

Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

January 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM



Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order, Mayor Johnson presiding

Pledge of Allegiance



Minutes

Approval of the minutes for the Village Council meeting held on Monday, December 27, 2021.

Bills

Public Comment:

Committee Reports

Personnel – 01/05

Ordinance – 01/06 - Zoom

Boards & Commissions

Allen County Public Health Board – 01/03

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2022

1st Reading

Emergency

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2022 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Village Administration Report:

Mayor:

Safety Services Reports:

-EMS-

-Fire Dept.-

-Police Dept.-

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

Village Council – Monday, January 10 at 7:00 pm

Village Council – Monday, January 24 at 7:00 pm

Public Comment

Adjournment – Motion and Second

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting December 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Cupples motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on December 13, 2021. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Steiner motioned, seconded by Talavinia, to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

The Administrator gave the following readings:

1st Reading:

Ordinance 11-2021 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance 02-2021 (The Annual Appropriation Ordinance) and declaring an emergency. Cupples motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Steiner motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Kingsley. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

3rd Reading:

Resolution 22-2021 – A Resolution authorizing the temporary appropriations for the year 2022 for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio. Talavinia motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Kingsley. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Steiner motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

1st Reading:

Resolution 23-2021 – A Resolution making certain transfers and declaring an emergency. Stahl motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Sehlhorst motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Talavinia. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 24-2021 – A Resolution making certain transfers at the legal level of control and declaring an emergency. Cupples motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Kingsley. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Steiner motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Stahl. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 25-2021 – A Resolution to renew the current contract with the firm Hackenberg, Feighner & Werth LLC, with attorney Elliott T. Werth as the Village Solicitor for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio for a period of one (1) year effective January 1, 2022 and declaring as emergency. Cupples motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Talavinia motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Cupples motioned to adjourn the meeting.

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

Personnel Committee – Wednesday, January 5 at noon.

Ordinance Committee – Thursday, January 6 at noon, via Zoom.

Village Council – Monday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
VOUCHER REPORT 1/10/2022

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION
ALL SERVICE AERATION, INC	535.50	Park	PORTABLE TOILETS
ALLEN CO. DARE PROGRAM	1,100.00	Police	DARE PROGRAM
ALLEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	18,451.39	Administrative	DISPATCH SERVICE
ALLOWAY TESTING	220.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	127.50	Multiple	TESTING
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	13,324.13	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
ANDERSON TRACTOR SUPPLY, INC.	16.00	Street	HITCH PIN & HANDLE
ANGIE ESSINGER	110.55	Administrative	PETTY CASH REIMBURSEMENT
ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	148.50	Multiple	LIFE INSURANCE
ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	580.82	Multiple	HEALTH INSURANCE
ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	11,978.98	Multiple	HEALTH INSURANCE
BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING	178.20	Administrative	3RD FLOOR TOWN HALL AC
BERGREN ASSOCIATES, INC.	880.55	Sewer	YSI LABOR
BLUFFTON FLYING SERVICE	5,000.00	Airport	AIRPORT MANAGEMENT
BLUFFTON STONE CO.	243.75	Multiple	STONE
BUREAU OF WORKERS COMPENSATION	18,960.00	Administrative	WORKERS COMPENSATION
CENTURYLINK	63.46	Multiple	PHONES
CENTURYLINK	276.07	Multiple	PHONES
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	132.01	Multiple	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	38.85	Multiple	CABLE
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	4,675.00	Park	S.R. 103 PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION PLANS
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	485.00	Multiple	GENERAL ENGINEERING
CINTAS	182.45	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CINTAS	182.45	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CINTAS	511.23	Administrative	HOODIES
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK - CREDIT CARD	766.97	Multiple	TV'S & MOUNTS
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK - CREDIT CARD	412.00	Police	SUPPLIES
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK- HSA	16,240.00	Multiple	VILLAGE'S HSA CONTRIBUTIONS
EASTMAN & SMITH LTD	1,975.00	Land & Buildings	ANNEXATION WORK
EDGAR A. WENGER	262.50	Sewer	SEWER CLEAN OUT
ESRI	600.00	Multiple	LICENSE
FRESH ENCOUNTER CORPORATE	42.07	Administrative	MEETING SUPPLIES
GARY'S REPAIR	9.60	Park	CHAINSAW PARTS
GARY'S REPAIR	17.45	Park	MOWER PARTS
LEIBER GARAGE	45.92	Police	PD AUTO REPAIRS
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Lexipol	5,089.11	Police	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION
LIMA ALLEN CO. REGIONAL PLAN.	1,586.80	Administrative	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
MARATHON FLEET SERVICES	1,465.24	Multiple	FUEL
MARK SCHAFFER EXCAVATING & TRUCKING	32,982.01	Airport	TAXIWAY RECONSTRUCTION
MARSH VIEW ENTERPRISES, INC	9,501.94	Cemetery	BURIAL & FOUNDATIONS
NORTHWESTERN OHIO SECURITY SYSTEMS	196.00	Land & Buildings	MONITORING
OHIO TREASURER	37,529.27	Capital Improvements	LOAN PAYMENT
OHIO UTILITIES PROTECTION SERVICE	4.00	Administrative	MANUAL CALLOUTS
OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	227,773.21	Capital Improvements	OWDA LOAN PAYMENT
OSPDA	150.00	Police	OSPDA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
PERRY CORPORATION	177.45	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	1,757.61	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	1,334.20	Capital Improvements	WWTP INSTRUMENTATION - PC
PERRY CORPORATION	19.95	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	25.95	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
Railroad Management Company IV LLC	562.26	Water	LICENSE FEE
RICHLAND ENGINEERING LTD.	3,805.38	Airport	TAXI WAY RECONSTRUCTION
RUMPKE	23,405.68	Refuse	TRASH SERVICES

RUMPKE	23,196.02	Refuse
SMARTBILL	858.98	Multiple
SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS	2,000.00	Multiple
SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS	22,235.91	Multiple
SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS	2,000.00	Water
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	76.00	Multiple
TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	2,600.00	Sewer
TREE TECH	1,750.00	Street
VERIZON WIRELESS	240.82	Multiple
VETTER LUMBER CO.	136.46	Multiple
	<u>501,280.07</u>	

TRASH SERVICES
BILLING SERVICES
ANNUAL SOFTWARE & HARDWARE SUPPORT
ANNUAL SOFTWARE & HARDWARE SUPPORT
VIP UTILITY BILLING TOOL
SUPPLIES
ELIMINATION SYSTEM
STREET TREE REMOVAL
CELL PHONES
SUPPLIES

DECEMBER MONTHLY	2,569.00
MEDICARE	37.22
OPERS	192.17
FICA	40.14

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 12/31/21	26,765.68
MEDICARE	530.48
OPERS	1,968.05
OP&F	2,329.58

Council Signature : _____

Date: _____

Ordinance Committee Minutes

Village of Bluffton

January 6, 2022 by ZOOM

Present: Joe Sehlhorst, Mitch Kingsley

Staff: Jesse Blackburn, Richard Johnson

Public: Andy Chappell-Dick

TOPIC: ZONING

From our last meeting:

- We will review material the Kleinfelder company will send us about their services;
- We will think about what help we need to move ahead in Bluffton, considering the resources we have: 2006 Visioning; Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission; and others.

-Joe submitted Homework #2 with notes and references:

- What can we do to help ourselves? And in what ways do we need help from others?
- Getting our house in order: What needs improving? What has been forgotten?

In-House resources:

- Board of Zoning & Building Appeals; what are their (suggestions/issues/concerns)
- Administration: conduct infill inventory; how many open lots in town? Can/should we push in-fill development? What current zoning rules restrict or encourage infill?
- Tree Commission: Conduct public tree audit; update long term tree planting plan.
- Streets & Alleys Committee: What areas/streets need infill or maintenance? What is the strategic plan for new streets in the next area of growth?

Outside Resource:

- Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC): Get their help in creating a Comprehensive Plan
- Kleinfelder or other Consulting Firm: Conduct visioning process

-Conduct Visioning Process?

(Joe Homework:) What Is Visioning? Goal is to inform, engage and listen to community members' aspirations for the future of the Village.

- collaboratively develop consensus around a desired future for Bluffton to set goals, make plans and solve problems;
- actively engage in respectful discussion and exercises about alternative futures;
- work toward broad agreement about preferred futures, leading to implementation strategies with new focus or direction in public policy and actions

We agreed on assignments for next time:

1. Jesse will approach Shane Coleman of LACRPC to get information about starting a comprehensive plan; the resources needed to conduct it; and what we can expect to achieve/receive from it.

2. We will begin thinking about people to serve on a visioning or comprehensive plan process. Our list should include a wide diversity of folks who represent the community at large. Below is a list of people who served on the 2006 visioning effort.

Jeff Boehr
Linda Nyce
Bill Watkins
Katie Wehri

Brion Rhodes
Jean Triplett
Dennis Maurer
Dick McGarrity

Fred Steiner
Rick Skilliter, PC
Stan Clemens
Jamie Mehaffie, VA

Greg Denecker, Sup.
Bob Antibus
Ed Yeager

Submitted,

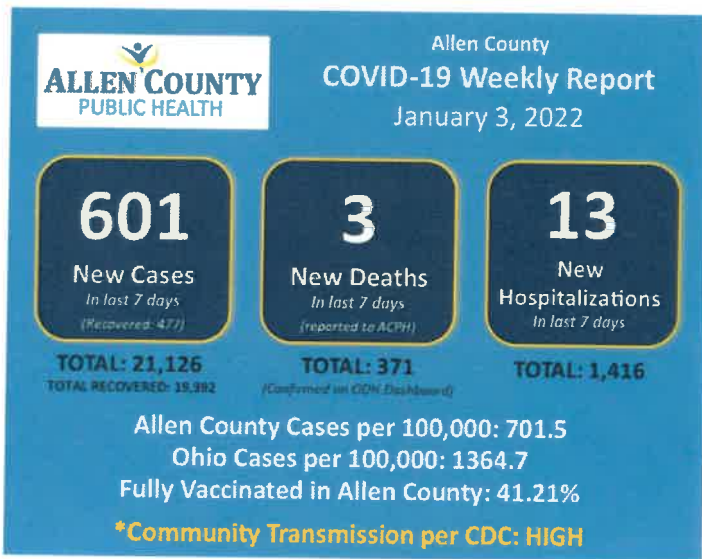
Joe Sehlhorst

Mitchell Kingsley

COVID-19: New Quarantine & Isolation Guidance

The Ohio Department of Health has aligned their guidance for COVID-19 quarantine and isolation guidance with the updated recommendations released by the Centers for Disease Control earlier in the week.

Included in this update is a [flow chart](#) based on the updated guidance following an exposure to someone with COVID-19. Regardless of vaccination status or symptoms, anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate for at least 5 days. However, if symptoms are improving, isolation may end on the sixth day following either symptom onset or a positive COVID-19 test if the person consistently wears a mask for the next five days. Detailed quarantine and isolation guidance are available in the [flow chart](#).

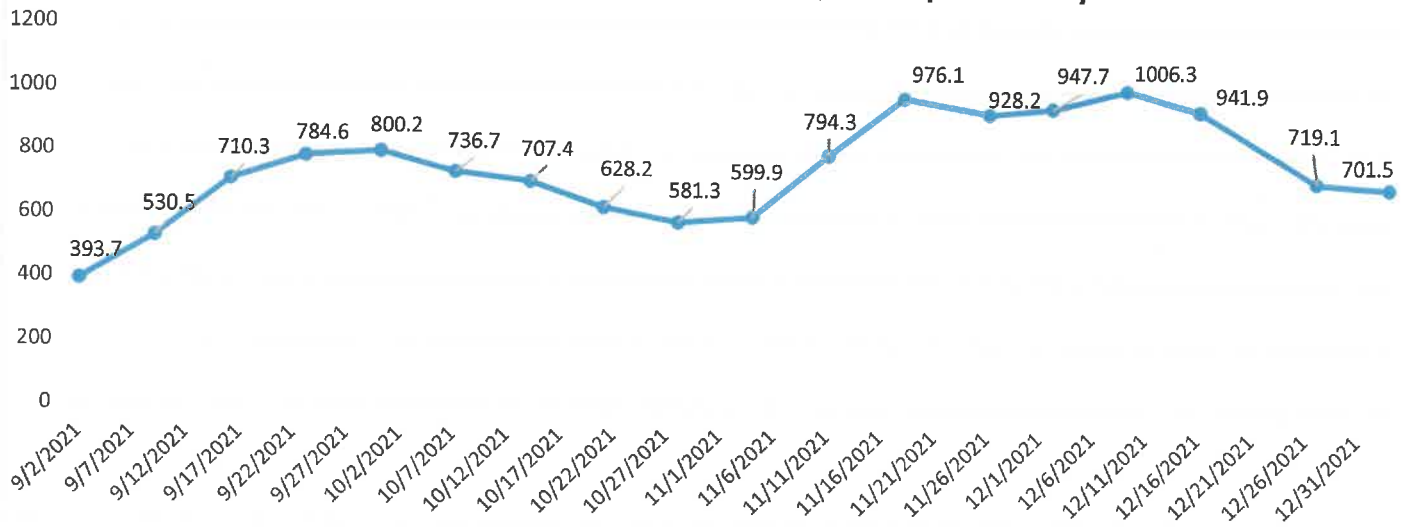


Three new deaths have been reported to ACPH in the past 7 days:
12/28—66 year old male;
12/29—72 year old female; 59 year old female.

For daily state and county data, including vaccine data, visit the interactive COVID-19 Ohio Dashboard at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov>. Data on breakthrough cases is also available for the State of Ohio on the data dashboard.

**Level of Community Transmission is based on new cases/100,000 persons and the # of positive cases in the past 7 days. This data can be found on the CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>.*

Allen County COVID-19 New Cases/100,000 in past 14 days - ODH



WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE COVID-19

Regardless of Symptoms or Vaccination Status



- Stay home for the next five days regardless of symptoms or vaccination status.



- Stay away from other people as much as possible (including those in your own household).



- If you can't stay away from other people, wear a three-layer (or better) mask.



- Do you have a fever or other symptoms that haven't started to get better on day six?



YES



- Stay home until your fever is gone and other symptoms are better.



- Wear a mask for the next five days.



NO



- Resume activities with a mask.

- Wear a mask for the next five days.

If you are having symptoms of COVID-19 and waiting for your test results, stay home until you get your results.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WHO HAS COVID-19**

And, Your COVID-19 Vaccines Are Up-to-Date

- If you received a booster dose of any COVID-19 vaccine.

or

- If you completed the primary series* of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine less than six months ago.

or

- If you completed the primary series* of Johnson & Johnson vaccine less than two months ago.



For 10 days

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days after your last exposure.
- Test on day five.
- If you develop symptoms or test positive, stay home.

If you tested positive for COVID-19 in the 90 days before your exposure.

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- If you develop symptoms, get tested and stay home.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WHO HAS COVID-19**

And, You are Unvaccinated or Your Vaccines Are Not Up-to-Date

- If you are unvaccinated or only received one dose of Pfizer or Moderna.

or

- If you completed the primary series* of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine more than six months ago.

or

- If you completed the primary series* of Johnson & Johnson vaccine more than two months ago and no booster.



For 5 days

- Stay home for five days after your last exposure, then wear a mask around others for the next five days.
- Test on day five.
- If you develop symptoms or test positive, stay home.

*A primary series consists of one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine; or two doses of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine; or three doses of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine if you received an additional dose because you are immunocompromised.

Thank you to Clark County Combined Health District for sharing its graphic with the Ohio Department of Health.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-22

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2022 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, 2022 Edition, reflects the changes made to Ohio Law during 2021.

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, 2022 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, 2022 Edition.

Section 2. One copy of American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2022 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, 2022 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, 2022 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 _____, 2022, 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.

72.18 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. (Ord. 7-85, passed 64-85)

96.20 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. 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.

WHEREAS, 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.

Village of Bluffton

Administration's Report

To: Mayor Johnson & Council Members



01-10-22

Public Works Dept. Hiring

On going projects:

- **WWTP Instrumentation Project**
- **Water Main Relocation Project - Bluffton University Campus**

2021 PEP Safety Grant

\$1,000 check from PEP has been received to support the purchase of (3) new step ladders and rechargeable LED road flares made in 2021. Status of application for 2022.

Brush Grinding

Discussion on the award of a contract to Tawa Mulch & Landscape Supply to perform a primary grind of all material in the brush dump and a double grind of 50% of the remaining material. The material that is double ground will remain on site while the primary ground material will be hauled off site. Contract price at \$14,700.

Work can commence within one week of awarded contract.

2021 Summary of Income Tax Collection

Attached spreadsheet shows the history of income tax collection over the past 8 years.

- \$2,610,453.74 was collected in 2021.
- \$1,056,286.00 of this revenue is committed to paying debts on past Village improvements.

Water Distribution – Top 15 Users from 2021

1. Sumi Riko	6. Bluffton Hospital	11. Bluffton Univ – Marbeck
2. Grob Systems – Plant	7. Vance St. Apts.	12. A & B Car Wash
3. Mennonite Memorial Home	8. Bluffton Univ. – Ropp Hall	13. Bluffton U. – Hirschy Annex
4. Bluffton Univ. – Ramseyer	9. Grob – Cafeteria	14. Bluffton Univ. – Hirschy
5. Riley View Apts.	10. Comfort Inn	15. Alpine Holdings

Utility Billing: Due Date to 25th of every month

Billing cycles will change from reading dates at 15th of every month to reading dates at end of month. Bills will reflect water usage from each calendar month and will be due on the 25th of each month.

Change in billing cycle will occur for bills due March 25th. Reading dates will be from Jan 17 – February 28.



Mayor Johnson

Election of Council President

Council Committee Meetings: Request for meetings with:

Personnel – Employee wages, PD requests

Streets – Curb replacement program, curb-o-let performance review

Ordinance – needed changes to Parking Restrictions, Water Distribution regs.



Date: January 2, 2022

To: Mayor Johnson and Council

From: Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

Reference: Police Department Monthly Report

POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

December 2021

Police Calls for Service – 437

Traffic Stops – 49

Citations – 10

CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

Agg. Assault with Weapon	-	1
Driving under Suspension	-	8
Inducing Panic	-	1
Juvenile Offense	-	1
Menacing	-	3
Theft	-	1
Total	-	15



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	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Accident Property	5	8.2	6	9.8	4	6.6	6	9.8	2	3.3	4	6.6	9	14.8	6	9.8	1	1.6	5	8.2	5	8.2	8	13.1	61
Accident w/Injuries	2	18.2	1	9.1	1	9.1	1	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	9.1	0	0.0	1	9.1	2	18.2	1	9.1	1	9.1	11
Administrative	52	5.0	82	7.9	113	10.9	62	6.0	94	9.1	113	10.9	115	11.1	132	12.7	108	10.4	59	5.7	49	4.7	58	5.6	1037
Aiding Other	23	6.9	35	10.5	30	9.0	19	5.7	25	7.5	28	8.4	20	6.0	34	10.2	26	7.8	28	8.4	32	9.6	34	10.2	334
Alarm	10	8.3	17	14.0	8	6.6	8	6.6	10	8.3	16	13.2	17	14.0	8	6.6	8	6.6	6	5.0	8	6.6	5	4.1	121
Animal Complaint	1	2.7	0	0.0	1	2.7	5	13.5	5	13.5	3	8.1	2	5.4	3	8.1	7	18.9	7	18.9	1	2.7	2	5.4	37
Assist Police	7	7.3	6	6.3	8	8.3	7	7.3	5	5.2	6	6.3	5	5.2	11	11.5	4	4.2	12	12.5	11	11.5	14	14.6	96
B&E	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Child Abuse	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	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Civil Complaint	1	4.8	3	14.3	2	9.5	0	0.0	2	9.5	2	9.5	3	14.3	1	4.8	2	9.5	2	9.5	1	4.8	2	9.5	21
Court	0	0.0	2	15.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	7.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	69.2	1	7.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	13
Criminal Damage	0	0.0	1	6.3	1	6.3	1	6.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	25.0	5	31.3	2	12.5	0	0.0	1	6.3	1	6.3	16
Deceased	1	20.0	2	40.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Domestic	0	0.0	2	22.2	0	0.0	1	11.1	2	22.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	11.1	3	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	9
Drug Abuse	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	40.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
EMS CALL	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Escort	1	6.7	0	0.0	3	20.0	1	6.7	2	13.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Fight Complaint	0	0.0	1	7.7	1	7.7	4	30.8	1	7.7	0	0.0	2	13.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	6.7	2	13.3	3	20.0	15
Fire	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	7.7	0	0.0	2	15.4	1	7.7	2	15.4	13
Follow Up	4	2.5	8	5.0	24	15.1	6	3.8	5	3.1	8	5.0	14	8.8	20	12.6	28	17.6	14	8.8	13	8.2	15	9.4	159
Forgery	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Hazmat	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Hit Skip	1	5.3	3	15.8	3	15.8	1	5.3	1	5.3	1	5.3	3	15.8	3	15.8	0	0.0	2	10.5	1	5.3	0	0.0	19
House/Building	131	5.8	114	5.0	175	7.7	122	5.4	101	4.5	110	4.8	265	11.7	327	14.4	317	14.0	255	11.2	207	9.1	145	6.4	2269
Intoxicated Driver	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	40.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	5
Intoxicated Person	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	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	2



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Investigate Vehicle	18	4.7	28	7.3	31	8.1	38	9.9	21	5.5	33	8.6	44	11.5	38	9.9	47	12.2	36	9.4	27	7.0	23	6.0	384
K9 Request	3	27.3	0	0.0	3	27.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	9.1	0	0.0	1	9.1	2	18.2	1	9.1	0	0.0	11
Lock Out	5	5.1	10	10.1	9	9.1	9	9.1	12	12.1	11	11.1	6	6.1	10	10.1	6	6.1	10	10.1	9	9.1	2	2.0	99
Lost/Found	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
Medical Call - BLS	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Menacing	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	10.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	10.0	0	0.0	1	10.0	2	20.0	1	10.0	0	0.0	4	40.0	10
Mentally Ill Person	2	10.0	2	10.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	10.0	3	15.0	0	0.0	1	5.0	2	10.0	3	15.0	2	10.0	3	15.0	20
Miscellaneous	87	9.9	68	7.8	85	9.7	83	9.5	78	8.9	43	4.9	78	8.9	100	11.4	89	10.1	69	7.9	50	5.7	47	5.4	877
Missing Adult	0	0.0	0	0.0	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	2
Missing Juvenile	0	0.0	1	33.3	1	33.3	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	3
Motorist Assist	3	3.4	7	7.9	6	6.7	4	4.5	6	6.7	7	7.9	7	7.9	10	11.2	9	10.1	13	14.6	13	14.6	4	4.5	89
Open	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
Paper Service	0	0.0	1	2.0	0	0.0	1	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Patrol Check	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	23.5	31	60.8	3	5.9	2	3.9	1	2.0	51
Pedestrian Stop	1	5.0	2	10.0	2	10.0	1	5.0	2	10.0	1	5.0	3	15.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Prisoner Escort	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.0	20
Prowler	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Range Training	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	2	40.0	5
Receiving/Recover	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Robbery	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	3
Sex Offense	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	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
Sexual Abuse	0	0.0	2	28.6	0	0.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Shots Fired	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	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7
Stolen Vehicle	0	0.0	0	0.0	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	33.3	0	0.0	3
Suspicious Person	2	4.4	1	2.2	1	2.2	2	4.4	3	6.7	4	8.9	8	17.8	7	15.6	8	17.8	5	11.1	1	2.2	3	6.7	45
Telephone	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	10.0	0	0.0	2	20.0	1	10.0	1	10.0	4	40.0	1	10.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	10



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Theft	1	3.0	2	6.1	6	18.2	1	3.0	4	12.1	2	6.1	2	6.1	2	6.1	3	9.1	2	6.1	7	21.2	1	3.0	33
Traffic Stop	35	5.9	18	3.0	41	6.9	40	6.7	42	7.1	44	7.4	62	10.4	68	11.4	71	12.0	69	11.6	55	9.3	49	8.2	594
Trespass	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Unruly Juvenile	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Unsecured Door	1	3.2	0	0.0	3	9.7	0	0.0	5	16.1	1	3.2	2	6.5	7	22.6	4	12.9	2	6.5	4	12.9	2	6.5	31
Unwanted Guest	1	5.9	1	5.9	1	5.9	1	5.9	3	17.6	0	0.0	4	23.5	0	0.0	1	5.9	2	11.8	1	5.9	2	11.8	17
Warrant Service	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	40.0	5
Total:	402	6.1	432	6.5	568	8.6	430	6.5	437	6.6	453	6.9	687	10.4	822	12.5	803	12.2	618	9.4	511	7.7	437	6.6	6600



Ticket Statistics

Print Date/Time: 01/01/2022 23:28
 Login ID: rburkholder
 Statute: All

From Date: 12/01/2021
 To Date: 12/31/2021
 Ticket Type: All

Bluffton Police Department
 ORI Number: OH0020100

Traffic	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
4513.03A Lights required at Dark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
4511.21B3 Speed 35 MPH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
4511.203A2 Knowingly permitting another to Drive on Suspended License	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
73.10(B)(3) Speed 35 MPH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
72.032(A) Fail to Yield Stop Sign	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
4510.14A Driving Under Suspension - OVI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
4510.11A Driving Under Suspension	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
4510.12A1 No Drivers License (NO OL)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Traffic Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10



Ticket Summary

Print Date/Time: 01/01/2022 23:30
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Bluffton Police Department
 ORI Number: OH0020100

As Of Date: 12/31/2021

Statute Description	Current Month		Year to Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
1 TAIL LIGHT REQ./ LIC. PLATE LIGHT REQ.	0	0	2	0
2 HEADLIGHTS REQUIRED/ 1 HEADLIGHT ON MOTORCYCLE	0	0	2	0
ACDA Assured Clear Distance Ahead	0	0	1	0
Defective Exhaust	0	0	1	0
Driver's View and Control to be Unobstructed	0	0	1	0
Driving on Right Side of Roadway - Exceptions	0	0	1	0
Driving Under Suspension	2	0	4	0
Driving Under Suspension - 12 Point	0	1	0	1
Driving Under Suspension - FRA	0	1	5	2
Driving Under Suspension - License Forfeiture	0	0	6	0
Driving Under Suspension - OVI	1	0	2	0
Driving Left of Center	0	0	2	0
Expired License Plates	0	1	18	1
Expired OL at Time of Stop	0	0	1	0
Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device	0	0	3	0
Fail to Yield Stop Sign	1	0	6	0
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORDER OR SIGNAL OF PEACE OFFICER - ELUDE OR FLEE	0	0	1	0
FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	0	1	8	1
Failure to Reinstate	0	0	2	0
Failure to Yield - Stop Sign	0	2	6	2
Failure to Yield - Yield Signs	0	0	1	0
Failure to Yield the Right of Way - any other place	0	0	1	0
Failure to Yield the Right of Way - passing stopped vehicle	0	0	1	0
Failure to yield the right of way when turning left	0	0	2	0
HAVING PHYSICAL CONTROL OF VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE	0	0	1	0
Illegal Plates - Fictitious, Counterfeit, or Copy	0	0	2	0
Knowingly permitting another to Drive on Suspended License	1	0	1	0
Lanes of Travel - Driving on the Right	0	1	3	1
Left of Center	0	0	1	0
Lights required at Dark	1	0	2	0
Motor Vehicle Stop Lights	0	0	1	0
No Drivers License (NO OL)	1	0	14	0
Nuisance Operation (Rapid Acceleration, Loud Noise, Squealing Tires, Revving Engine)	0	0	1	0
Obedience to Traffic Control Devices	0	0	3	0
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Title	0	0	1	0
OVI	0	0	4	0
OVI Over .17 - Breath	0	0	1	0
OVI Refusal To Test With Prior	0	0	1	0
Parking Blocking Driveway	0	0	0	1
PARKING FACING ONCOMING TRAFFIC	0	0	2	0
PARKING WHERE SIGNS PROHIBIT	0	0	1	0
Passing on the right (driving off roadway to pass)	0	0	1	0
Placing Unauthorized Signs in Right-of-way	0	0	0	1
Plates from Another Vehicle	0	1	8	1
Prohibition Against Parking On Streets or Highways	0	0	1	0
Reasonable Control	0	0	2	0
Req. to move to left for stopped public safety vehicle	0	0	1	0
Right-of-Way at Highway From Any Other Place Other Than Roadway	0	0	3	0
Rules for Changing lanes	0	0	1	0



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Statute Description	Current Month		Year to Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
Rules for Starting and/or Backing	0	0	2	0
Safety Belt - Driver	0	0	2	0
Sharing Half the Roadway	0	0	1	0
Speed - 20 MPH (School Zone)	0	0	2	0
Speed 25 MPH	0	1	40	2
Speed 25 MPH	0	0	4	0
Speed 35 MPH	2	1	19	3
Speed 35 MPH	1	0	4	0
Speed 50 MPH (also 45 MPH)	0	0	7	0
SPEED/ACDA	0	0	4	0
Starting and Backing Vehicles	0	0	1	0
Stopping Vehicle, Slow Speed, Posted Minimum Speeds	0	0	1	0
Texting While Driving	0	0	1	0
TOWING REQUIREMENTS	0	2	0	2
Turn Signals Required within 100 ft of Turn	0	0	1	0
Two Lights on Front of Vehicle	0	0	4	0
Unlawful Plates - Former Owner	0	0	1	0
U-Turns Restricted	0	0	1	0
Violation of License Restrictions (2255 Needed)	0	0	1	0
WHITE LIGHTS PROHIBITED ON REAR	0	1	1	1
WINDOW TINT	0	0	4	0
Wrongful Entrustment of a Motor Vehicle	0	0	1	0
Grand Totals	10	13	235	19



Incident Activity Report

Print Date/Time: 01/02/2022 00:02
Login ID: rburkholder
Layer: All
Areas: All

From Date: 01/01/2021 00:00
To Date: 12/31/2021 23:59

Bluffton Police Department
ORI Number: OH0020100
Incident Type: All

Hour	SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		TOTAL	
	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%
24	54	0.8	66	1.0	79	1.2	81	1.2	65	1.0	43	0.7	55	0.8	443	6.7
1	64	1.0	69	1.0	80	1.2	71	1.1	61	0.9	27	0.4	47	0.7	419	6.3
2	41	0.6	51	0.8	51	0.8	37	0.6	40	0.6	35	0.5	32	0.5	287	4.3
3	36	0.5	24	0.4	48	0.7	20	0.3	21	0.3	18	0.3	21	0.3	188	2.8
4	31	0.5	23	0.3	21	0.3	13	0.2	28	0.4	23	0.3	16	0.2	155	2.3
5	5	0.1	18	0.3	14	0.2	14	0.2	21	0.3	12	0.2	10	0.2	94	1.4
6	6	0.1	14	0.2	18	0.3	12	0.2	20	0.3	11	0.2	8	0.1	89	1.3
7	12	0.2	22	0.3	40	0.6	8	0.1	18	0.3	18	0.3	13	0.2	131	2.0
8	25	0.4	49	0.7	70	1.1	44	0.7	48	0.7	40	0.6	23	0.3	299	4.5
9	32	0.5	70	1.1	65	1.0	95	1.4	84	1.3	68	1.0	46	0.7	460	7.0
10	21	0.3	72	1.1	59	0.9	54	0.8	57	0.9	37	0.6	44	0.7	344	5.2
11	27	0.4	58	0.9	41	0.6	51	0.8	35	0.5	32	0.5	27	0.4	274	4.2
12	25	0.4	64	1.0	39	0.6	39	0.6	35	0.5	36	0.5	27	0.4	261	4.0
13	21	0.3	43	0.7	36	0.5	28	0.4	39	0.6	32	0.5	29	0.4	232	3.5
14	23	0.3	65	1.0	43	0.7	43	0.7	35	0.5	31	0.5	30	0.5	270	4.1
15	25	0.4	77	1.2	56	0.8	66	1.0	56	0.8	40	0.6	30	0.5	350	5.3
16	19	0.3	31	0.5	55	0.8	36	0.5	25	0.4	41	0.6	29	0.4	236	3.6
17	22	0.3	34	0.5	43	0.7	48	0.7	27	0.4	46	0.7	31	0.5	251	3.8
18	24	0.4	24	0.4	29	0.4	32	0.5	27	0.4	37	0.6	24	0.4	197	3.0
19	23	0.3	37	0.6	27	0.4	42	0.6	24	0.4	32	0.5	22	0.3	207	3.1
20	42	0.6	31	0.5	57	0.9	43	0.7	28	0.4	18	0.3	29	0.4	248	3.8
21	40	0.6	60	0.9	73	1.1	66	1.0	42	0.6	46	0.7	58	0.9	385	5.8
22	54	0.8	58	0.9	48	0.7	56	0.8	49	0.7	50	0.8	60	0.9	375	5.7
23	47	0.7	61	0.9	71	1.1	60	0.9	47	0.7	57	0.9	62	0.9	405	6.1
Totals:	719	10.9	1121	17.0	1163	17.6	1059	16.1	934	14.2	831	12.6	773	11.7	6600	100.00



Ticket Statistics

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From Date: 01/01/2021
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 Ticket Type: All

Bluffton Police Department
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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
4510.11A Driving Under Suspension	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4
4511.19A1h OVI Over .17 - Breath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
4510.12A1 No Drivers License (NO OL)	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	4	0	1	2	15
4511.19A1a OVI	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	4
Traffic Totals	5	6	19	11	8	7	17	15	19	31	11	12	161
Totals	10	8	26	18	13	16	34	38	19	31	12	12	237



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2021 BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT K9 UNIT REPORT

As with everything else in 2021, the Bluffton Police Department K9 Unit was trying to get back to some sort of normalcy after the COVID-19 pandemic that impacted our unit's activity in 2020. We struggled with navigating the beginning of 2021 still under a "soft enforcement" directive but attempted to be as productive as feasibly possible. K9 Kato and I continued our OPOTA required monthly training with the Allen County Sheriff's Office K9 Corps. K9 Kato also successfully completed his annual recertification on April 27, 2021. While the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted our ability to perform demonstrations, we were able to meet with members of the Bluffton Lion's Club and talk a little about what K9 Kato can do and has done for the community. The Bluffton Police Department K9 Unit was also involved in the pursuit/officer involved shooting on Bentley Road in mid-December. Unfortunately, K9 Kato was not able to be utilized to track the suspect's whereabouts due to the inclement weather that we faced that night.

Total K9 Related Calls (Deployments, Demonstrations, etc.) – 13

Total (minimum) Training Hours Logged (per OPOTA standards) – 192 hours

Highlighting the Bluffton Police Department K9 Unit's 2021 accomplishments are:

- A vehicle sniff resulting in the recovery of suspected cocaine.
- A vehicle sniff resulting in the recovery of 37.75 pounds (17 kilos) of marijuana.

While we did not have the most active year (due to overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic), we are continuing to strive to take drugs off the streets and assist with making the Village of Bluffton a safer place to live, work and play.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Tyler Hochstetler & K9 Kato