

Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

February 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM



Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order, Mayor
Johnson presiding

Pledge of Allegiance



Minutes

Approval of the minutes for the Village Council meeting held on Monday, February 12, 2024

Bills

Public Comment:

Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation – Feb. 20th
Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Lights – Feb. 21st

Boards & Commissions

Airport Commission – Feb 13th
Tree Commission – Feb. 21st

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2024

3rd Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT RESTRICTED PARKING ZONES ON THE NORTHEASTERLY SIDE OF THE TOWN HALL ALONG EAST ELM STREET FROM MAIN STREET TO THE MID-BLOCK ALLEY.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2024

3rd Reading

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POSITIONS AND WAGES FOR SWIMMING POOL STAFF AND RATES FOR 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2024

1st Reading

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

Village Administration Report:

Mayor:

Safety Services Reports:

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

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

- Council Meeting – Monday, February 26th at 7:00 pm
- Parks & Recreation Committee – Wednesday, February 28th at noon
- Pathway Board – Thursday, March 7th at noon
- Finance Committee – Tuesday, March 5th at noon
- Tree Commission – Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 pm

Public Comment

Adjournment – Motion and Second

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting February 12, 2024, 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 January 22, 2024. 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 Fiscal Officer gave the following readings:

2nd Reading:

Ordinance 02-2024 – An Ordinance to enact restricted parking zones on the northeasterly side of Town Hall along East Elm Street from Main Street to the mid-block alley. Sehlhorst motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 04-2024 – A Resolution establishing positions and wages for swimming pool staff and rates for 2024. Stahl motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Talavinia. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Cupples motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to approve the special event request for the Ashes to Go event on February 14, 2024. Three parking spots in front of the Bluffton Presbyterian Church on Main St. will be closed from 7:00 – 9:00am. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavinia motioned, seconded by Stahl, to approve the special event request from Bluffton Hospital to block off the alley next to the hospital to control access to the hospital on April 8, 2024, during the total eclipse event. The alley will be blocked all day. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Council discussed the regular meeting scheduled for April 8, 2024. April 8, 2024, is the date of the total eclipse and Bluffton is in the path of totality. Traffic is expected to be high that day with the possibility of closed roads and traffic jams in the area. Council elected to move the scheduled regular meeting to April 9, 2024, to avoid potential traffic and other issues that may arise.

Steiner motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to enter into executive session to discuss contracts with the Council, Mayor, Solicitor, Administrator, and Fiscal Officer present. No action is expected. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavinia motioned, seconded by Cupples, to exit executive session and return to open session. 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.

Parks & Recreation Committee on Tuesday, February 20 at noon.

Streets, Alleys, Lights & Sidewalk Committee on Wednesday, February 21 at 5:00pm.

Tree Commission on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00pm.

Village Council on Monday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Finance Committee on Tuesday, March 5 at noon.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
VOUCHER REPORT 2/26/2024

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION
ALBERS AND ALBERS	150.00	Administrative	LEGAL FEES
ALL PHASE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	9,284.10	Multiple	SR 103 LIGHT POLE REPAIR
ALLOWAY TESTING	75.00	Multiple	TESTING
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	4,859.44	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	946.18	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	948.16	Multiple	VISION & DENTAL INSURANCE
ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	156.75	Multiple	LIFE INSURANCE
BLUFFTON PRECAST CONCRETE	500.00	Street	SIGN BASES
BLUFFTON STONE CO.	345.02	Multiple	STONE
BLUFFTON STONE CO.	1,187.00	Multiple	STONE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	183.93	Multiple	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	48.94	Multiple	CABLE
CINTAS	73.04	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CINTAS	82.52	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CINTAS	85.72	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CLEMANS, NELSON & ASSOCIATES, INC	175.00	Administrative	RETAINER
DOMINION EAST GAS	1,738.53	Multiple	NATURAL GAS
ESRI	660.00	Multiple	GIS ANNUAL FEE
EVERETT J PRESCOTT INC	1,179.33	Water	REPAIR BANDS FOR WATER TOWER
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	13,557.41	Capital Improvements	LOAN PAYMENT
HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF	220.00	Police	HOUSING INMATE
HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC CO-OP	169.98	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
HAWTHORNE-SEVING, INC.	233.24	Sewer	PUMP ROOM STEP RAILING
KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC.	99.21	Sewer	TRUCK BED BRACKETS
OPERATOR TRAINING COMMITTEE	660.00	Water	K. SWANK - BASIC WATER
OPERATOR TRAINING COMMITTEE	660.00	Water	L. FRUCHEY - BASIC WATER
OPERATOR TRAINING COMMITTEE	660.00	Water	C. DAILEY - BASIC WATER
PERRY CORPORATION	3,084.44	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
SAM'S CLUB	55.54	Multiple	SUPPLIES
SCHAEFFER'S MFG. CO.	535.34	Multiple	GREASE
SHELL FLEET PLUS	1,804.43	Multiple	FUEL
SMARTBILL	1,104.86	Multiple	BILLING SERVICES
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	272.57	Multiple	SUPPLIES
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	399.99	Multiple	SUPPLIES
TOM AHL	42,848.00	Capital Improvements	POLICE CRUISER
VILLAGE OF OTTAWA	58,288.23	Water	WATER
ZOLL DATA SYSTEMS	161.26	Rescue	EMS CHARTS
INCOME TAX REFUNDS	31,940.04	Administrative	INCOME TAX REFUNDS
INCOME TAX REFUNDS	643.35	Administrative	INCOME TAX REFUNDS
	<u>180,076.55</u>		
JANUARY FIRE & EMS	14,749.00		
MEDICARE	213.87		
OPERS	1,492.80		
FICA	177.76		
BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 2/23/24	50,650.52		
MEDICARE	691.35		
OPERS	3,851.27		
OP&F	4,359.56		

Council Signature : _____

Date: _____

Parks & Rec - Minutes
Village of Bluffton
Town Hall
February 20th, 2024

Present: Council - Ben Stahl, Mitch Kingsley, Rich Johnson
Admin - Jesse Blackburn

Start: 12:00 End: 1:20

Topics: AARP grant, SRK field update

Minutes:

- AARP grant
 - Committee spent the bulk of the time discussing various enhancements around the village that we could submit for AARP grant funding. Settled on exploring improving the pedestrian crosswalk at Main St and Vine St; administration will explore anticipated cost ranges and timelines.
 - The grant application needs to be submitted by March 6th.
- Soccer Park
 - Administration updated the committee on the status of the new soccer park and requested scheduling a meeting with the Bluffton Soccer Club. We'll try to schedule a meeting around travel schedules and peak soccer activity.

Ben Stahl

Mitchell Kingsley

2024, February 21 Streets Meeting

Start: 5 PM End: 5:51 PM

Present: Joe Sehlhorst, Jerry Cupples, Admin. Jesse Blackburn, Asst. Bryan Lloyd, Mayor Rich Johnson

Topic 1: AARP Grant – New Flashing Beacon on Main St. Crosswalk Request

- Parks committee would like to see a flashing beacon installed on Main St.
 - o They believe this would be a qualifying grant request from AARP.
- Location would be at the Main St. crosswalk by Senior Citizens Center/Pharmacy to Vine St.
- The beacon will be like the one located on Main St./College Ave.
- Committee approves the request. Thank you, Parks Committee.

Topic 2: ADA Transition Plan

- Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission ADA Transition Plan Dec 2023
- The purpose of this plan is to ensure that the Village of Bluffton creates reasonable, accessible paths of travel in the public right-of-way for everyone, including people with disabilities.
- Administration and Committee review document for suggested revisions.
 - o Will need to be approved by Resolution.

Topic 3: Public Parking Lot

- Administration continues to develop public parking lot improvements.
- Asst. Administrator Bryan working on lighting solutions.
 - o Goal is to place lighting at the perimeter of the lot to allow for the removal of the center poles.
 - o If so, could provide additional parking spaces.
- Project expected to begin this year.

Topic 4: Update Cherry St. Lighting

- Administration advised by committee to install light fixture on south pole at the curve.

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- 419 Cherry St. resident lighting improvement request. A resident new to the neighborhood has requested the administration to find if there are ways to improve lighting at the curve.
 - o Typically, lighting is placed 300' apart. Essentially at every other pole you will see street lighting installed.
 - o Administration to observe that location.
 - o We discussed administration to seek guidance from Choice One.
 - o We also discussed possibly changing the lighting in that location to a bright LED bulb.
- AEP Street Lighting Outage Report
 - o Police Chief submitted over 15 streetlights that have been reported as not functioning to AEP.
 - See attached.

Topic 5: 2024 Street Maintenance Schedule

- The street paving schedule has been submitted to Bluffton Paving for estimates.

Tree Commission
Village of Bluffton
Wednesday, February 21st, 2024

Present: Leo Herrera, Radha Tague, Becky Ramey, John Sommer, Jesse Blackburn, Jonathan Andreas.

Concluded Business

Riley Creek Village tree removal/replacement:

Planting of trees was completed the first week of December 2023. Planting of additional trees at the entrance to Riley Creek Village appears to not be immediately feasible due to AEP power line easement restrictions.

Tree City USA:

Tree City application was submitted.

New Business

Arbor Day 2024:

Various locations were considered for an Arbor Day planting, and commissioners agreed upon planting 1 to 3 trees along the edge of the parking lot at the Bluffton Community Pool to provide additional shade in the parking lot. Commissioners will research potential varieties appropriate for the location, and will finalize selections at the next meeting.

Welcome Sign at 103:

Considering the recent renovation of Hwy 103 with the addition of the bike path, it was discussed whether it could be possible to relocate the the 'Welcome to Bluffton' sign on Hwy 103 near Interstate 75 to a more prominent location where it may also be possible to plant some trees to accompany the sign. Commissioners will visit the area to assess potential sites for relocation.

2024 Tree Stock:

Tree commissioners will review varieties of bare-root tree stock available for order, and will compile a list of desired varieties to request from Stratton Greenhouses for 2024.

The next Tree Commission meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 at 7:00pm.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2024

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT RESTRICTED PARKING ZONES ON THE NORTHEASTERLY SIDE OF THE TOWN HALL ALONG EAST ELM STREET FROM MAIN STREET TO THE MID-BLOCK ALLEY.

WHEREAS; the Village of Bluffton, via their Streets, Alleys, Lights and Sidewalks Committee wishes to designate four (4) parking spaces with restrictions along East Elm Street adjacent to the Town Hall from Main Street to the mid-block alley.

WHEREAS; the two parking spaces closest to Main St. would be restricted to allow only Two Hour Parking during weekdays from 8:00am – 5:00 pm and the two parking spaces closest to the mid-block alley would be restricted for use by only Village-owned vehicles.

WHEREAS; these restrictions are necessary to provide increased access to the Town Hall along with parking for Village-owned vehicles to increase the safety and welfare of the public and to create a better flow of traffic in this area.

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

Section 1. Parking shall be restricted on East Elm Street along the Town Hall within the Village of Bluffton, Ohio from Main Street to the mid-block alley.

Passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote (2/3 required):

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

Clerk

Richard Johnson, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Elliott T. Werth, Village Solicitor

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2024

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POSITIONS AND WAGES FOR SWIMMING POOL STAFF AND RATES FOR 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: That the following positions at the stated wages are hereby created:

A. Pool Manager	\$16.50 per hour
B. Assistant Manager	\$12.25 per hour
C. Lifeguards	\$10.75 per hour

The above is intended as a minimum guideline for the establishment of wage levels. Council may at its discretion provide for a higher pay scale level for each position listed.

SECTION 2: That the following fees are established for use during the 2024 season, and that all memberships shall be paid in full before they can be used.

A. Daily Admission		\$4.00
B. Family Season Pass (2 adults/3 children)	(resident)	\$160.00
	(Non-resident)	\$200.00
C. Additional Children Each		\$25.00
D. Single Season Pass	(resident)	\$80.00
	(Non-resident)	\$100.00
E. Senior Single Season Pass	(resident)	\$50.00
	(Non-resident)	\$75.00
F. Ten-Visit Pass		\$35.00
G. Pool Rental-2 hours		\$275.00
*a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit required at time of reservation		
H. Swim Lessons (Season Pass Holder)		\$40.00
I. Swim Lessons (Non-Season Pass Holder)		\$50.00
J. Swim Lessons-Private		\$100.00
K. Fulltime Village Employees, members of Bluffton Safety Services (PD, FD, EMS) & Immediate families		Free

SECTION 3: Pool personnel who complete the season will be reimbursed for fees associated with the certification/recertification of CPR and lifeguard training for up to \$150.00 expended in same year. Receipts for the reimbursement must be turned into the Pool Manager who will submit them to the Fiscal Officer's office for reimbursement processing at the end of the pool season. Reimbursement will be subject to approval from manager.

SECTION 4: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the 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.

WHEREFORE, This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and approval by the signatures below.

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

Yes: ___ No: ___ Abstain: ___

ATTEST _____
FISCAL OFFICER MAYOR

APPROVED _____
SOLICITOR

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes: _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____

ATTEST:

Kevin Nickel, Fiscal Clerk

MAYOR Richard Johnson

APPROVED: _____

As to form: SOLICITOR Elliott T. Werth

MASTER AGREEMENT FOR REVENUE SHARING

This agreement is entered into between the Village of Bluffton, an Ohio Municipal Corporation, and Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio, for a Master Revenue Sharing Agreement on annexed property from said Township.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 709.191 permits a Village to enter into an agreement with a Board of Township Trustees for revenue sharing on annexed property, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. _____, the Village of Bluffton through its Village Administrator and/or Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Orange Township Board of Township Trustees for revenue sharing for property annexed from said township, and;

WHEREAS, upon the execution of this agreement by both parties, the Village of Bluffton, will pay to the Board of Orange Township Trustees the sum of Two thousand Five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$2,500.00); and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Village of Bluffton to annex Five (5) parcels along State Route 103, immediately East of Interstate 75 in Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, after the completion of the process of annexation of those parcels, or any portion of those parcels, the Village of Bluffton intends to make a payment to Orange Township equivalent to 2.8 mills per year upon the assessed, improved valuation of those parcels annexed by the Village, for a period of 15 years;

WHEREAS, the terms of this agreement will also apply to all annexations of parcels in Orange Township by the Village of Bluffton, including the number of mills to be paid, and the time period of 15 years, commencing the year after the year of annexation, on all annexations after January 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS; the parties further agree that no parcels annexed by the Village of Bluffton at any time in the future will be removed from their concurrent presence, status, and situs within Orange Township; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is entered into pursuant to said authorization contained in said Resolutions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Village of Bluffton does hereby agree with the Board of Township Trustees for Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio, to engage in revenue sharing pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 709.191, on all property that the Village annexes from said Township from the effective date of this agreement forward, excluding, however, all previously annexed property, as follows:

Section 1. The purpose of this Master Agreement is to provide for a Master Agreement, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 709.191, which will automatically cover all property annexed to the Village of Bluffton, Ohio from Orange Township and make those parcels subject to revenue sharing, which then will preclude the necessity of executing a separate Revenue Sharing Agreement for each property annexed to said Village from said Township.

Section 2. The Village of Bluffton will make a one-time payment to the board of Trustees of Orange Township in the amount of Two thousand Five hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500.00).

Section 3. The Village of Bluffton further agrees to make annual payments to Orange Township in an amount equivalent to 2.8 mills of tax calculated upon the assessed, improved valuation of all property annexed to said Village, with said payments to be made for a period of fifteen (15) years, shall go into effect the tax year following the year in which the territory is annexed. If said territories and parcels annexed are entitled to tax increment financing or some other type of tax deferral, then in such event the fifteen (15) year period shall not commence until said tax- deferral has been completed and the annexed territory is being fully taxed at its assessed value. This 2.8 mill payment is in addition to and independent of the 1.3 mills of Orange Township inside millage, payable outside this agreement, which 1.3 mills will be payable both during the payment term under this agreement and after the expiration of that payment term.

Section 4. That on or after the effective date of this agreement, all annexations, including but not limited to the annexation currently contemplated, by the Village of Bluffton of property within Orange Township, Ohio, will entitle the Board of Orange Township Trustees to a payment equivalent to 2.8 mills of tax revenue derived from the assessed valuation of the territory being annexed to the Village, as set forth at Section 3 above, and said payment shall continue for a period of fifteen (15) years and shall go into effect the tax year following the year in which the territory is annexed.

Section 5. the parties further agree that no parcels annexed by the Village of Bluffton at any time in the future will be removed from their concurrent presence, status, and situs within Orange Township;

Section 6. That a fully executed copy of this agreement shall be filed with the County Auditor so that the Auditor is on notice regarding the revenue sharing agreement between the Village and said Township, and a certified copy of each Ordinance annexing property from said Township shall be filed by the Clerk of Council with the Village Auditors Office when said Ordinance becomes effective so that the Township will receive proper credit, should the Village fail to make said payments pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §709.191.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Village of Bluffton, Ohio has hereunto set its hand and seal this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Signed in the presence of:

The Village of Bluffton, Ohio

: _____
By
Its:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Trustees of Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio, hereby approve and accept the terms and conditions of the within Agreement, and set their hands this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Signed in the presence of:

Orange Township Trustees

Thomas E. Green, Trustee

Thomas D. Wagner, Trustee

David A. Warren, Trustee

Village of Bluffton

Administration's Report

To: Mayor Johnson & Council Members



02-26-24

2023 Projects:

1. S.R. 103 Pathway Update:

- Lighting system: Contractor is waiting on control cabinet to be arrive. Expected in mid-April. All conduit and wire has been connected and installed to all fixtures.
- Dirt work & seeding: Repairs of dirt work will take place when conditions are fit. Final seeding and storm water management items will be addressed planned for early May.
- Repairs from the winter: ADA ramp at Citizens Parkway has been damaged and will be replaced when conditions are fit.

2. ODOT S. R. 103 Paving:

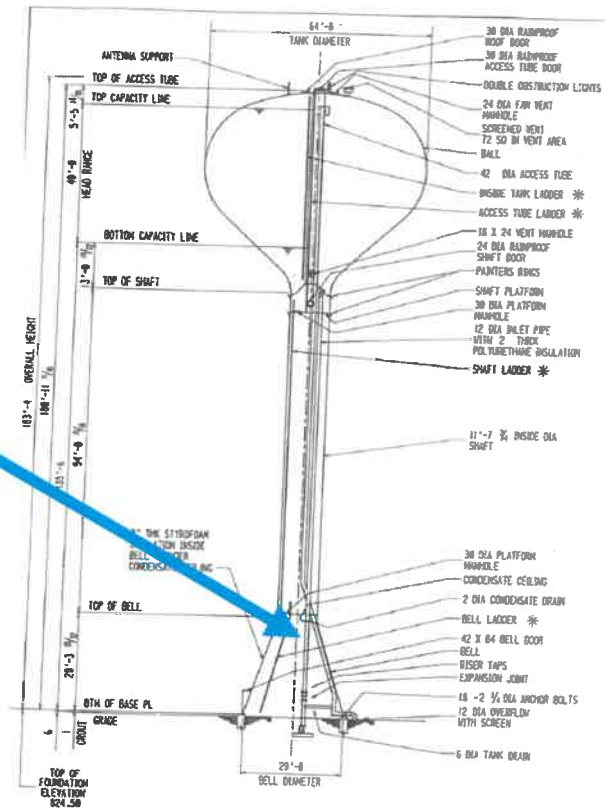
- Several punch list items will be completed this spring. (raising manholes, sealant along curb, running the project for smoothness)

Co. Line Rd. Pathway

Construction could begin as early as next week, weather/conditions dependent.

Water Tower Repairs – maintenance contract with Utility Services

One pinhole leak was discovered approximately 25' above ground level on the 12" riser pipe for the north water tower. Utility Services came to install the repair clamp and will be back to scan the wall thickness of the riser pipe in this area before cleaning and painting the affected/rusted areas. LEAK AREA



Promotional Material Attached:

1. Partnership with Creating Healthy Communities through Allen County Public Health has a focus on making improvements to the Buckeye Park in 2024.
 - QR CODE provided for Community Feedback
2. Bluffton Community Dog Park information

Committee Meetings:

- Parks and Recreation: Feb 28th at noon
- Ordinance: ADU, Floodplain Regulation Update
- Finance: March 5th noon
- Utilities: Mast Estates Ver. 2.0, Tapping Fees
-

AEP Projects in Bluffton:
Rockhill-Woodcock Transmission Line Removal



Fostoria-East Lima Transmission Line Rebuild



WE NEED

YOUR HELP!

PLEASE SCAN THE QR
CODE SURVEY TO HELP
IMPROVE BUCKEYE PARK

Questions?
[bbuzard@allenhealth
dept.org](mailto:bbuzard@allenhealthdept.org)



**SCAN
ME** 

Bluffton Community Dog Park Sponsorship opportunities



'In Memory Contributions'

Our pets teach us about loyalty, love, and living in the present. When they depart, they leave us with lessons that last a lifetime.

\$1,000

A park bench in memory of your pet, with your name and your pet's name engraved on it.

\$500

A tree in memory of your pet, with your name and your pet's name engraved on a marker beside it.

\$250

A brick in memory of your pet, with your name and your pet's name engraved on it.

Ex: 'Buccaneer Barker'



Donations of all sizes needed and appreciated for this to become a reality. Always looking for gifts in kind. volunteers, etc.

Let's 'Bark About It'!



Two ways to donate:

- Send a check to the Village of Bluffton, and write "dog park" in the memo line.
- Give online or scan the QR code. www.givebutter.com/blufftoncommunitydogpark



Give us a 'woof'!

blufftoncommunitydogpark@gmail.com

Bluffton




Community





Dog Park


What does a dog park provide for a community?




 Provides a safe and controlled environment for dogs to interact with other dogs and people.

 Dog owners can bring their pets to the park to get much-needed exercise and physical activity.


 Dog parks offer a change of scenery and provide mental stimulation for dogs. They can explore new scents, sights, and sounds, which can prevent boredom and alleviate behavioral issues.


 Dog owners often find visiting the park a stress-relieving experience. Watching their dogs play and socialize can be therapeutic and create a sense of community among pet owners.


 Having a well-maintained dog park in the community can increase property values, making the area more attractive to potential homebuyers and renters.




Coming in 2024!

 Plenty of area for large and small dogs to play!

 Fresh water available for dogs to drink while playing (and play in!).

 Stations for easy pick-up after your dog.


 Benches and picnic tables for us humans to relax while our dogs play.

 ADA accessible parking lot and approach walk.



Location, Location, Location



 On Lake street easily accessible by bike paths in town.

Bluffton Community Dog Park Sponsorship Opportunities



Top Dog \$20,000

Your name listed as the "Top Dog" donor at the entrance of the dog park, as well as an honorary bench or table

Leader of the Pack \$10,000

Your name listed as a "Leader of the Pack" at the entrance of the dog park, showing your support for this community asset.

Wonder Dog \$5,000

Your name listed as a "Wonder Dog" at the entrance of the dog park.

Canine Companion \$1,500

Your name listed as a "Canine Companion" at the entrance of the dog park, showing your support for this community asset.

