

Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

March 8, 2021 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 22, 2021.

Bills

Committee Reports

Utilities Committee – 3/3
Insurance Committee – 3/3

Boards & Commissions

Pathway Board – 3/4

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 02-21

2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-21

3rd Reading

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POSITIONS AND WAGES FOR SWIMMING POOL STAFF AND RATES FOR 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-21

1st Reading

Emergency

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BLUFFTON STONE COMPANY/BLUFFTON PAVING INC. TO ACQUIRE AGGREGATE AND ASPHALT MATERIAL, ASPHALT APPLICATION AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL, FOR THE 2021 CONSTRUCTION YEAR IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-21

1st Reading

Emergency

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PAY INCREASES TO THE WAGES/SALARIES OF CERTAIN VILLAGE EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO, EFFECTIVE AS STATED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT (A), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-21

1st Reading

Emergency

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Village Administration Report:

Safety Services Reports:

- EMS
- Fire Dept.
- Police Dept.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Monday, March 8 at 6:30 pm

Council Meeting – Monday, March 8 at 7:00 pm

Board of Zoning & Building Appeals – Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 pm

Bluffton In Bloom Committee – Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm

Council Meeting – Monday, March 22 at 7:00 pm

Public Comment

Adjournment – Motion and Second

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting February 22, 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 February 8, 2021. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (1) Talavinia, motion approved.

Talavinia motioned, seconded by Steiner, 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:

1st Reading:

Ordinance 02-21 – An Ordinance approving the annual appropriations for the 2021 fiscal year for the Village of Bluffton, OH. Talavinia motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Steiner. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

2nd Reading:

Resolution 05-2021 – A Resolution establishing positions and wages for swimming pool staff and rates for 2021. Stahl motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Kingsley. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Cupples motioned, seconded by Steiner, to approve a special event request by Bluffton University to hold a Dunkin' Run from the University to Dunkin' and back. The run will take place on several streets and Village pathways on March 6, 2021 and cones will be placed to alert motorists. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Kingsley motioned, seconded by Cupples, to enter executive session to discuss contracts. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavinia motioned, seconded by Kingsley, 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, seconded by Kingsley to adjourn the meeting.

The following meetings/events were included on the agenda and/or scheduled during the meeting. All meetings will be at the Village Town Hall, unless noted.

Utilities Committee – Wednesday, 3/3 at 10:00 a.m.

Insurance Committee – Wednesday, 3/3 at 11:00 a.m.

Pathway Board – Thursday, 3/4 at noon, via Zoom.

Council Meeting – Monday, 3/8 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning & Buildings Appeals – Monday, 3/11 at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
VOUCHER REPORT 3/8/2021

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION
ALLEN COUNTY AWARDS LLC	390.00	Police	AWARD PLAQUES
ALLOWAY TESTING	340.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	1,700.90	Multiple	TESTING
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	11,824.21	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
ANGIE ESSINGER	188.50	Multiple	PETTY CASH
APOLLO CAREER CENTER	20.00	Rescue	TRAINING
BAILEY'S EQUIPMENT & APPAREL	772.00	Police	UNIFORMS
BEAVER RESEARCH COMPANY	145.26	Street	SOAP FOR SHOP
BLUFFTON FLYING SERVICE	5,000.00	Airport	AIRPORT MANAGEMENT
BLUFFTON NEWS	505.00	Administrative	ADVERTISING
BLUFFTON VETERINARY HOSPITAL	297.50	Police	K9 SUPPLIES/CARE
BOBCAT COMPANY	491.82	Street	SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT
BUREAU OF WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,831.85	Administrative	WORKER'S COMPENSATION
CENTURYLINK	62.70	Administrative	PHONES
CENTURYLINK	285.10	Administrative	PHONES
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	27,030.00	Street	SR 103 PATHWAY ACQ. CONSULT & R-O-W
CINTAS	111.43	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CINTAS	111.43	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CLEMANS, NELSON & ASSOCIATES, INC	175.00	Administrative	RETAINER
COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	572.00	Fire	RADIO BATTERIES
Compass Minerals	4,120.90	Street	ROAD SALT
CULLIGAN BY WATERCO	5.50	Rescue	WATER
DOMINION EAST GAS	2,024.60	Multiple	NATURAL GAS
EVERETT J PRESCOTT INC	1,930.34	Water	BRASS, METER PITS, REPAIR PARTS
EVERETT J PRESCOTT INC	225.00	Water	STORTZ ADAPTER
FRESH ENCOUNTER CORPORATE	33.72	Administrative	HAND SOAP
GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	216.14	Police	BOOTS
GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	102.95	Police	BOOTS
GRAINGER INC	101.76	Street	PLOW PARTS
HACKENBERG, FEIGHNER, BISHOP & WERTH, LLC	1,000.00	Administrative	SOLICITOR FEES
INTEGRA CINCINNATI/COLUMBUS, INC	4,500.00	Park	APPRAISAL REVIEW
KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC.	146.00	Street	SNOW PLOW PARTS
KOI ENTERPRISES, INC.	1,145.45	Multiple	PARTS
LEIBER GARAGE	217.61	Police	PD AUTO REPAIRS
MARATHON FLEET SERVICES	1,194.94	Multiple	FUEL
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL GOVERNMENT SOLUT	353.81	Rescue	MEDICAL BLANKETS & MASKS
MIDNET MEDIA	180.00	Administrative	WEB SERVICES
MINTEYS MAIDS	75.00	Land & Buildings	TOWN HALL CLEANING
MINTEYS MAIDS	100.00	Land & Buildings	TOWN HALL CLEANING
MPH INDUSTRIES, INC.	1,648.00	Police	RADAR UNIT
NORTHWESTERN OHIO SECURITY SYSTEMS	196.00	Land & Buildings	MONITORING
OHIO ASSN. CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC	670.00	Police	OACP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
PENNCARE 30	152.00	Rescue	EMS CHARTS
PERRY CORPORATION	67.48	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	7.22	Administrative	FEE
RUSH TRUCK CENTER	1,989.09	Street	REPAIR DUMP TRUCK
SHRADER TIRE AND OIL	250.58	Sewer	BLOWER OIL
SMARTBILL	790.59	Multiple	BILLING SERVICES
USA BLUE BOOK	243.02	Water	SAW BLADE
USA BLUE BOOK	69.84	Water	H2O CHARTS
USA BLUE BOOK	140.40	Rescue	SUPPLIES

VERIZON WIRELESS	240.84	Multiple	CELL PHONES
VETTER LUMBER CO.	40.53	Multiple	SUPPLIES
IT TAX REFUNDS	2,381.05	Administrative	INCOME TAX REFUNDS
	78,415.06		

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 2/26/21	40,387.65
MEDICARE	553.95
OPERS	2,205.93
OP&F	2,187.04
FEBRUARY MONTHLY	2,569.00
MEDICARE	37.22
OPERS	192.17
FICA	40.14

Council Signature : _____

Date: _____

Village of Bluffton
Utility Committee Meeting
March 3, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

Utility Committee members present David Steiner & Jerry Cupples

Staff present, Jesse Blackburn, Village Administrator, Nathan Jordan, PWD

The committee reviewed a draft of Chapter 53 "Bluffton Public Works Chapter 53; Sewer Regulations," and decided that the draft should be forwarded to the full council for review and future legislation to enact it.

The committee reviewed a storm management draft as a future add on the Chapter 53.

At 10:50 AM the committee adjourned the meeting.

David Steiner

Jerry Cupples

Insurance Committee met on 3/3/21 at 11 AM. Our current agreement with Anthem BC BS will expire April 30, 2021. Jonathon Fortman provided six base rate quotes from competitive companies for comparison. After discussion, the Committee recommends staying with Anthem BC BS. Their quote showed no increase in rates, or deductible, however the out of pocket will go from 4 to 5 thousand for singles and 8 to 10 thousand for families. There is also a prescription co pay after deductible has been met.

Jerry Cupples Chairman

Meeting: Bike and Pedestrian Pathway Board

Date/Time: Thursday, March 4, 2021, Noon

Location: via Zoom

Members Present: Dick Ramseyer, Greg Denecker, Mitch Kingsley, Dima Snyder, Fred Steiner, Laura Voth, Jane Wood

Members Absent: John Rich

Village Liaison Present: Jesse Blackburn

MINUTES:

Minutes of the February 4, 2021 meeting were approved as presented. Dima Snyder made the motion to approve; Mitch Kingsley placed a second. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

Lions Way County Line Path – 2021-2022

Dick received some feedback regarding the January 13, 2021 informational meeting offered to residents on the east side of town via zoom. Discussion followed on how to generate interest in the prospect of the County Line Pathway. Reviewed the material that is being developed (cover letter, overview). It was commented that this will be good resource material for fundraising; it will be helpful to have something to hand people as their interest increases. Laura Voth will continue to refine the documents.

It was agreed that the map is the most important piece of information to be out to the public – something that will help people visualize the project. The suggestion was made that we put out publicity for the County Line path monthly between now and September when the campaign will officially kick-off. Ideas that were thrown out – ICON article, Bluffton News, flyers, maps, simple postcard, simple events. Fred Steiner, Laura Voth, and Dick Ramseyer agreed to work further on developing these news blasts.

Jesse explained that the stakes that are in place along County Line Road belong to AEP and are part of AEP establishing the necessary easements for the coming electric line upgrade. This is a separate project from the bike path.

A suggestion came from the Ride to Remember Committee that perhaps future bike paths could be advertised with “Future Bike Path” signage during the upcoming Ride to Remember. It was expressed that the idea is a good one, although the concern is that to prematurely advertise a bike path without a fully developed plan could lead to misunderstandings.

Planning for Funding County Line Pathway

Dick reported that pledges and gifts are coming in from board members and businesses, so far totaling \$16, 900. He encouraged all board members to respond by mid-March 2021. The Lions Club Board will be approached for their giving participation in April.

Included in recent gifts and pledges are two gifts from Marathon employees which include a 2-for-1 match from the Marathon Foundation. (Are there other Marathon employees that we could

approach about donating to the Pathway with the Marathon match?) There are also two additional opportunities for applying for funds through Marathon. The Marathon Petroleum Foundation (MPF) requires a formal application process. However, because the MPF is giving priority to the large number of requests being received from Marathon communities across the nation related to pandemic issues (food and shelter, loss of income, etc.), our project is unlikely to be approved at this time. Instead, it is suggested that we pursue a smaller grant (between \$500 and \$1000) from the Findlay/Hancock County Local Giving Committee.

Bluffton Downtown Bike Racks Project

Dick has been in communication with three businesses that would like to have bike racks closer to their establishment. Joe Sehlhorst discussed the process with the Village Streets and Alleys Committee who agreed to work with the placement of each rack on a case-by-case basis.

Dick shared that the Taylor Steele family would like to donate a bench to be placed in proximity of a bike path in memory of their son. The Parks and Rec Committee of the Village will work with the Steele family on placement.

Future Pathway Projects

- 2023 new Pathway along SR 103 from Allen-Hancock County Line Road connecting to Lions Way Commerce Lane. Will require a 20% match to the \$850,000 grant received by the Village.
- Connect Bentley North Phase II to Buckeye Park, along Riley Street (5-year plan).
- Connect the Parkview Path in additional directions: to Main Street, and to the Johnny Appleseed Park, to the Triplett Path going to Village Park, from Bentley bridge south to Kibler Street entrance.
- Connect the Village Park north, to County Line Path.
- Connect Hancock County Township Rd. 33.
- 2030 (estimated time) ODOT will be rebuilding I-75/SR 103 overpass; explore adding bike path lane.

Future Events

Bluffton Ride to Remember – July 10, 2021

Dare to Dream – November 2021

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting will be held at noon on Thursday, April 1 at noon, via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

~Laura Voth

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate funds for the 2021 Fiscal Year for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio.

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that the timeliness of the approval of the Annual Appropriations is necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio;

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

SECTION 1: The attached Exhibit A shall be approved as the Annual Appropriations for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, for the 2021 Fiscal Year. The approved level of control for appropriations is at the fund, function level.

SECTION 2: That an emergency exists for the reasons set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: The effective date of these appropriations shall be March 22, 2021.

SECTION3: 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 actions 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 this _____ day of March, 2021 by the governing board of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Yes: _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

Approved as to Form:

Village Solicitor

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON 2021 APPROPRIATIONS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2021 AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND:		
A1-0A-41110	REAL ESTATE TAXES	214,240.59
A1-0A-41140	INCOME TAX	1,911,334.95
A1-0A-41160	HOUSETRAILER TAX	8.70
A1-0A-41170	HOTEL & MOTEL TAXES	23,596.07
A1-0B-41210	LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND	116,069.25
A1-0B-41230	CIGARETTE LICENSES	300.00
A1-0B-41250	LIQUOR PERMITS	3,000.00
A1-0B-41280	ROLLBACKS/HOMESTEAD	21,255.25
A1-0C-41310	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	3,039.36
A1-0D-41423	STATE GRANTS	4,357.00
A1-0D-41432	MISC GRANTS	5,170.18
A1-0E-41511	FIRE CONTRACTS & CALLS	5,000.00
A1-0E-41513	SECURITY SERVICES	6,098.37
A1-0E-41514	RECYCLING FEES	53,804.85
A1-0E-41515	AMBULANCE CONTRACTS	156,899.83
A1-0E-41516	RICHLAND FIRE & RESCUE	82,000.00
A1-0E-41517	CPR TRAINING FEES	-
A1-0E-41531	SWIMMING POOL RECEIPTS	60,000.00
A1-0E-41532	SWIMMING POOL CONCESSIONS	-
A1-0E-41534	CULTURAL AFFAIRS RECEIPTS	2,000.00
A1-0F-41611	COURT COSTS	51.00
A1-0F-41612	COURT FINES & FORFEITURES	2,184.87
A1-0F-41621	BUILDING PERMITS	600.00
A1-0F-41622	ZONING	500.00
A1-0F-41625	OTHER PERMITS	250.00
A1-0F-41630	ACCIDENT REPORTS	100.00
A1-0H-41810	SALE OF ASSETS	3,000.00
A1-0H-41820	INTEREST	54,634.73
A1-0H-41830	DONATIONS	-
A1-0H-41831	NATIONAL NIGHT OUT DONATIONS	-
A1-0H-41840	RENTAL INCOME	20,000.00
A1-0H-41850	REFUNDS	20,000.00
A1-0H-41860	OTHER MISC.	7,000.00
A1-0H-41880	TOWN HALL USE	1,000.00
A1-0H-41930	ADVANCES IN	-
TOTAL REVENUE		2,777,495.00
POLICE EXPENSES		
	PERSONAL SERVICES	495,128.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	192,188.00
	OPERATING	65,611.00
TOTAL		752,927.00
FIRE EXPENSES		

	PERSONAL SERVICES	33,397.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3,684.00
	OPERATING	37,000.00
TOTAL		74,081.00

STREET & LIGHTING EXPENSES		
	OPERATING	60,000.00
TOTAL		60,000.00

RESCUE EXPENSES		
	PERSONAL SERVICES	37,186.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,745.00
	OPERATING	46,500.00
TOTAL		89,431.00

DISPATCHER EXPENSES		
	MISC. SERVICES	37,000.00
COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT EXPENSES		
	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	14,000.00

MOSQUITO CONTROL EXPENSES		
	MOSQUITO CONTROL	11,500.00

CULTURAL AFFAIRS EXPENSES		
A1-3C-52390	MISC. SERVICES	10,000.00

POOL EXPENSES		
	PERSONAL SERVICES	64,000.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	9,888.00
	OPERATING	33,897.00
TOTAL		107,785.00

BRUSH DUMP EXPENSES		
	OPERATING	54,000.00
TOTAL		54,000.00

STORM SEWER EXPENSES		
A1-6D-52550	STORM SEWERS	-

SIDEWALKS EXPENSES		
A1-6G-52550	SIDEWALK PROGRAM	35,000.00

AIRPORT EXPENSES		
A1-6X-52390	MISC SERVICES	63,000.00
A1-6X-52430	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	10,000.00
A1-6X-52550	RUNWAY LIGHT PROJECT	-
TOTAL		

MAYOR/ADMIN EXPENSES

PERSONAL SERVICES	149,971.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	43,408.00
OPERATING	103,799.00

TOTAL	297,178.00
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LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE

PERSONAL SERVICES	23,776.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3,177.00
OPERATING	-

TOTAL	26,953.00
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MAYOR'S COURT EXPENSE

COURT COSTS	-
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FISCAL OFFICER'S EXPENSE

PERSONAL SERVICES	63,036.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	16,169.00
OPERATING	10,500.00

TOTAL	89,705.00
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LAND & BUILDINGS EXPENSE

PERSONAL SERVICES	14,932.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,307.00
OPERATING	96,074.00

TOTAL	113,313.00
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE

MISC CONTRACTUAL SERV	17,500.00
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AUDITOR & TREASURER FEES EXPENSE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4,245.00
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DELINQUENT LAND ADVERTISING EXPENSE

PUBLISHING	-
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AUDITOR'S EXPENSE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	14,500.00
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INCOME TAX ADMIN. EXPENSE

PERSONAL SERVICES	40,171.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	14,699.00
OPERATING	47,706.00

TOTAL	102,576.00
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SAFETY EXPENSE

MISC. SERVICES	150.00
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OTHER EXPENSE

OPERATING	82,000.00
TRANSFERS	1,365,715.00
ADVANCES	-

TOTAL	1,447,715.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	3,432,559.00

STREET FUND:

B1-OB-41240	LICENSE FEES	60,000.00
B1-OB-41260	GASOLINE TAX	213,176.72
B1-OC-41310	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	9,272.43
B1-OD-41423	GRANT	-
B1-OE-41516	MISC CHARGES	-
B1-OG-41730	LOAN PROCEEDS	443,000.00
B1-OH-41810	SALE OF ASSETS	-
B1-OH-41820	INTEREST	3,860.85
B1-OH-41850	REFUNDS	-
B1-OI-41920	TRANSFERS	392,215.00
TOTAL		1,121,525.00

STREET MAINTENANCE EXPENSE

PERSONAL SERVICES	137,142.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	47,906.00
OPERATING	894,165.00

TOTAL	1,079,213.00
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SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE

OPERATING SUPPLIES	10,000.00
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	-

TOTAL	10,000.00
TOTAL STREET FUND EXPENSES	1,089,213.00

STATE HIGHWAY FUND

B2-OB-41240	LICENSE FEES	2,044.03
B2-OB-41260	GASOLINE TAX	17,284.63
B2-OH-41820	INTEREST	251.34
TOTAL REVENUE		19,580.00

STATE HIGHWAY EXPENSES

OPERATING	96,000.00
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TOTAL EXPENSE	96,000.00
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CEMETERY FUND

B3-OE-41541	SALE OF LOTS	4,500.00
B3-OE-41542	BURIALS	10,384.00

B3-0E-41544	FOUNDATIONS	5,000.00
B3-0E-41545	DEED TRANSFER FEES	100.00
B3-0H-41850	MISC. RECEIPTS	-
B3-0I-41920	TRANSFERS	-
TOTAL REVENUE		19,984.00

CEMETERY EXPENSES

	PERSONAL SERVICE	5,566.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	860.00
	MISC. SERVICES	16,730.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		23,156.00

PARK FUND

B4-0D-41430	JONNY APPLESEED GRANT	11,000.00
B4-0D-41431	GRANT	-
B4-0I-41920	TRANSFERS	209,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE		220,000.00

PARK EXPENSES

	OPERATING SUPPLIES	221,410.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		221,410.00

BENROTH BRIDGE FUND

B5-0H-41830	DONATIONS	500.00
TOTAL REVENUE		

BENROTH BRIDGE EXPENSES

B5-6G-52430	MAINTENANCE	-
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FEMA GRANT

B6-00-11010	BEGINNING BALANCE	-
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COURT COMPUTER FUND

B7-0F-41611	COMPUTER COURT COSTS	-
TOTAL REVENUE		

COURT COMPUTER EXPENSES

B7-1A-52420	OPERATING SUPPLIES	-
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DUI ENFORCEMENT FUND

B8-0F-41612	FINES	135.00
TOTAL REVENUE		

DUI ENFORCEMENT EXPENSES

B8-1A-52390	TRAINING	-
B8-1A-52420	OPERATING SUPPLIES	-

TOTAL EXPENSES		-
PERMISSIVE LICENSE FUND		
B9-0B-41240	PERMISSIVE LICENSE	-
TOTAL REVENUE		
B9-6A-52550	STREET CONSTRUCTION	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		
POOL DEBT SERVICE FUND		
C2-00-11010	BEGINNING BALANCE	-
BLUFFTON IN BLOOM FUND		
C4-0H-41830	DONATIONS	-
C4-0I-41920	Transfer In	7,500.00
C4-1A-52390	MISC SVC	8,000.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND		
D1-00-11010	BEGINNING BALANCE	-
STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT		
D2-0I-41920	TRANSFERS	45,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE		
STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT EXPENSES		
D2-6D-52390	MISC. SERVICES	-
D2-6D-52550	STORM SEWERS	10,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		10,000.00
FIRE & RESCUE IMPROVEMENT FUND		
D3-0D-41423	STATE GRANTS	1,000.00
D3-0H-41810	SALE OF ASSETS	-
D3-0H-41830	DONATIONS	-
D3-0I-41920	TRANSFERS	110,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE		111,000.00
D3-1B-52520	EQUIPMENT	90,930.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		90,930.00
POOL IMPROVEMENT FUND		
D4-0H-41820	INTEREST	-
D4-0H-41830	REFUND	-
D4-0I-41920	TRANSFERS	15,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE		15,000.00

D4-3D-52510	POOL CAPITAL ITEMS	15,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		15,000.00

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND

D5-0H-41920	TRANSFERS	-
TOTAL REVENUE		-

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT EXPENSES

D5-1F-52520	EQUIPMENT	9,000.00
D5-5X-52610	PRINCIPAL	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		9,000.00

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT FUND

D6-0D-41418	FAA GRANT	1,099,665.00
D6-0D-41419	ODOT GRANT	5,059.00
D6-0D-41423	STATE GRANT	-
D6-0H-41820	INTEREST	-
D6-0I-41920	TRANSFERS	-
D6-0I-41930	ADVANCES	-
TOTAL REVENUE		1,104,724.00

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT EXPENSES

	OPERATING	1,114,813.00
Total		1,114,813.00

TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT FUND

D8-0A-41140	INCOME TAX RECEIPTS	-
D8-0H-41820	INTEREST	-
TOTAL REVENUE		-

TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT EXPENSES

D8-7E-52510	BUILDING IMPR.	30,000.00
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POLICE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND

D9-0D-41423	GRANT	-
D9-0I-41920	TRANSFERS	60,000.00
D9-0I-41930	ADVANCES	-
TOTAL REVENUE		60,000.00

POLICE EQUIPMENT EXPENSES

D9-1A-52520	POLICE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	54,512.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		54,512.00

FIRE BUILDING REPLACEMENT FUND

D10-OI-41920	TRANSFERS	-
D10-OI-41930	ADVANCES	-
TOTAL REVENUE		-

FIRE BUILDING EXPENSES

D10-1A-52520	POLICE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	-
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TOTAL EXPENSES		-
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WATER FUND

E1-0E-41551	CHARGES FOR SERVICE	900,000.00
E1-0E-41552	TAPS	4,150.00
E1-0E-41553	SURCHARGE	-
E1-0E-41554	MISC. CHARGES	4,495.00
E1-0H-41860	MISC. CHARGES	-
E1-0I-41920	TRANSFERS	-
TOTAL REVENUE		908,645.00

WATER EXPENSES

	PERSONAL SERVICES	79,377.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	38,166.00
	OPERATING	735,305.00
E1-5X-52710	TRANSFERS	100,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		952,848.00

SEWER FUND

E2-0E-41551	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	740,000.00
E2-0E-41552	TAPS	1,350.00
E2-0E-41553	SURCHARGE	-
E2-0E-41554	MISC. CHARGES	-
E2-0H-41850	REFUNDS	-
E2-0I-41920	TRANSFERS	-
TOTAL REVENUE		741,350.00

SEWER FUND EXPENSES

	PERSONAL SERVICES	178,310.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	70,454.00
	OPERATING	349,479.00
	TRANSFERS	200,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		798,243.00

SEWER DEBT SERVICE FUND

E4-0I-41920	TRANSFERS	-
TOTAL TRANSFERS		

SEWER DEBT SERVICE EXPENSES

E4-5A-52610	PRINCIPAL	-
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E4-5A-52620	INTEREST	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		-
WATER DEBT SERVICE FUND		
E5-0I-41920	TRANSFERS	-
TOTAL TRANSFERS		
WATER DEBT SERVICE EXPENSES		
E5-5A-52610	PRINCIPAL	-
E5-5A-52620	INTEREST	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		-
REFUSE FUND		
E7-0E-41514	REFUSE RECEIPTS	304,533.00
REFUSE FUND EXPENSES		
E7-5K-52390	REFUSE SERVICE	280,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		
WATER/ SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND		
E9-0A-41140	INCOME TAX RECEIPTS	454,704.76
E9-0C-41310	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CHARGES	22,851.24
E9-0D-41423	LOAN PROCEEDS	224,000.00
E9-0I-41920	TRANSFER IN	920,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE		1,621,556.00
WATER/ SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND EXPENSES		
	OPERATING	554,000.00
	DEBT	1,052,227.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,606,227.00
COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND		
F2-0I-41920	TRANSFERS	-
COMMUNITY EVENTS EXPENSES		
F2-1A-52390	MISC SERVICES	-
COMMUNICATIONS FUND		
F3-0I-41920	TRANSFERS	-
POLICE CONTINUING TRAINING		
F4-0D-41423	STATE GRANTS	1,500.00
F4-0I-41920	TRANSFER	6,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE		7,500.00

F4-1A-52390	TRAINING	7,000.00
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UTILITY RECOVERY

F5-1A-52520		-
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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

F6-0H-41831	DONATIONS	4,000.00
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F6-6B-52420	OPERATING SUPPLIES	3,500.00
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SHANNON CEMETERY

F7-OH-41830	DONATIONS	-
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F7-OI-41920	TRANSFER	6,000.00
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TOTAL REVENUE		6,000.00
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F7-1A-52390	MISC SERVICES	6,000.00
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F8-0H-41830	DONATIONS	-
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F8-1A-52390	K9 EXPENSES	2,000.00
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RESOLUTION NO. 05-2021

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POSITIONS AND WAGES FOR SWIMMING POOL STAFF AND RATES FOR 2021.

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	\$13.75 per hour
B. Assistant Manager	\$10.70 per hour
C. Lifeguards	\$9.20 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 2021 season, and that all memberships paid in full before they can be used.

A. Daily Admission	\$4.00
B. Family Season Pass (2 adults/3 children)	\$155.00
C. Additional Children Each	\$15.00
D. Single Season Pass	\$75.00
E. Senior Single Season Pass	\$45.00
F. Ten-Visit Pass	\$35.00
G. Pool Rental-2 hours	\$250.00
*a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit required at time of reservation	
H. Swim Lessons-Member	\$35.00
I. Swim Lessons-Non Member	\$45.00
J. Swim Lessons-Private	\$90.00
K. Fulltime Village Employees & Immediate Family	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 \$100.00 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 _____, 2021 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. 07-2021

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BLUFFTON STONE COMPANY/BLUFFTON PAVING INC. TO ACQUIRE AGGREGATE AND ASPHALT MATERIAL, ASPHALT APPLICATION AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL, FOR THE 2021 CONSTRUCTION YEAR IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, The Village of Bluffton, Ohio advertised and received bids for Aggregate and Asphalt Material, Asphalt Application and Equipment Rental for the 2021 Construction Year; and

WHEREAS, The Bluffton Stone Company/Bluffton Paving Inc. submitted a qualified bid for Aggregate and Asphalt Material, Asphalt Application and Equipment Rental for the 2021 Construction Year; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into a Contract with Bluffton Stone Company/Bluffton Paving Inc. to provide the Village of Bluffton, Ohio for Aggregate and Asphalt Material, Asphalt Application and Equipment Rental for the 2021 Construction Year.

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

Section 1: That the Village Council accepts a bid proposal from the Bluffton Stone Company/Bluffton Paving Inc. to provide the Village of Bluffton, Ohio Aggregate and Asphalt Material, Asphalt Application and Equipment Rental for the 2021 Construction Year.

Section 2: That the Village Administrator is authorized to enter into a contract with the Bluffton Stone Company/Bluffton Paving Inc. to make such purchases as necessary.

Section 3: 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 4: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of the Resolution 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 this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the governing board of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Noes: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

Village Solicitor

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-2021
VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PAY INCREASES TO THE WAGES/SALARIES OF CERTAIN VILLAGE EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO, EFFECTIVE AS STATED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT (A), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution, the wages and or salaries of Village employees shall be increased as listed herein on Exhibit (A), shall be effective January 1, 2021.

SECTION 2. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, and for the further reason it is immediately necessary to enact said increases without further delay.

SECTION 3. That is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were made in 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 accordance with all legal requirements of the Open Meetings Law 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 _____, 2021 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstain: _____

ATTEST _____
FISCAL OFFICER

MAYOR

APPROVED _____
SOLICITOR

RESOLUTION NO. 08- 2021 (A)
VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO

Pay Increases Effective on January 1, 2021

Jan Basinger – Public Works Department

Old Base Wage :	\$22.8/hr	New Base Wage :	\$23.26/hr
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Clint Dailey – Public Works Department

Old Base Wage :	\$17.00/hr	New Base Wage :	\$18.53/hr
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Nathan Jordan – Public Works Department

Old Base Wage :	\$22.78/hr	New Base Wage :	\$23.92/hr
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Scott Phillips – Public Works Department

Old Base Wage :	\$24.77/hr	New Base Wage :	\$25.27/hr
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Kyle Swank – Public Works Department

Old Base Wage :	\$17.48/hr	New Base Wage :	\$18.53/hr
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Phil Zimmerly – Public Works Department

Old Base Wage :	\$18.17/hr	New Base Wage :	\$18.53/hr
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Bryan Lloyd – Assistant Administrator

Old Base Wage :	\$61,058.40/Year	New Base Wage :	\$62,279.57/Year
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Kevin Nickel – Fiscal Officer

Old Base Wage :	\$61,800.00/Year	New Base Wage :	\$63,036.00/Year
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Jesse Blackburn – Administrator

Old Base Wage :	\$64,807.60/Year	New Base Wage :	\$66,103.75/Year
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Ryan Burkholder – Police Chief

Old Base Wage :	\$63,548.91/Year	New Base Wage :	\$64,819.89/Year
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Mathew Oglesbee – Police Lieutenant

Old Base Wage :	\$60,174.74/Year	New Base Wage :	\$61,378.23/Year
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Tyler Hochstetler – Police Sergeant

Old Base Wage :	\$53,425.51/Year	New Base Wage :	\$54,494.02/Year
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Lonny Kent – Patrol Officer

Old Base Wage :	\$26.99/hr	New Base Wage :	\$27.53/hr
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Hope Hannah – Patrol Officer

Old Base Wage :	\$21.86/hr	New Base Wage :	\$22.3/hr
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Abigail Michael – Patrol Officer

Old Base Wage :	\$21.86/hr	New Base Wage :	\$22.3/hr
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Dominic Francis – Patrol Officer

Old Base Wage : \$21.36/hr

New Base Wage : \$21.79/hr

Eric Rayle – Patrol Officer

Old Base Wage : \$21.36/hr

New Base Wage : \$21.79/hr

Lesley Crawford – Patrol Officer

Old Base Wage : \$17.14/hr

New Base Wage : \$17.48/hr

Angie Essinger – Utility Clerk

Old Base Wage : \$16.48/hr

New Base Wage : \$16.81/hr

Rhonda Hohenbrink – Income Tax Administrator

Old Base Wage : \$19.36/hr

New Base Wage : \$19.75/hr

Bernie Ludwig – Cemetery Sexton

Old Base Wage : \$5,005.80/Year

New Base Wage : \$5,105.92/Year

Jared Arnold – Part-time Patrol Officer

Old Base Wage : \$12.36/hr

New Base Wage : \$12.61/hr

Nathan Jordan – Part-time Patrol Officer

Old Base Wage : \$14.62/hr

New Base Wage : \$14.91/hr

Charles Montgomery – Part-time Patrol Officer

Old Base Wage : \$15.18/hr

New Base Wage : \$15.48/hr

Elliott Tyzzer – Part-time Patrol Officer

Old Base Wage : \$14.06/hr

New Base Wage : \$14.34/hr

Troy Hartzog – Part-time Patrol Officer

Old Base Wage : \$13.49/hr

New Base Wage : \$13.76/hr

Cody Ganson – Part-time Patrol Officer

Old Base Wage : \$13.49/hr

New Base Wage : \$13.76/hr

Seasonal Mowers

Old Base Wage : \$12.00/hr

New Base Wage : \$12.24/hr

Fire & EMS Responders

Old Base Wage : \$12.00/hr

New Base Wage : \$12.24/hr

Jon Kinn - Fire Chief

Old Base Wage : \$5,000.00/yr

New Base Wage : \$5100/yr

Nathan Jordan - Assistant Fire Chief

Old Base Wage : \$800.00/yr

New Base Wage : \$816/yr

Tony Pinks - Fire Captain & Secretery/Treasurer

Old Base Wage : \$450.00/yr

New Base Wage : \$459/yr

Tim Essinger - Fire Captain

Old Base Wage : \$300.00/yr

New Base Wage : \$306/yr

Blane Miller - Fire Lieutenant

Old Base Wage : \$150.00/yr

New Base Wage : \$153/yr

Jan Basinger - EMS Chief

Old Base Wage : \$5,000.00/yr

New Base Wage : \$5100/yr

Rick Skilliter - Assistant Chief

Old Base Wage : \$1,750.00/yr

New Base Wage : \$1785/yr

Levi Probst - EMS Captain

Old Base Wage : \$300.00/yr

New Base Wage : \$306/yr

Nicole Mikesell - EMS Secretary/Treasurer

Old Base Wage : \$1,750.00/yr

New Base Wage : \$1785/yr

RESOLUTION NO. 09-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: The state of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and/or the Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF); and

WHEREAS: The Village of Bluffton desires financial assistance under the RTP and/or Grant Program

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

SECTION 1: The Village Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all the information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

SECTION 2: That the Village of Bluffton does agree to obligate funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms and conditions of the RTP and/or COTF program.

SECTION 3: That an 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 and in order to meet the deadline requirements for the funding opportunity.

SECTION 4: That is found and determined that all formal action of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were made in open meeting of the Council and that all deliberation of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in accordance with all legal requirements of the Open Meetings Law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

Approved as to form:

Village Solicitor

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that the within is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 09-21 passed by the Bluffton Village Council on the _____ day of _____, 2021 and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Fiscal Officer

Date

Village of Bluffton

Administration's Report

To: Mayor Johnson & Council Members



03-08-21

Jefferson Street Phase II

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

SR 103/Jefferson St. from the County Line Rd. to Main St. will be closed **beginning on Monday April 5th** until the end of July.

- Project will consist of road reconstruction, installation of new sanitary and storm sewer, along with curbs and sidewalks.



Water meter replacement – continuation

\$50,000 worth of large water meters have been ordered from EJP.

ODNR Grant Funding Applications:

Grant applications to assist with the acquisition costs of property along S.R. 103 for the Pedestrian Pathway will be submitted Monday, March 15th. Application will be for both the Recreational Trails Program and Clean Ohio Trails Fund. Projected acquisition costs are still being determined.

Town Hall Fire Suppression Upgrade

Armor Fire will install an approved air compressor unit tomorrow at the Town Hall for the fire suppression system on the third floor.

- New unit will provide the proper amount of pressure to keep the 3rd floor sprinkler system full of air instead of water. This is necessary because the third floor sprinkler system is in the unheated attic space and would freeze if full of water.
- The current unit has failed three times over the past three months and does not meet current NFPA Codes.

Seasonal Mowers:

Recommend the hiring of Jewel Dukes and Rich Lichtle. Request the ability to advertise and interview for additional Seasonal Employee to work into the rotation

2021 Bluffton Swimming Pool Employment: Applications are being accepted for lifeguards and Assistant Managers. Pick up the application at the Town Hall.



Surplus – Request following items to be declared surplus from the Public Works Department and sold via Govdeals.com:

- 1" and 1 ½" rolls of copper pipe
- Sensus meter reading equipment from previous touch read system

Council Committee Meetings: Request for meetings with:

Personnel –



BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
154 N. MAIN STREET
BLUFFTON, OHIO 45817
(419) 358- 2961
FAX (419) 358-2963



Police Activity Summary
February 2021

Police Calls for Service – 431
Traffic Stops – 18
Citations – 6

Complaint Reports

Criminal Damaging	-	1
Miscellaneous	-	1
Identity Theft	-	2
Total	-	4

Traffic Report

Citations and Warnings Issued

Monthly Calls for Service Report

Data collected



Ticket Statistics

Print Date/Time: 03/02/2021 07:12
Login ID: rburkholder
Statute: All

From Date: 01/01/2021
To Date: 02/28/2021
Ticket Type: All

Bluffton Police Department
ORI Number: OH0020100

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Warning													
4511.70 Driver's View and Control to be Unobstructed	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.22 Stopping Vehicle, Slow Speed, Posted Minimum Speeds	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.21B2 Speed 25 MPH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.25A1 Lanes of Travel - Driving on the Right	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4513.13A WHITE LIGHTS PROHIBITED ON REAR	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
72.016(A)(2) Turn Signals Required within 100 ft of Turn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Warning Totals	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Traffic													
4511.21B3 Speed 35 MPH	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
4511.21B2 Speed 25 MPH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4549.08(A)(3) Plates from Another Vehicle	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.12A FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.21A SPEED/ACDA	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
73.10(A)(1) ACDA Assured Clear Distance Ahead	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
72.034(A) Failure to Yield the Right of Way - any other place	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
72.003(A) Sharing Half the Roadway	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Traffic Totals	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Totals	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17



Incident Breakdown By Month Report

Print Date/Time: 03/02/2021 06:53
Login ID: rburkholder
Year: 2021

Bluffton Police Department
ORI Number: OH0020100
Incident Type: All

Incident Type	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Yearly Totals
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Accident Property	5	50	5	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Accident w/injuries	2	66.7	1	33.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Administrative	52	37.4	82	59	5	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	139
Aiding Other	23	38.3	35	58.3	2	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Alarm	10	37	17	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Animal Complaint	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Assist Police	7	53.8	6	46.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
B&E	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Civil Complaint	1	25	3	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Court	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Criminal Damage	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Deceased	1	33.3	2	66.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Domestic	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Drug Abuse	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Escort	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fight Complaint	0	0	1	50	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Follow Up	5	35.7	8	57.1	1	7.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Forgery	1	50	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hit Skip	1	25	3	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
House/Bulding	131	51.2	114	44.5	11	4.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	256
Intoxicated Driver	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Investigate Vehicle	18	39.1	28	60.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
K9 Request	3	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Lock Out	5	27.8	10	55.6	3	16.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Mentally Ill Person	2	50	2	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Miscellaneous	86	53.8	68	42.5	6	3.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160
Missing Juvenile	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

FRAUDULENT CLAIMS REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS THROUGH OHIO JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (ODJFS)

The Ohio Attorney General's Office has been made aware of a high number of fraudulent claims regarding Unemployment Benefits issued through the state of Ohio. Although the Ohio Attorney General cannot make a determination as to the validity of a claim – that must be handled by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) – here are a few simple FAQs to address the situation that we are encouraging you to share with your residents.

Q: How do I know if someone has fraudulently filed for Unemployment Benefits in my name?

A: If you have received one or more of the following and you did not file for Unemployment Benefits in 2020, you may have had a fraudulent claim made in your name:

- A 1099-G tax form.
- A letter from ODJFS stating that Unemployment Benefits have been applied for in your name.
- A US Bank ReliaCard for funds you do not recognize or were not expecting.
- Notification from your employer that ODJFS is inquiring about Unemployment Benefits that you did not apply for.

Q: What should I do if I receive one of the forms/notifications listed above?

A: You should follow these steps, in order:

1. Contact ODJFS immediately.

You can report identity theft to ODJFS by completing an online form [here](#) or by visiting www.Unemployment.Ohio.Gov. You will need to enter personal information such as your Social Security number and your driver's license number. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call ODJFS at 877-644-6562; please note wait times may be long.

Once you've successfully filed your report, ODJFS will send a confirmation email, investigate the claim and issue a correction to the IRS if fraud is determined.

Please note: There is not a mechanism in place for the Ohio Attorney General to contact ODJFS on your behalf to either start or expedite the process.

2. Check your credit report.

Visit www.AnnualCreditReport.com or call 877-322-8228 to do so. A credit report will show all credit-related accounts open in your name, such as mortgages, credit cards and car loans. Credit reports are free through April 2021, and after that date, you are entitled to one free credit report per year from each of the main three credit reporting agencies. On your report, look for accounts and inquiries that you do not recognize. If you find anything suspicious, contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office (800-282-0515 or www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov).

3. Consider placing an Initial Fraud Alert on your credit report.

A fraud alert makes it harder for an identity thief to open credit accounts in your name and lasts for one year. You need to contact only one of the credit agencies listed below to place the alert; the one you contact will share the information with the other two. The agencies are:

- Experian: www.experian.com/fraud (888-397-3742)
- Equifax: www.equifax.com (800-525-6285)
- Transunion: www.transunion.com (800-680-7289).

There is no charge to place an Initial Fraud Alert.

4. Consider placing a permanent Security Freeze on your credit report.

A Security Freeze will prevent others from opening credit in your name; such a freeze is free to place and is permanent. (You must pause or end it to open a new account.) Unlike an Initial Fraud Alert, for a Security Freeze, you must contact all three of the credit reporting agencies. Use the contact information listed above to do so.

Q: Can the Ohio Attorney General's Office resolve my Unemployment Benefits claim?

A: Although the Ohio Attorney General's Office provides many services to help victims of identity theft, the office cannot resolve Unemployment Benefits claims; only ODJFS can make an eligibility and/or fraud determination. However, if after checking your credit report, you find accounts that do not belong to you, you are encouraged to contact the Ohio Attorney General's Identity Theft Unit (800-282-0515 or www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov).

Q: Can the Ohio Attorney General help me with other tax-related issues, such as providing guidance on how to file my taxes in light of receiving a fraudulent 1099-G?

A: The Ohio Attorney General's Office cannot help with filing taxes, but the following websites may be helpful:

- The state of Ohio answers tax questions [on this webpage](#).

Identity Theft BASICS



Identity theft occurs when someone obtains and uses your personal information without your permission to commit a fraud. Common types of identity theft include:

Financial identity theft: Someone opens an account or takes out a loan in your name.

Tax identity theft: Someone files taxes in your name, usually claiming a refund.

Medical identity theft: Someone uses your information to access medical services, procedures or prescription drugs.

Criminal identity theft: Someone uses your information when they are arrested.

Signs of identity theft

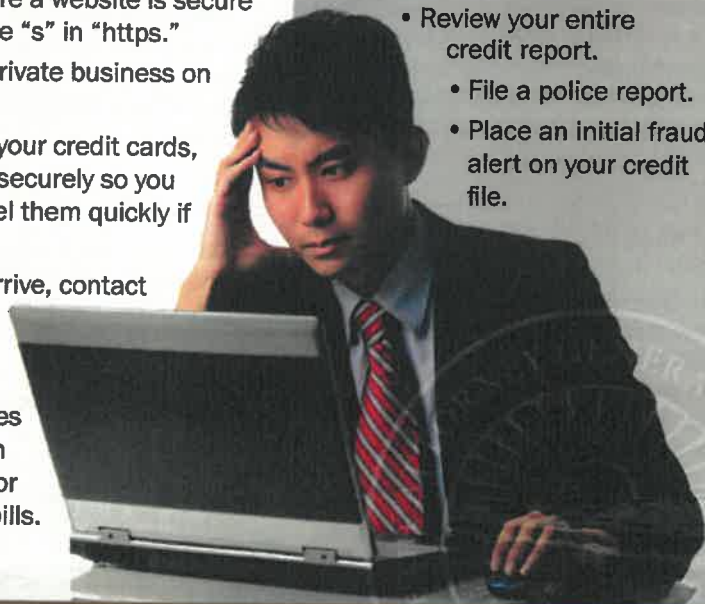
- You find inaccurate personal information or unfamiliar accounts on your credit report.
- You're contacted by collectors about debts you do not owe.
- You no longer receive certain mail, or you receive mail related to unfamiliar accounts.
- You are denied credit for no apparent reason.
- You experience a sudden drop in credit score.
- You receive bills that you do not recognize.

Prevention tips

- Never share personal information with anyone who contacts you unexpectedly.
- Consider placing an initial fraud alert or a security freeze on your credit report.
- Never carry unnecessary personal information, such as your Social Security card, in your wallet or purse.
- Shred all outdated documents containing personal information; don't just throw them in the trash.
- Regularly update your computer software and mobile apps.
- Use internet passwords that are hard to guess and change them regularly. Passwords should be at least 12 characters and include capital and lowercase letters, numbers and special characters.
- Set a passcode on your smartphone.
- When entering personal information online, make sure a website is secure by looking for the "s" in "https."
- Don't conduct private business on public WIFI.
- Make copies of your credit cards, and store them securely so you can call to cancel them quickly if they go missing.
- If a bill fails to arrive, contact the company as soon as you notice its delay; thieves sometimes steal information from mailboxes or reroute others' bills.

3 ways to respond

- Review your entire credit report.
- File a police report.
- Place an initial fraud alert on your credit file.



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www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov or call 800-282-0515.

- The IRS answer tax questions [on this webpage](#).

Q: How can I protect myself from identity theft moving forward?

A: There are many ways in which you can protect yourself from further identity theft:

- Never share personal information with someone who contacts you unexpectedly.
- Place an Initial Fraud Alert or permanent Security Freeze on your credit reports.
- Never carry unnecessary personal information, such as your Social Security card, in your wallet or purse.
- Don't conduct private business on personal WiFi.
- Use hard-to-guess passwords, especially for websites in which you have personal information stored.

Frequently asked questions



Is identity theft really that big of a deal? Won't my bank just work with me?

Although your bank or credit card issuer may work with you to dispute some withdrawals or charges, identity theft takes many forms. If someone opens an account in your name, it may hurt your credit score, making it harder and more expensive to obtain credit or loans. If someone uses your information to obtain a prescription, you may not be able to get the medicine you need. With tax identity theft, you may not receive the refund you are due.

Why should I check my credit report?

Credit reports contain the history of any credit issued in your name. They are kept by credit reporting agencies, the largest of which are Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. Regularly checking your reports will ensure that no one has opened an account while pretending to be you.

What should I do if my personal information was part of a data breach?

Data breaches involve unauthorized access to your information. Each breach may expose usernames, passwords, credit card numbers, Social Security numbers or various combinations of these details. If you are notified that your information was part of a breach, consider changing your passwords, alerting your credit card provider and/or placing an initial fraud alert or credit freeze on your credit report, especially if the breach involved Social Security numbers.

What is the difference between an initial fraud alert and a credit freeze?

An initial fraud alert tells those issuing credit to take extra steps to confirm your identity. For example, they may ask you to produce extra documentation of your identity. Such an alert is free to place and remains on your credit report for one year, at which point it can be renewed. To place the alert, contact Experian, Equifax or TransUnion, which will then share your request with the other two credit bureaus.

A credit/security freeze blocks access to your credit report to any potential new creditors, meaning that credit generally will not be granted in your name without your permission. Credit freezes are permanent unless you lift or remove them; they are free to place, lift and remove. Keep in mind that if you want to apply for credit, you must lift your freeze using a unique PIN issued to you when you apply for the freeze. To place a credit freeze, contact all three of the major credit reporting agencies.

Is there any way I can protect my child from identity theft?

Generally, children do not have credit reports. To prevent a thief from getting credit issued in the name of a child younger than 16, however, you can ask for a credit record to be created and then immediately frozen. To do this, you will need documentation to prove that you have the ability to act on your child's behalf (for example, a birth certificate) and that you are who you say you are (for example, your driver's license). To place a credit freeze, contact all three of the major credit reporting agencies.

Is there any harm in giving my information to someone who calls me asking for my personal information?

Most legitimate businesses will not call you unexpectedly to ask for personal information. Scammers may try to get your information

by posing as a legitimate organization — such as your bank or the IRS. They may even use official-looking logos or alter caller ID to appear legitimate. When in doubt, contact the organization at a phone number you know to be right. Ask whether someone there has tried to contact you. If the answer is no, the call was a scam.

How can the Ohio Attorney General's Office help me?

The Consumer Protection Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office has an Identity Theft Unit whose members will work with you to help rectify the effects of identity theft. A consumer advocate will work with credit agencies, creditors, collectors or other organizations on your behalf. To participate, fill out a Notification & Affidavit form (available online at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Files/Forms) and submit a copy of your police report.



Did you know?

You are entitled to one free credit report a year from each of the three major credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Visit www.AnnualCreditReport.com to receive a copy of your report. You can pull all three at once or stagger the timing throughout the year.



Important resources

Ohio Attorney General's Office
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Annual Credit Report
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Beware of Scammers Claiming to be Ohio Homeland Security

OHS Phone Number Spoofed; Don't Fall for Telephone Scams

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Public Safety has received reports of a possible scam being perpetrated on Ohioans today from scammers claiming to be from Ohio Homeland Security (OHS).

Ohio residents have reported receiving phone calls from scammers claiming to be from OHS and informing the call recipients that their identity had been stolen. Caller ID on these calls indicate the calls originated from the OHS main line 614-387-6171, but they did not; the Ohio Homeland Security main line was spoofed. Spoofing is when a caller deliberately falsifies the information transmitted to your caller ID display to disguise their identity.

“If you receive these calls, don’t fall for this scam,” said Ohio Homeland Security Executive Director Brian Quinn. “Hang up immediately and report it to either your local law enforcement or the Statewide Terrorism Analysis and Crime Center (STACC) at 1-877-647-4683.”

Ohio Homeland Security, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, does not investigate personal identity theft and would not make these kinds of phone calls to Ohio residents.

Do not fall victim to telephone scams. Tips to protect yourself from telephone scams include:

- Register your phone number with the National Do Not Call Registry.
- Be wary of callers claiming that you've won a prize or vacation package.
- Hang up on suspicious phone calls.
- Be cautious of caller ID.

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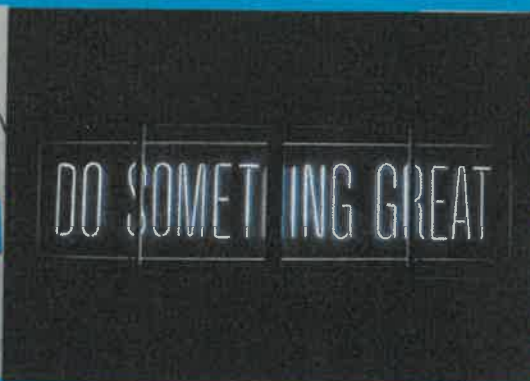


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