

**Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda**  
Bluffton Town Hall, Third Floor  
154 North Main Street, Bluffton  
February 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM

**Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order, Mayor Johnson presiding  
Pledge of Allegiance

**Minutes**

Approval of the minutes for the Village Council meeting held on Monday, January 22, 2018.

**Bills**

**Committee Reports**

Safety Services held on January 24  
Streets, Alleys, Lights & Sidewalks held on January 24  
Finance held on January 25  
Ordinance held on January 25  
Parks & Recreation held on January 29  
Utilities Committee held on January 30  
Cultural Affairs held on January 30

**Legislation**

**Ordinance No. 01-16**

**1st Reading**

**Emergency**

An Ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2018 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

**Administrator's Report**

**Safety Services Reports**

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

Council Meeting – Monday, February 12, at 7:00 pm  
Public Meeting—Assessment Policy  
Council Meeting – Monday, February 26, at 7:00 pm

**Adjournment – Motion and Second**

**Regular meeting January 22, 2018 at 7:00pm.**

Mayor Johnson presiding. Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Selhorst, Steiner and Talavinia present.

Benjamin Stahl was sworn into as a council member by Solicitor Chamberlain.

Cupples moved, seconded by Steiner to approve the minutes the regular council meeting held on January 8, 2018. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Selhorst, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (1) Stahl, motion approved.

Talavinia moved, seconded by Selhorst to approve the bills as presented. Total of \$197,837.80 Roll call: Yes (6) Messrs: Stahl, Cupples, Kingsley, Selhorst, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

The fiscal officer gave the following readings:

**R-01-18 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WESSLER ENGINEERING, INC. FOR UTILITY MAPPING SERVICES**

**AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Kingsley motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Steiner. Stahl asked for the reason for the emergency and Cupples stated that the explanation would be in the utility committee report. Cupples motioned to table the resolution, seconded by Steiner. Roll call: Yes (6) Messrs: Stahl, Cupples, Kingsley, Selhorst, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved. Steiner gave a utility committee report that explained the need to hire Wessler Engineering for utility mapping services for the GIS system since they have already completed a portion of what is needed for the project. Cupples motioned to resume consideration of R-01-18, seconded by Steiner. Roll call: Yes (6) Messrs: Stahl, Cupples, Kingsley, Selhorst, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved. Kingsley motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Steiner. Roll call: Yes (5) Messrs: Stahl, Cupples, Kingsley, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0). Abstain (1) Selhorst. Kingsley motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Steiner. Roll call: Yes (5) Messrs: Stahl, Cupples, Kingsley, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0). Abstain (1) Selhorst.

**R-02-18 – A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON IN SUPPORT OF THE LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SERVING AS THE METROOPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO STUDY AREA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Selhorst motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Cupples. Steiner asked why this was in need of an emergency. Kingsley stated that this is an annual program that expired on December 31, 2017 and we would need to pass this resolution in order to fulfill the 12 months of membership. Roll call: Yes (6) Messrs: Stahl, Cupples, Kingsley, Selhorst, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved. Steiner motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Kingsley. Roll call: Yes (6) Messrs: Stahl, Cupples, Kingsley, Selhorst, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

The Administrator presented the proposals from three businesses for brush grindings. Cupples motioned to approve TAWA Mulch & Landscape Supply's proposal for brush grindings, seconded by Selhorst. Roll call: Yes (6) Messrs: Stahl, Cupples, Kingsley, Selhorst, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Talavinia motioned to adjourn, seconded by Stahl to adjourn regular session.

The following meetings/events were included on the agenda and/or scheduled during the meeting:  
Safety Services (EMS) – Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 4:30pm  
Streets, Alleys, Lights & Sidewalks (W. Elm St.) – Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 5:30pm  
Finance (Appropriations) – Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 4:00pm  
Ordinance (Snow Removal, Codifying) – Thursday, January 25 2018 at 5:30pm  
Parks & Rec Committee Meeting (Buckeye park restrooms) – Monday, January 29, 2018 at 5:00pm  
Utility Committee Meeting (Rate study proposal) – Tuesday, January 30, 1:00pm  
Council Meeting – Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00pm

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON

VOUCHER REPORT 1/23-2/9/18

| NAME                                | AMOUNT      | DEPARTMENT   | DESCRIPTION                                 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---|
| AEP                                 | \$22,453.94 | MULTIPLE     | ELECTRIC                                    |
| ALL SERVICE AERATION, INC.          | \$382.50    | PARK         | PORTABLE TOILETS                            |
| ALLEN COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATI | \$40.00     | FIRE/EMS     | ANNUAL FEES                                 |
| ALLEN COUNTY TREASURER              | \$682.14    | LAND &BLDG   | PROPERTY TAX                                |
| ALLOWAY                             | \$2,043.80  | W/S          | LAB TESTING                                 |
| AMERICA IN BLOOM                    | \$999.00    | ECON DEV     | ANNUAL FEES                                 |
| ANGIE ESSINGER                      | \$245.63    | ADMIN        | PETTY CASH                                  |
| APOLLO CAREER CENTER                | \$1,097.00  | EMS          | EMT TRAINING                                |
| BLUFFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT            | \$302.01    | FIRE         | REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEETING                   |
| BLUFFTON FLYING SERVICE             | \$5,000.00  | AIRPORT      | AIRPORT MANAGEMENT                          |
| BLUFFTON NEWS                       | \$206.40    | ADMIN        | PUBLISHING                                  |
| BLUFFTON STONE                      | \$157.00    | PARK         | COLD PATCH                                  |
| BOUND TREE                          | \$30.49     | EMS          | SUPPLIES                                    |
| BWC                                 | \$1,672.67  | ADMIN        | WORKERS COMP                                |
| BWC                                 | \$1,120.85  | ADMIN        | TRUE UP FOR 2017                            |
| CENTURY LINK                        | \$1,091.99  | ADMIN        | PHONES                                      |
| CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK              | \$13,000.00 | MULTIPLE     | HAS - VILLAGE CONTRIBUTION                  |
| COMPASS MINERALS                    | \$2,684.85  | STREETS      | ROAD SALT                                   |
| DOMINIC FRANCIS                     | \$258.68    | PD           | REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOTEL DURING TRAINING     |
| DOMINION GAS                        | \$2,092.49  | MULTIPLE     | NATURAL GAS                                 |
| F. STEPHEN CHAMBERLAIN              | \$1,450.00  | LEGAL        | CONTRACT                                    |
| FAMILY TRUE VALUE HARDWARE          | \$150.59    | W/S/ADM/ST   | PARTS/SUPPLIES                              |
| FASTENAL                            | \$3.78      | STREETS      | PARTS/SUPPLIES                              |
| GARY'S REPAIR                       | \$100.67    | STREETS      | CHAINS                                      |
| GREAT LAKES BILLING                 | \$792.05    | EMS          | EMS BILLING SERVICE                         |
| INCOME TAX REFUND                   | \$252.67    | INCOME TAX   | REFUND                                      |
| JACK HUBER                          | \$597.00    | ADMIN        | REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES ICMA/APWA |
| KOI                                 | \$93.45     | STREETS/FIRE | PARTS/SUPPLIES                              |
| LEIBERS GARAGE                      | \$776.81    | PD           | AUTO REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE                    |
| M&R PLUMBING & HEATING              | \$625.00    | WWTP         | HEATER REPAIR                               |
| MARATHON FLEET CARD                 | \$291.75    | PD/STREET    | FUEL  |
| MOOREMEDICAL                        | \$345.71    | EMS          | CPAP EQUIPMENT                              |
| NIESE HAULING                       | \$300.00    | PARKS        | RESTROOM DEMO                               |
| NORTHWESTERN OHIO SECURITY SYSTI    | \$104.90    | MULTIPLE     | SECURITY MONITORING                         |
| OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLI  | \$630.00    | PD           | TRAINING                                    |
| OHIO CALIBRATION LABORATORIES LLC   | \$180.00    | PD           | RADAR REPAIR                                |
| OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE               | \$65.00     | LEGISLATION  | COUNCIL TRAINING                            |
| PERRY PROTECH                       | \$57.07     | ADMIN        | COPIER USAGE                                |
| PHYSIO CONTROL                      | \$417.84    | EMS          | ANNUAL FEES                                 |
| PROMOHITS                           | \$285.77    | ADMIN        | BUSINESS CARDS/WELCOME FOLDERS              |
| REPUBLIC SERVICES                   | \$17,160.45 | REFUSE       | TRASH HAULING                               |
| RICHLAND ENGINEERING LTD            | \$53,030.84 | AIRPORT      | ENGINEERING                                 |
| SMARTBILL                           | \$748.64    | W/S          | UTILITY BILL PRINT SVC                      |

| NAME                     | AMOUNT              | DEPARTMENT   | DESCRIPTION              |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS       | \$17,860.00         | MULTIPLE     | ANNUAL FEE/TRAINING      |
| STAPLES                  | \$408.01            | MULTIPLE     | OFFICE SUPPLIES          |
| STREAKER                 | \$235.83            | STREET       | BACKHOE REPAIR           |
| TIME WARNER              | \$998.05            | ADMIN        | INTERNET                 |
| UNITED HEALTHCARE        | \$12,909.41         | MULTIPLE     | HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM |
| UNIV REFERENCE LAB       | \$138.90            | PD           | DRUG/ALCOHOL SCREENING   |
| US POSTAL SERVICE        | \$98.00             | FINANCE      | STAMPS                   |
| VANCE OUTDOORS           | \$652.10            | PD           | SUPPLIES                 |
| VERIZON                  | \$160.68            | PD           | WIRELESS CARDS           |
| VETTER                   | \$13.15             | SEWER/ST     | PARTS/SUPPLIES           |
| YODER, TED               | \$500.00            | CUL. AFFAIRS | TOWN HALL CONCERT        |
| <b>NON PAYROLL TOTAL</b> | <b>\$167,995.56</b> |              |                          |

**Payroll**

|                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| DECEMBER FIRE & EMS PAID 1/26/18 |                     |
| GROSS                            | \$4,740.15          |
| MEDICARE                         | \$66.81             |
| FICA                             | \$98.98             |
| PERS                             | \$386.09            |
| BIWEEKLY PAYROLL PAID 2/2/18     |                     |
| GROSS                            | \$37,297.34         |
| MEDICARE                         | \$514.28            |
| PERS                             | \$3,123.72          |
| OP-F                             | \$2,922.07          |
| JANUARY MONTHLY PAID 2/1/18      |                     |
| GROSS                            | \$2,269.51          |
| MEDICARE                         | \$32.90             |
| FICA                             | \$38.24             |
| PERS                             | \$231.39            |
| <b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>             | <b>\$51,721.48</b>  |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>               | <b>\$219,717.04</b> |

COUNCIL SIGNATURE : \_\_\_\_\_

DATE : \_\_\_\_\_

## Safety Services Committee - Minutes

Village of Bluffton

January 24, 2018 4:30 - 5:26

Present: Phill Talavinia, Ben Stahl, Rich Johnson; Mayor

Staff: EMS Chief Jan Basinger, Fire Chief Jon Kinn

TOPIC: Safety Services needs and future planning

The meeting was a follow up to one that was held in December, but allowed us to bring new Council and committee members up to date.

- Chief Basinger is in the process of applying for a grant thru the Bureau of Workers compensation. This potential \$40,000 grant would be applied to a new ambulance cot and two power load systems. These systems are designed to aid the EMS staff in loading and unloading patients from the squad. The village portion of these items after the grant would be \$31,411.96. These items would not be ordered until we receive the grant which will not be until October.
- Also had dialogue on having the EMS staffed during the day. Need more information on costs, etc.
- Chiefs pay, previously Council was going to increase the Chiefs pay (fire and EMS). There has not been an increase in at least 11 years.
- Talked about moving up the timeline on purchasing a new squad. We are due to get one in 2019 but purchasing sooner would save \$5,600 in installation costs of the Power Load system.
- New pagers are needed for the fire department. Still waiting for the County to implement the new Marks system. Currently, the members are relying on the Activate 911 app on their phones, as well as existing pagers. Cost of these new pagers are \$625.00 per, plus the need for chargers and other accessories.
- Need 3 new sets of turnout gear for some new members and to replace expiring gear. This was budgeted last year there was no need for them at that time.

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Phill Talavinia

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Ben Stahl

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018

Streets, Lights, and Alleys Committee Meeting (Joe Sehlhorst & Jerry Cupples)

Start: 5:40 PM – 6:45 PM

Attendance: Joe Sehlhorst, Jerry Cupples, Mayor Johnson, Admin. Jack Huber, Asst. Admin. Jesse Blackburn

**W. Elm St. Improvements (Spring St. to Bentley Rd.) Phase I – 2018**

- We continue to discuss the W. Elm St. road project from Spring St. to Bentley Rd.
  - o Sidewalks
    - South Side - Sidewalk to be 4' wide. Bump outs will be required to meet ADA standards for pedestrian pass through.
    - North Side – Sidewalk to be 5' wide
    - Committee discussed that the Village consider paying for the extra 1' since current sidewalks being replaced are 4'
  - o Curbs & Gutters
    - Committee discussed if there would be a willingness from the Village to share the cost.
      - Other municipalities like Findlay pay for curbs and gutters, while other municipalities share cost. Per ORC curbs and gutters responsibility of the land owner.
    - Administration requesting Resolution to address this question and to come up with a policy to help guide all future curb and gutter projects moving forward. There are many areas in town where curbs are in disrepair.
      - Example W. Elm St. – 4,600' of Type 2 curb at estimate cost of \$20 per foot.
        - o If Village support 50%, \$46,000 towards Village expense
- See Attached Documents for Financial estimates pertaining to project
  - o Administration organizing and preparing financials to put into a presentable format. Goal is to more clearly identify Village project cost and resident assessment scenarios.
- Committee recommending we attempt to schedule a Special Council as a Whole meeting before the February 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to allow administration to discuss the W. Elm St. project and how to best move forward.

Submitted:

Joe Sehlhorst \_\_\_\_\_

Jerry Cupples \_\_\_\_\_

**Village of Bluffton**  
**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**January 25, 2018 @ 4:00PM**

Finance Committee members present: David Steiner & Phil Talavinia

Mayor present: Richard Johnson

Staff present: Jack Huber, Village Administrator, Jessie Blackburn, Assistant Administrator and Laura Ewing, Fiscal Officer

Discussed that the budget process would begin with a three percent increase on all expenses from 2017. Will also take into consideration the expenses of 2016 and looking for any significant increases. Would like to start the budget off conservatively and then meet with the department heads to hear their list of wants and needs. He would also like to concentrate on capital projects, keeping street projects as a priority. It was suggested to consider paying for the Elm Street waterline and new GIS system out of the general fund. Reminded everyone that cash reserves should be at \$1,000,000.00. Inquired if there is an equipment replacement schedule. Jack and Jesse stated that they are currently working on a capital project schedule and will also work on an equipment schedule. Asked Laura to look into the water tower loan to see if it can be paid off early or paid down.

Steiner adjourned the meeting at 4:56pm.

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David Steiner

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Phil Talavinia

Ordinance Committee Minutes (Sehlhorst & Kingsley)

Village of Bluffton

January 25, 2018

Present: Joe Sehlhorst, Mitch Kingsley, Mayor Johnson, Ben Stahl

Staff: Matt Oglesbee, Jack Huber

TOPIC: Snow Ordinance; Codification of Village Ordinances

I. A. Snow Ordinance (3-99)

-Need to modify the ordinance so as to settle confusion about parking during a snow emergency event. Currently, the ordinance prohibits parking during odd numbered days on the side of the street with even numbered houses; and conversely even days on the odd numbered side of the street.

-The problem concerns cul-de-sacs which are numbered differently from the rest of the village. The numbers on houses are assigned consecutively to circle a cul-de-sac, meaning odd and even numbers are mixed on both sides of such streets.

Proposal: modify the ordinance so that parking is prohibited during a snow emergency event on the right side of the street – when facing the cul-de-sac end of the street -- on even days and on the left side on odd days. There will be no parking in the cul-de-sac itself, which consists of the “bulb” area of the street beginning where the street first widens into the cul-de-sac.

**B. We suggest that council add a paragraph “C.” to section 2. of the ordinance with language our solicitor will develop.**

II. A. Codifying Village Ordinances.

-This involves compiling all of the existing ordinances; and then organizing them into coherent parts and numbering them appropriately (for example, traffic, zoning, noise and so forth).

-Once organized and digitized we will want our ordinance to be available to the public via websites. Note that there will be ongoing maintenance of this material and the website as ordinances change.

-We currently have an estimate to conduct the initial setup of our ordinance by the Walter H. Drane Company for around \$15,000.

**B. We suggest that staff generate proposals from several companies that do this kind of work to make sure we consider competitive prices to complete the setup work and the ongoing cost to maintain.**

-Also, we believe our **appropriations** should include an amount for this work. Our assumption is that **\$15,000** would be an appropriate amount to state.

Future Agenda: Zoning Ordinance Revisions

Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Sehlhorst

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Mitch Kingsley



Parks & Rec - Minutes

Village of Bluffton

January 29th, 2018      Start: 5:05 PM; End: 6:10 PM

Present: Ben Stahl, Mitch Kingsley, Rich Johnson

Staff: Jack Huber, Jesse Blackburn

Topic: New Buckeye Park Restrooms

Minutes:

Should the Village build a new restroom in Buckeye Park? The old one was demolished because it was decrepit and virtually useless. The following shows factors to be considered in deciding whether to build; where to locate; nature and design of the building:

- Received a NatureWorks Grant (Ohio Department of Natural Resources)
  - \$20,000
  - Will need to put up a NatureWorks sign and display it in park for 15 years
- Johnny Appleseed grant
  - \$6,500
- Location
  - Out of the floodplain
  - Propose: On Village land near shuffleboard courts
  - Will require the fence around sewage treatment to be moved slightly
- Materials/design
  - Concrete slab; split block laid up walls w/ wood trusses and metal roof
  - Parking area with handicap features
- Cost
  - \$108k total is a conservative estimate
- Timeframe
  - 6-8 weeks for permit process (must develop architecture/construction plans)
  - 2 weeks for bidding documents
  - Award bids in ~April
- Next steps
  - Gain confidence in cost estimate
    - Choice One cost for locating build site (avoid floodplain)
    - Square footage cost for asphalt (parking)
    - Sharpen estimates for materials/construction cost
  - Build cost into appropriations and give staff go ahead
- Other Parks projects in 2018
  - Buckeye Park: dyke rebuild; lake shore work; Boulders to replace yellow poles
  - Village Park: Wrap garage in metal; same for shelter house gable ends?

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Ben Stahl

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Mitch Kingsley

**Village of Bluffton  
Utility Committee Meeting  
January 30, 2018 @ 1:00PM**

Utility Committee members present: David Steiner & Jerry Cupples

Mayor present: Richard Johnson

Staff present: Jack Huber, Village Administrator & Jesse Blackburn, Assistant Village Administrator

Proposals from several utility rate setting consultants were reviewed.

It was suggested that the Village Administration consult with Wessler Engineering regarding a system evaluation to determine projected costs of future system improvements to provide information to rate setting consultants. The administration is to report back to the Utilities committee at a future date.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM.

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David Steiner

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Jerry Cupples

Tues. Jan 30, 2018

Start: 7 PM End: 8:15 PM

## Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

Attendance: Mayor Rich Johnson, Council Joe Sehlhorst, Jeff Stratton, Kyle Gratz, Aaron Myers, Tyler Bricker, Dan Snyder, Ryan Brauen, Terry Mullenhour – past Blaze Chair, Not Present: Jonah Agner

### Topic: Blaze of Lights

Terry Mullenhour was gracious enough to help the new Cultural Affairs Committee with tips on how to put on a successful Blaze of Lights. We would like to thank Terry for her 30 years of leadership and service to the community. We appreciate all the information you provided at the meeting.

Cultural Affairs consists of two factions in Bluffton: Blaze of Lights and Town Hall Music Series. Currently, these two programs have been the primary focus.

#### Blaze of Lights

- Cultural Affairs Committee picks the person to flip the switch and Grand Marshall for the Parade
- Chamber is in charge of Parade and Vendors
- Terry for the time being is willing to assist the Committee with repair and touching up the nativity pieces. Nicole Anderson is another person who has assisted with painting too.
- Ream Display Pieces and Lighting will be stored in the Cuanza hut at the Airport. Nick Vance, Airport Manager and Administration have keys.
- Placement
  - o Administration and Terry have pictures to use as a reference.
  - o Manger scene always placed in front of Church. No Santa's.
- Meetings
  - o Summer meetings always a good idea to prepare for Blaze of Lights
  - o Give at least 1 to 2 months to find Volunteers.
    - Past Volunteers have included Boy Scouts, Church Youth Group, Boys Basketball Team, Linda Best, Roger Brodman, Bonnie & Ray Hammond, Etc.
    - More Volunteers, the better. Minimum 10. Be sure we try to contact all previous volunteers.
  - o Lighting Checked before Setup Date.
- Setup
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Week of November: Lights Put Up
    - Fred Rodabaugh and Ronnie Worcester (electricians) willing to help.
    - Need multiple lifts.
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of November: Displays Put Up
- Tear Down
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday after January 1<sup>st</sup>
  - o Step One: Go through and pick out damaged pieces and set aside.
  - o All pieces are group numbered on the back. Be sure we store grouped items together.
  - o We will have access to store them in a covered trailer that will be stored at the Airport Cuanza Hut

- Jeff Stratton, BACC applying for \$5000 Matching Grant with Hancock County CVB
  - o Budget Presented to Hancock County CVB

| Blaze of Lights lighting and scenery budget  |                    |                   |                     |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Category                                     | One Time Cost      | Annual Cost       | Annual Cost In Kind |
| Lights to purchase                           | \$12,000.00        | 0                 |                     |
| Lifts to put up and take down 2 lifts twice  |                    | \$2,600.00        |                     |
| In Kind lift donation from Gary L.           |                    |                   | \$200.00            |
| Extension cords for new trees                | \$400.00           |                   |                     |
| Snowflake Pole lights (up to 10 @ \$600 ea.) | \$6,000.00         |                   |                     |
| Misc. Supplies for fixing lights and scenery |                    | \$400.00          |                     |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$18,400.00</b> | <b>\$3,000.00</b> | <b>\$200.00</b>     |
| Total Cash Cost                              | \$21,400.00        |                   |                     |
| Grant applied for at Hancock Co CVB          | \$5,000.00         |                   |                     |
| <b>Total Cash Request in Year 1</b>          | <b>\$16,400.00</b> |                   |                     |
| <b>Total Ongoing Budget Request</b>          | <b>\$3,000.00</b>  |                   |                     |

- Budgeting Request for Blaze of Lights
  - o \$1,500 for Lifts to install and take down lighting
  - o \$1,000 Electrical and equipment
  - o \$3,750 LED Lighting 2<sup>nd</sup> Big Tree
    - In 2017, Chamber spent \$3,750 to light Big Tree
  - o Total: \$6,250

## Potential Funding Opportunities for Cultural Affairs

- In 2017, the hotel tax revenue was \$20,279.95 deposited in the general fund. In 2017, there was a \$5,000 donation to the Chamber and no donation to the entrepreneurs. The last entrepreneur donation was in 2016 for \$5,000.
- Other; Organization and Community Support & Involvement

## What is Cultural Affairs?

- **Service Oriented**
  - Connects people, provides rich opportunities for participation, and fosters creativity.
    - What ways do we offer and identify this in Bluffton? Please Share
- **Community**
  - History, Heritage, Tradition, Togetherness, Festivals, Support, Etc.
    - Ex. Swiss Days, Blaze of Lights, Car Show, Arts & Craft Show, May Day, Fishing Derby, Homecoming Parade, America In Bloom, Neighborhood Picnics, Parks & Recreation, National Night Out, Etc.
    - What other activities, places, and events exist in Bluffton? Things to Do.
- **Arts & Culture**
  - *The City of Houston develops policies and initiatives that expand access to arts and cultural programs in the community, attract visitors and leverage private investment. Helps the public and city realize cultural projects that advance their goals and benefit the city's 2.2 million residents and nearly 17 million annual visitors.*
    - Where are all the areas to view Art in Bluffton? Opportunity for new areas?
      - Ex. AIB identified the need for more Welcoming Entrance into Village
- **Entertainment, Education, Communication**
  - *In Los Angeles, Cultural Affairs role is supporting and providing access to quality visual, literary, musical, performing, and educational arts programming; managing vital cultural centers; preserving historic sites; creating public art; and funding services provided by arts organizations and individual artists.*
    - Town Hall Music Series, School performances, University
    - Where else are we exposed to Entertainment and the Arts in Bluffton?
- **Economic Development by Improving Quality of Life**
  - What brings people to our Community? Safety, Strong Schools, Jobs - Industry, University, I-75/US- 30, Downtown, Restaurants/Retail, Etc.
- **Unlimited Opportunities, Cultural Affairs can be what **BLUFFTON** wants it to be.**
  - Ever Changing. Constantly Evolving. Always Improving. Conserving. And Together
    - Do we have a Cultural Plan for Bluffton? Vision? Mission Statement? Purpose? Organization of Ideas? Communication Channels to bring Togetherness towards Common Goals? Recognition? Common Bond?
  - Need Organized.

## What Are Our Goals as a Cultural Affairs Committee?

- **Members**
  - Why do you want to be involved?
  - Commitments from each member?
  - What do you have a passion for?
  - How often do we meet?
  - Let's Have Fun....
- **Together...**
  - Is this a Committee that can begin a movement where Government, Community, Industry, University, Church, and Organizations can all benefit by working,

communicating, and planning together to preserve and ensure a positive future for the coming generations living in Bluffton?

- Identify Key Members in Village and Community
  - o You. Service Leaders. Industry leaders. Artists. Historians. Organizations. Church leaders.
    - Coming together and communicating freely. Sharing their Goals, Etc.

## **We Need Ideas.... Involvement....**

Unlimited Opportunities with Research, Planning & Effort. Most importantly, Willingness.

## Contact List

### 2018 Cultural Affairs Committee Members

| <u>Name</u>           | <u>Phone</u> | <u>Email</u>   | <u>Focus</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------|--|--------------|
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### Volunteers

|              |       |       | <u>Interests</u>         |
|--------------|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| Ex. John Doe | phone | email | Blaze, Service Club Help |

**ORDINANCE NO. 2-18**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN  
LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2018 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, 2018 Edition, reflects the changes made to Ohio Law during 2017.

**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, 2018 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, 2017 Edition.

**Section 2.** One copy of American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2018 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, 2018 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, 2018 Ed. that is adopted as the Code of Ordinances of the Municipality of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio pursuant to Section 10.15 thereof:

- 72.18 Nuisance Operation of Motor Vehicle
- 72.199 Regulations on Golf Carts, Utility Vehicles, and Other Under Speed Vehicles
- 93.50 Loud Sound Amplification Systems
- 76.50 Parking during Snow Emergency
- 132.20 Intoxication
- 139.20 Curfew
- 139.21 Reward for Information leading to conviction of Vandals
- 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

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, 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

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.**

72.18 NUISANCE OPERATION OF A 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.

(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, chatting, 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 (A) above shall be deemed guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(D) Penalty, see 70.99 (A) (3).

139.20 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., provided the provisions of this section do not apply to minor child or children under the age of 18 years accompanied by his parent, guardian, or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor or where the minor is on an emergency errand, legitimate business, or activity directed or supervised by his parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of such minor.

(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 3 days, or both. (Ord 13-72, passed 9-5-72)

## 139.21 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, including but not limited to any damage to or destruction of trees, shrubs, growing plants, and buildings. (Old. 7-85, passed 64-85)

## 93.50 Loud Sound 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 fifty 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 fifty feet or more from the location of said sound amplification system.

(C) "Sound amplification system" means any radio, tape player, compact disc player, loud speaker or other electronic device used for the amplification of the human voice.

(D) "Plainly audible" means any sound produced by a sound amplification system which can be heard at a distance of fifty 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.

(E) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this Ordinance 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 of Bluffton 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.

(F) Whoever violates any provision of this Ordinance is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more violations of this Ordinance, the violation is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(G) Parental Notification: If the offender is a juvenile and is receiving a warning for violating this Ordinance, the parents of such juvenile will be contacted and informed of the violation and warning.

## 76.50 Parking during Snow Emergency

(A) A Snow Emergency exists where freezing rain or 2" or more of snow has fallen whereas constituting a serious public hazard.

(B) That 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 St. and Jackson St. and Vance St., 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) That no vehicles shall be permitted to park in Village parking lots or in the downtown business districts between College Avenue and Jefferson St and Jackson St. and Vance St., or any streets which currently restrict parking to one side of the street only, for a longer continuous time than twenty-four hours until such time that the snow has been cleaned up.

(D) That whenever any police officer finds a vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance, 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) That whoever violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and may be fined not in excess of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars

#### 72.199 Regulations on Golf Carts, Utility Vehicles, and Other Under Speed Vehicles

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 72.199 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO TO PERMIT AND REGULATE THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN GOLF CARTS IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

WHERE AS, The Village of Bluffton Council recognizes the growing popularity and trend of using golf carts adapted for street use as an acceptable mode of transportation in the Village of Bluffton; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Bluffton Council recognizes and accepts that existing Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code addresses various aspects of golf cart inspection, titling, registration, and use; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Bluffton Council desires to permit and regulate the operation of golf carts in the Village of Bluffton; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bluffton Council desires to establish rules regulating the operation, insurance, inspection, and registration of golf carts, and providing for a penalty for violating the said rules and regulations, as relating to the Ohio Revised Code and Bureau of Motor Vehicles requirements.

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

SECTION 1: That Section 72.199 of the Codified Ordinances is hereby enacted to read as follows:

#### 72.199 (A) DEFINITIONS

- (1) "Golf cart" is defined as 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

- (2) "Operator" means any person who operates or is in actual physical control of a golf cart.
- (3) "Owner" means any person or entity, other than a lien holder or dealer having title to a golf cart or legal rights to possession thereof.

#### 72.199 (B) EQUIPMENT

- (1) Golf carts operated on the streets, highways, and public property within the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, shall have a minimum of the following functional equipment there on:
  - (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
  - (l) A child booster safety seat installed to manufacturer specifications for any occupant between the ages of four and eight or 4'9" in height
- (2) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$100.

#### 72.199 (C) LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF OPERATOR

- (1) The operator of a golf cart on public roadways or on public property in the Village of Bluffton shall have a valid driver's license.
- (2) The operator of a golf cart on public roadways or on public property in the Village of Bluffton shall be no less than 16 years of age.
- (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.

#### 72.199 (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 of Bluffton shall carry liability insurance thereon as required by the Ohio Revised Code 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 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.

#### 72.199 (E) INSPECTION AND TITLE REQUIREMENTS

- (1) No person shall operate a golf cart on public roadways or on public property in the Village of Bluffton without first obtaining an inspection by the Chief of Police, the County Sheriff, or the law enforcement official of another jurisdiction within the State of Ohio to ensure compliance with State laws and this ordinance.
- (2) No person shall operate a golf cart on the public roadways or on public property in the Village of Bluffton without a Certificate of Inspection in his 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 section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$100.

#### 72.199 (F) PROHIBITED ACTS

- (1) No person shall operate a golf cart on public roadways or on public property in the Village of Bluffton 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 of Bluffton, 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 of Bluffton, 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 section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined accordingly:
  - (a) A violation of sections F (1), F (4), and F (5) of this ordinance shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$100.
  - (b) A violation of section F (2) of this ordinance shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$30.
  - (c) A violation of section F (3) of this ordinance shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$20.

#### 72.199 (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 6 months.

#### 132.20 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.

SECTION 2: That an emergency exists in the operations of the Village of Bluffton whereby failure to act will be detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants thereof.

SECTION 3: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and 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.



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

**Section 1:** 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.

**Section 2:** That whoever violates this Ordinance is guilty of minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). This ordinance is in addition to parking regulations in the Codified Ordinances.

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

**Section 1:** 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 3 feet of any intersections of streets with streets or any intersections of streets with alleys.

**Section 2:** That whoever violates this Ordinance is guilty of minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). This ordinance is in addition to parking regulations in the Codified Ordinances.

**Section 3:** For purposes of this Ordinance, "Intersection" means:

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) The junction of an alley with a street or highway, or with another alley, shall constitute an intersection.

76.04(A)(19) Inoperative Motor Vehicle

**Section 1:**

For the purpose of this ordinance, 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 of Ohio

(A) (1) 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

(2) 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

(B) This ordinance 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 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.

(C) Should a vehicle remain parked in violation of this ordinance for a period of more than 72 consecutive hours after being notified by the Village of Bluffton 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 of Bluffton and impounded. The vehicle shall not be released from impound until any and all costs of towing and storage shall be paid.

(D) That any peace officer or zoning officer of the Village of Bluffton 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 ordinance.

**Section 2:**

That whoever violates this Ordinance is guilty of minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each day constitutes a separate offense. This

ordinance is in addition to parking regulations in the Codified Ordinances.

**To: Council Members**

**SR 103 Safety Study Application**

Choice One submitted the TAP Letter of Interest on Friday, January 26. We will hear if the project is selected sometime in March, and if selected, we will need to submit the application by May 18th.

**Bentley Road**

Don Snyder has scheduled to begin the road widening project along Bentley Rd on May 7th. This project could be completed in three – four weeks.

**Surplus**

Request council to declare a 1985 Ford pickup truck surplus.

**Road Salt**

More road salt has been used this winter compared to the last couple years, but we have a good supply on hand.

**Bid packets**

Aggregate & asphalt material; asphalt application; equipment rental; construction and maintenance services

**Seasonal and Part-time Help Sought**

Job applications available at the Town Hall

Many Thanks to our Service Department Employees!

**Service Department**

*Sampling of work accomplished:*

Check lift stations, syphons

Check water plant

Checking outlier high water meter readings

Delinquent shut-offs

Water samples

Pick up brush

Plowing and salting streets

Plowing cemetery and bike paths

Equipment maintenance—Biannual servicing of power equipment and vehicles

General housekeeping

Utilized Degen Excavating to clear stoppage in sanitary main line

**Brush Grinding**

TAWA Mulch & Landscape Supply has completed the double grinding of the brush giving us a quality mulch product. Thank you TAWA!

