiple	SUPPLIES
GGC FEEDS, LLC	85.00	Park	GRASS SEED
GRAINGER INC	537.25	Multiple	SAFETY EQUIPMENT
HACKENBERG, FEIGHNER, BISHOP & WERTH, LLC	1,000.00	Administrative	SOLICITOR FEES
HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC CO-OP	149.67	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC CO-OP	62.00	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC CO-OP	98.00	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC.	1,276.17	Street	PLOW PARTS
LYNN CARD CO	400.50	Multiple	CHRISTMAS CARDS
MILLER CONTRACTING GROUP, INC	256,940.86	Airport	TAXILANE RECONSTRUCTION
OHIO DEPT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES	42.98	Administrative	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
PATRIOT CONCRETE	14,469.50	Street	MUNICIPAL LOT ADA
PELTON ENVIRONMENTAL	4,453.42	Sewer	SCREEN REPAIR PARTS
PENNCARE 30	48.50	Rescue	MEDICAL SUPPLIES
PENNCARE 30	47.77	Rescue	MEDICAL SUPPLIES
PERRY CORPORATION	3,838.14	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	579.25	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
RUMPKE	28,776.18	Refuse	TRASH SERVICES
SHELL FLEET PLUS	837.29	Multiple	FUEL
SMARTBILL	1,355.09	Multiple	BILLING SERVICES
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	168.33	Multiple	SUPPLIES
TOWN & COUNTRY FLOWERS	66.00	Multiple	FUNERAL FLOWERS
USA BLUE BOOK	200.39	Multiple	MOTOR COUPLINGS & WATER TAP CUTTERS
VILLAGE OF OTTAWA	59,015.87	Water	WATER
WAYNE AUGSBURGER	350.00	Land & Buildings	DETENTION POND MOWING
INCOME TAX REFUNDS	1,157.00	Administrative	INCOME TAX REFUNDS
	448,888.50		
SEPTEMBER FIRE & EMS	6,785.55		
MEDICARE	98.37		
OPERS	706.52		
FICA	105.03		
BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 10/16/26	91,548.38		
MEDICARE	1,273.40		
OPERS	8,254.90		
OP&F	6,135.60		

Council Signature :_____ Date:_____

Utilities Committee Minutes

October 19, 2026

Start: 4:30 pm End: 6:10 pm

Present: Joe Sehlhorst, Ben Hill, Mayor Rich Johnson, Administrator Jesse Blackburn, Fiscal Officer Kevin Nickle: Guest: Waterworth Rep. Matheus & Team via Video Conference

Topic 1: Water Rates & Sewer Rates Management

As of February 2026, Village officials have been working with Waterworth about continuous utility rate analysis. Key features that Waterworth can provide include:

- Long-Term Financial Modeling, Asset Replacement Schedule, Cost of Service Analysis, Rate Design, Scenario Exploration

Entering this partnership with Waterworth is to provide benefits for Bluffton that include:

- Save Time and Aggravation, Leverage Data to Drive Better Decisions, Ensure Long-Term Financial Sustainability, Leverage Professional Support That's Tailored to Bluffton

Village goals by working with Waterworth is to ensure sufficient revenue from utility rates for long-term capital needs. Ensuring revenue from utility rates meets revenue requirements while protecting customer affordability.

Administration and Waterworth have been compiling data to begin said analysis. The meeting included discussion of findings and potential scenarios to present to council for consideration.

Administration advised reaching out to high end users to discuss potential upcoming rate changes. It is also expected that multiple scenarios will be considered before any actions are to be presented. Committee expects to have legislation prepared for council beginning this November.

Topic 2: 2027 Village of Bluffton Water Contract with the Village of Ottawa Rate

- Rate: $3.983898 Increase: $0.529162 Increase of 15.32%
- See Attached 2027 Rate Document
- Administration has reviewed and concluded to find to be in accordance with Ottawa contract.

Bluffton Planning Commission

Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: September 29, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM-8:10 PM
Location: 3rd Floor, Town Hall, 154 N Main St., Bluffton, Ohio

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• Attendance

Members Present:

- Mitch Agner, Tom Downey, Roger Edwards, Tim Essinger, Rich Johnson (Mayor)

Staff/Guests Present:

- Jesse Blackburn (Village Administrator), Skylar Niese, Charity Neise, Caleb, Sara Elsea, Connie Cramer, Barbara Alspaugh, Robert Everett, Pamela Everett, Dale Walther, Joyce Nelson, Tom Benroth, Larry S. Smith, Jamie Wireman, Clyde Wireman, Gary H., Paul D. Warren, Brad Prater, (1) unreadable signature, and Several attendees that arrived after the meeting started.

Discussion Items:

- **Public Hearing: Chestnut Lane Development:**
  - **Call to Order:** 7:00 pm Mayor Johnson presiding
    - Request: Approval of an amendment to the previously approved development plans for Chestnut Lane to allow the addition of one condominium unit at the end of the existing cul-de-sac and vacating the original utility easement to terminate at the end of the cul-de-sac.
  - **Presentation of Request:** Bob Fett (Applicant). Discussed the plan to add an additional single dwelling unit at the West end of the existing cul-de-sac.
  - **Villate Administrator Review and Comments:** Jesse explained that that an easement would have to be terminated. The original intent of the easement is no longer needed.
  - **Public Comment:** Jacob Short, voiced concern regarding 20' side yard offset and noise from construction
  - **Close Public Hearing:** 7:07pm Mayor Johnson
- **Planning Commission Discussion and Consideration of Request:**
  - *Motion:* Downey moved, Agner seconded, to approve request as previously stated
    Roll Call: Ayes – Downey, Agner, Edwards, Essinger. Nays – None.
  - Motion carried.

- **Public Hearing: Zoning District Amendment of Parcel #28-1108-01-001.001, South Main St.:**
  - **Call to Order:** 7:11 pm Mayor Johnson presiding
    - Request: Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the Village of Bluffton to change the zoning classification of the subject property from R-1 Residential to R-II Residential.
    - Proposed Use: Development of a professional financial-services office, which would require subsequent Conditional Use approval under 153.102 of the Bluffton Codified Ordinances.
  - **Presentation of Request:** Brandon Blackford (Applicant). Discussed the plan to construct a single-story building with a parking lot on the requested property for use as a Edward Jones Financial Office.
  - **Villate Administrator Review and Comments:** Jesse explained the location and described the approval process. Showed concept drawing provided by Mr. Blackford.
  - **Public Comment:** There was a large majority of those in attendance that expected the lot to be used for residential use and expected a home rather than a business to be built at that location. There were concerns as to how the property was to be accessed (Main St. or Parkview). Some

concerns included how this was the entrance to the village, and we are known for our main street houses. Another concern was the lack of residential building lots within the village. Another concern was that if the lot was changed to RII, what would keep a different type of business from utilizing the lot, which may produce more traffic than currently expected. Safety was another concern, crosswalk, children visiting the "Dairy".

- **Close Public Hearing:** 7:51pm Mayor Johnson
  Planning Commission Discussion and Consideration of Request:
  - Comment: Tim Essinger called out concern that the zone would divide an otherwise residential area, stating that there did not appear to be a unusual or extraordinary reason to warrant the change in zoning. It was more the appeal of the location. Downey and Agner agreed with the assessment.
  - *Motion:* Downey moved, Agner seconded, to deny the request as previously stated
    Roll Call: Ayes – Downey, Agner, Edwards, Essinger. Nays – None.
  - Motion carried.

- **Other Business:**
  - **Willow Ridge Expansion Update from Jesse**

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Tom Downey

ORDINANCE NO. 06–2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 37.059(A)(8) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO, TO ESTABLISH ELECTRONIC W-2 FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Bluffton has established a municipal income tax pursuant to Chapter 37 of the Bluffton Codified Ordinances and Ohio Revised Code Chapter 718; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to update its employer income tax reporting requirements to improve the efficiency and accuracy of municipal income tax administration; and

WHEREAS, the electronic submission of Forms W-2 will assist the Village in processing employer wage and withholding information in a timely and accurate manner; and

WHEREAS, the Village wants to require employers issuing ten (10) or more Forms W-2 annually to submit such forms electronically, beginning with Tax Year 2026, while encouraging voluntary electronic filing by employers issuing fewer than ten (10) forms.

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

Section 1. That Section 37.059(A)(8) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, is hereby amended by adding the following language at the end of said subsection:

"Beginning with Tax Year 2026, employers issuing ten (10) or more Forms W-2 during a calendar year must file electronically using the EFW2 Format and Guidelines prescribed by the Social Security Administration and Internal Revenue Service (EFW2), including the municipal tax information required under this section.

Employers issuing nine (9) or fewer Forms W-2 during a calendar year are encouraged, but not required, to submit Forms W-2 electronically."

Section 2. That all existing provisions of Section 37.059 not expressly amended by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. That the amendments established by this Ordinance shall be administered in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 718 and all other applicable provisions of the Bluffton Codified Ordinances.

Section 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the Village of Bluffton, and particularly to provide for the timely and efficient administration of employer income tax reporting requirements for Tax Year 2026. Accordingly, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, as provided by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2026

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RATE CHARGED BY THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA, OHIO TO THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO FOR BULK WATER BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027

WHEREAS: The Village of Ottawa and the Village of Bluffton agree each year on the rate that is charged for water purchased by the Village of Bluffton under its existing water contract.

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

Section 1: That the Village of Bluffton accepts the negotiated water rate charged by the Village of Ottawa, Ohio beginning on January 1, 2027 as follows:

$3.98 per CCF

Section 2: 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 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:

Yes: _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

_____ _____

Fiscal Officer Mayor

Approved as to form:

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Village Solicitor

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNNY APPLESEED METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE 2027 COOPERATIVE PARK IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park and the Village of Bluffton desire to provide improved and increased recreational opportunities to residents in the areas each organization services; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to make funding available to political subdivisions of the State of Ohio throughout Allen County as enabled by the provisions of Section 1545.14 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that the timeliness of the approved agreement is necessary for making application for available grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE JOHNNY APPLESEED METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

Section 1. That the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District and the Village of Bluffton agree to cooperate for the purpose of improving public parklands under the terms and provisions of the Cooperative Park Improvements Grant Program administered by the Board of Park Commissioners for a period of one year and from year to year thereafter, unless terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

Section 2. That the Village Administrator, of the Village of Bluffton is authorized to make application for Grant Program funding to the Board of Park Commissioners for the 2027 fiscal year.

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 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 in open meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted the _____ day of _____, 2026, by the governing board of the Village of Bluffton:

Yes:_____ No:_____ Abstain:_____

Attest _____ _____

Fiscal Officer Mayor

Approved as to Form:_____

Village Solicitor

Miller Contracting Group, Inc. — Since 1974

Project: Bluffton Airport Taxilane Reconstruction
Re: Milestone Schedule
Rev. Date: Friday, October 9, 2026
Project Manager: William Miller

Start DAY OF WEEK, DATE	End DAY OF WEEK, DATE	Scope Item WORK DESCRIPTION
		Traffic Control, Removals & Site Utility
Monday, July 13, 2026	Tuesday, July 14, 2026	Setup Closure At Taxilanes
Wednesday, July 15, 2026	Friday, July 17, 2026	Setup Erosion Control
Monday, July 20, 2026	Tuesday, July 21, 2026	Remove Existing Pavement
Wednesday, July 22, 2026	Monday, July 27, 2026	Excavate, Cut, Fill & Grade All Existing/Prop Taxilanes
Monday, July 27, 2026	Wednesday, August 5, 2026	Storm Sewer & Structures, Rock Channel Protection
		Taxilane Improvements
Thursday, August 6, 2026	Thursday, August 13, 2026	Install Underdrains & Tie Into Basin (18" trench)
Monday, August 10, 2026	Friday, August 14, 2026	Electrical Work (Subject to change due to weather)
Monday, August 17, 2026	Friday, August 28, 2026	Lime Stabilization & Curing (Subject to change due to weather)
Monday, August 31, 2026	Monday, September 21, 2026	Install Stone Subbase (Subject to change due to weather)
Tuesday, September 22, 2026	Thursday, October 1, 2026	Asphalt Paving Taxilanes
Thursday, October 1, 2026	Monday, November 2, 2026	Asphalt 30 day Cure
Monday, November 2, 2026	Friday, November 6, 2026	Line Stripe Pavement
Tuesday, October 20, 2026	Tuesday, October 20, 2026	Jet Pipe Lines
		Site Improvements
Wednesday, October 21, 2026	Monday, October 26, 2026	Place Topsoil (Subject to Change - Possible Spring 2027 Work)
Tuesday, October 27, 2026	Friday, October 30, 2026	Seeding & Mulching (Subject to Change - Possible Spring 2027 Work)
		Closeout
Monday, November 2, 2026	Friday, November 6, 2026	Punch List (Subject to Change - Possible Spring 2027 Work)
Monday, November 9, 2026	Monday, November 16, 2026	Demobilization of Equipment (Subject to Change - Possible Spring 2027 Work)
Thursday, November 12, 2026	Monday, November 16, 2026	Close-out Documents - (Subject to Change - Possible Spring 2027 Work)
Monday, November 16, 2026	Monday, November 16, 2026	**TURNOVER TO OWNER - FINAL COMPLETION**
		*All Dates & Final Completion Subject to Change - (Possible Spring 2027 Work)

Village of Bluffton
Administration Report
To: Mayor Johnson & Council Members

10-26-26

Residential & Small Business Electric Aggregation Program

- **New Rate Increase of 1.96¢ per kilowatt-hour** (current rate is 9.78¢ per kWh)
- **Dynegy is the certified electric generation supplier** (same as current contract)
- **Price is good through June 2029**

Information regarding new contract:

Your County and other counties in the region recently executed a new electric aggregation agreement with Dynegy at a program rate of 11.74¢ per kilowatt-hour (kWh), or $0.1174 / kWh. The new rate will provide long-term price stability for residential and small business participants through the June 2029 billing period.

In a time when electric prices remain unpredictable, continuing the electric aggregation program offers participants several key benefits:

- **Protection From Market Volatility** – electricity pricing has increased dramatically across Ohio over the last several years and remains volatile. This trend is expected to continue with growing electric demand and higher costs to maintain infrastructure. This will impact electric generation costs across Ohio, including rates directly from your local utility or other third-party suppliers.

- **Budget Stability** – the program provides a fixed price for a known term. While one of the goals of the aggregation program has historically been to provide savings when compared to the utility's Standard Service Offer (also known as the price-to-compare or PTC), ongoing market volatility means savings cannot be guaranteed over the contract term. However, the program's fixed energy rate will offer budget certainty and price protection in an uncertain energy market.

- **Buying Power** – your community partnered with other local communities to negotiate on behalf of all eligible residents and small businesses in the areas included. A competitive bidding process was used where offers were received from various suppliers to secure the best price and contracting opportunity possible at this time.

- **Contract Flexibility** – the program allows participants the opportunity to opt out without penalty, or leave with no cancellation or termination fees at any time during the contract term. If you relocate in the area, move out of the area, or find a better offer, you can do so without a financial penalty.

- **Green Pricing Option** – a 100% green price is available as an alternative for interested participants.

Customers may enroll in this product for a price backed by renewable energy.

Eligible participants are beginning to receive opt-out notices from Dynegy in the mail. The opt-out letters will provide new program details, including budget billing information, and no action is needed to participate. You will continue to receive one invoice from your utility each month, with the new rate reflected approximately 45-60 days after receiving the opt-out letter

Airport Taxilane Reconstruction

Copnstruction Schedule is attached. Weather has allowed the topsoil grading to occur today. Hopeful to have project completion in November.

- Invoice #3 – Summary –

	Amount Due	Federal Share	ODOT Share	Local Share
AIP Grant 2223 (90%, 5%, 5%)	$76,078.40	$68,470.56	$3,803.92	$3,803.92*
BIL-AIG Grant 2323 (90%, 5%, 5%)	$97,743.65	$87,969.29	$4,887.18	$4,887.18*
AIP Grant 2525 (95%, 5%, 0%)	$57,028.57	$54,177.14	$2,851.43	$0*
BIL-AIG Grant 2626 (95%, 5%, 0%)	$26,090.24	$24,785.73	$1,304.51	$0*
Total	**$256,940.86**	**$235,402.72**	**$12,847.04**	**$8,691.10***
Miller Contracting Group, Inc.	$256,940.86			
REL/Mannik & Smith Group, Inc.	$0.00			

*includes Local Share for P209 adjustment

Legacy Park – Shelterhouse bidding

Two bids were opened on Oct 15th at 9:00 am. Both bids exceeded the amount that could be awarded. Administration is working with Encompass to re-bid this project.

Leaf pick-up season

- The PWD will pick up leaves on Mondays and Thursdays
- Tuesdays and Fridays are "backup" days to complete anything needed
- Place leaves in long narrow rows utilizing the tree lawns where possible.
- Keep leaf piles away from other objects, cars, fire hydrants, mailboxes, trees, etc.
- Keep sticks any other yard waste separate from leaf piles

Trick-or-Treat Night will be held on **Thursday, Oct. 29** from 6:00–7:30 pm



Reminder: Daylight saving time ends Sunday, Nov 1st at 2:00 am. Clocks fall back one hour.

Streets Committee & Pathway Board Open House – Complete Street on Riley St.

Monday, Nov 2nd at Town Hall. Invite letters have been sent to residents along Riley St.

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON

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

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

EVENT NAME: Christmas at Hoshour House DATE(S) OF EVENT: Nov 22, 2026

APPLICANT: Bluffton University CONTACT PERSON: Cara Echols

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: 1 University Drive, Bluffton CONTACT'S PHONE: 419 358 3407

E-MAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): echolsc@bluffton.edu

LOCATION OF EVENT: Spring St — see map attached

TIME(S) FOR EVENT: 6 - 7 p.m.

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: A Christmas gathering for a tree/decoration lighting and a short program for students.

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: V - 2 blockades

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 V * 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 HELATH DEPARTMENT PERMITS

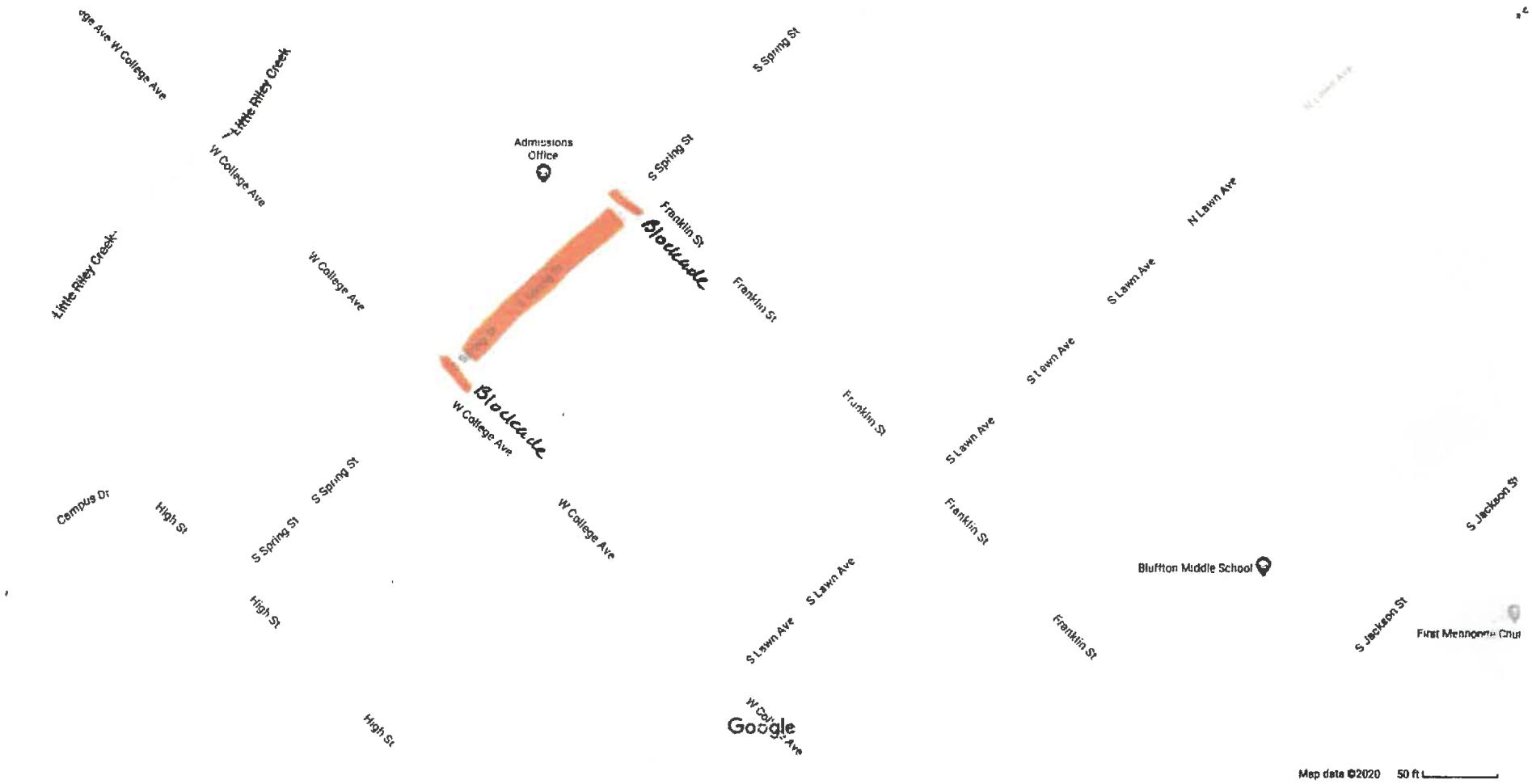
I understand that the granting of this permit for the special event creates no agreement or guarantee, express or implied, to any person or entity for any liability whatsoever connected with this special event. Any liability is the sole responsibility of the person or organization responsible for the 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: _____ DATE: 10/13/26

APPROVED

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

* Map of event location



Road Closure & Detour

Project: ALL-103-Village of Bluffton ***PID #:*** N/A

Contractor: All Excavating & Demolition ***Project Manager:*** Matt/Beth Cogley (419-293-2551)

ODOT Project Manager: Brian Rader (419-999-6711)

Date of Closure: 10/27/26 ***Anticipated Duration of Closure:*** 1 Day (weather dependent)

Length of Detour: 1.95 mi. ***Added Travel Distance:*** 0.0 mi.

Project Description: parapet wall demolition ***Detour Established By:*** ODOT

Official Detour Route: At the interchange of SR103 and IR75, enter onto IR75 northbound and continue north to the interchange with SR103. The same detour applies in reverse for the opposite direction of travel (see map below).

Legend: **Detour Route:** **Closure:**

