

Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

Bluffton Town Hall, Third Floor

July 27, 2020 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, July 13, 2020

Bills

Committee Reports

Streets, Lights, Alleys, & Sidewalks 7/15
Finance Committee – 7/27

Boards & Commissions

Cemetery Board – 7/15
Planning Commission – 7/16
Allen County Health Board – 7/23

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2020

2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE OF WEST WASHINGTON STREET FROM MAIN STREET TO THE MID-BLOCK ALLEY BY THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2020

2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2020

1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AN ALLEY AS REQUESTED BY BEN REINEKE AND CLEIDSON TEIXEIRA.

Administrator's Report

- Public Works Department Report

Safety Services Reports

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

Council Meeting – Monday, July 27 at 7:00 pm

Council meeting – Monday, August 10 at 7:00 pm

Public Comment

Adjournment – Motion and Second

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Cupples motioned, seconded by Stahl, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on June 22, 2020. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Steiner, Stahl and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavinia motioned, seconded by Steiner, to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

The fiscal officer gave the following readings:

1st Reading:

Ordinance 03-2020 – An Ordinance to enact a no parking zone on the southwesterly side of West Washington St. from Main Street to the mid-block alley by the Village of Bluffton. Talavinia motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Ordinance 07-2020 – An Ordinance making changes to certain areas of the codified version of the Bluffton, Ohio code of ordinances to provide necessary clarification and allowing enforcement against unlawful acts and declaring an emergency. Sehlhorst motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Talavinia. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Cupples motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Ordinance 08-2020 – An Ordinance changing the zoning classification for certain properties located in the Village of Bluffton, Ohio. Sehlhorst motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 17-2020 – A Resolution authorizing the submission of a fiscal year 2021 Ohio airport grant application and declaring an emergency. Steiner motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Talavinia motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Stahl. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Bryan Lloyd, Village Assistant Administrator, presented a quote from Patterson Pools for \$26,100 to perform repairs to the pool to be completed after the pool closes for the season. Stahl motioned to accept the quote, not to exceed \$26,100, for the pool repairs, seconded by Steiner. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavinia motioned, seconded by Steiner, to approve a \$0.50/hr pay increase for officers Hope Hannah and Abigail Michael as they have completed Masters and Bachelor degrees, respectively, in Criminal Justice Administration. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavinia motioned, seconded by Stahl, to accept the resignation of Steve Angel from the Fire Department. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, 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. All meetings will be held at the Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Tree Commission – Wednesday, 6/24 at 7p.m. via Zoom

Joint Parks & Recreation and Streets, Alleys, Lights, and Sidewalk Committee – Thursday, 7/8 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting – Monday, 7/13 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing for Alley Vacation – Monday, 7/13 at 7:15 p.m.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
VOUCHER REPORT 7/27/2020

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION
360 INTERACTIVE	250.00	Police	CRADLE POINT CHARGER
ACCENT BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS	757.22	Administrative	PHONES
AIM MEDIA MIDWEST	38.80	Administrative	PWD AD
ALLOWAY TESTING	50.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	75.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	1,596.10	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	50.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	75.00	Multiple	TESTING
ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	15,814.51	Multiple	HEALTH INSURANCE
ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	385.16	Multiple	VISION, DENTAL, LIFE INSURANCE
APOLLO CAREER CENTER	140.00	Rescue	CPR RENEWAL
BLACKBURN, JESSE	60.25	Administrative	HYDRANT PROJECT
BLUFFTON RILEY CREEK SPORTSWEAR, LLC	360.00	Police	UNIFORMS
BLUFFTON STONE CO.	40.04	Multiple	STONE
BLUFFTON STONE CO.	88.26	Multiple	STONE
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK	40,522.56	Capital Imp.	LOAN PAYMENT
COMMUNITY MARKETS	7.98	Police	SUPPLIES
COMMUNITY MARKETS	60.81	Administrative	HYDRANT PROJECT
GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	179.70	Police	FACE MASKS
GARY LUGIBIHL EXCAVATING	12,000.00	Land & Buildings	BARN DEMO - RAILROAD STREET
GARY LUGIBIHL EXCAVATING	4,150.00	Land & Buildings	BARN DEMO - RAILROAD STREET
GRAINGER INC	33.71	Fire	PRESSURE SWITCH
GUTH LABORATORIES INC	37.93	Police	TESTING SUPPLIES
HACKENBERG, FEIGNER, BISHOP & WERTH, LLC	1,175.00	Administrative	SOLICITOR FEES
HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC CO-OP	165.45	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
LARRY R. CORE	20.00	Administrative	TOWN HALL REFUND
LEIBER GARAGE	49.02	Police	PD AUTO REPAIRS
MIAMI PRODUCTS & CHEMICAL CO.	711.50	Pool	POOL CHEMICALS
MIAMI PRODUCTS & CHEMICAL CO.	770.00	Pool	POOL CHEMICALS
MIAMI PRODUCTS & CHEMICAL CO.	(225.00)	Pool	POOL CHEMICALS
OHIO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	49.00	Police	SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER MEMBERSHIP
PERRY CORPORATION	198.00	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	1,747.61	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	775.00	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	387.50	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
POWER HOUSE ELECTRIC SUPPLY	28.68	Land & Buildings	FIXTURES, PARTS, LAMPS
POWER HOUSE ELECTRIC SUPPLY	(28.00)	Land & Buildings	FIXTURES, PARTS, LAMPS
POWER HOUSE ELECTRIC SUPPLY	81.27	Land & Buildings	FIXTURES, PARTS, LAMPS
PROMO HITS	360.00	Police	HAND SANITIZER
SAM'S CLUB	45.67	Pool	POOL SUPPLIES
SAM'S CLUB	54.92	Police	SUPPLIES
STACY MARSHALL	20.00	Administrative	TOWN HALL REFUND
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	303.29	Multiple	OFFICE SUPPLIES
TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS SYSTEMS INC	1,098.05	Police	CONE BARS
USALCO	12,878.18	Sewer	ALUM
VERIZON WIRELESS	300.94	Multiple	CELL PHONES
VILLAGE OF OTTAWA	41,648.73	Water	WATER
	<u>139,387.84</u>		

JUNE FIRE & EMS	6,052.17
MEDICARE	87.78
OPERS	386.65
FICA	119.14

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 7/17	53,360.57
MEDICARE	741.24
OPERS	3,413.41
OP&F	2,219.57

Council Signature : _____

Date : _____

Village of Bluffton, Ohio Statement of Cash Position

From: 1/1/2020 to 7/27/2020

Funds: A1 to H6

Include Inactive Accounts: No

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	Net Revenue YTD	Net Expenses YTD	Increases, Other YTD	Decreases, Other YTD	Unexpended Balance	Encumbrance YTD	Ending Balance
A1	GENERAL FUND	\$1,856,752.54	\$1,643,814.71	\$1,038,968.81	\$0.00	\$784,000.00	\$1,677,598.44	\$273,344.75	\$1,404,253.69
B1	STREET FUND	\$563,730.19	\$108,463.49	\$230,031.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$442,161.69	\$73,902.35	\$368,259.34
B2	STATE HIGHWAY FUND	\$70,005.77	\$7,912.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,918.23	\$0.00	\$77,918.23
B3	CEMETARY FUND	\$18,795.99	\$11,263.00	\$11,736.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,322.58	\$0.00	\$18,322.58
B4	PARK FUND	\$10,474.64	\$0.00	\$76,748.93	\$110,000.00	\$0.00	\$43,725.71	\$28,119.60	\$15,606.11
B5	BENROTH MEMORIAL BRI	\$1,434.63	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,634.63	\$0.00	\$1,634.63
B7	COURT COMPUTER	\$5,113.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,113.14	\$0.00	\$5,113.14
B8	DUI ENFORCEMENT & ED	\$890.01	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,025.01	\$0.00	\$1,025.01
C2	SWIMMING POOL DEBT SE	\$863.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$863.28	\$0.00	\$863.28
C4	BLUFFTON IN BLOOM	\$753.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$753.30	\$0.00	\$753.30
D1	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT F	\$3,477.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,477.57	\$0.00	\$3,477.57
D2	STORM SEWER IMPROVE	\$13,167.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,167.40	\$0.00	\$13,167.40
D3	FIRE & RESCUE IMPROVE	\$98,030.47	\$10,000.00	\$905.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107,125.47	\$2,000.00	\$105,125.47
D4	SWIMMING POOL IMPROV	\$19,285.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,285.40	\$7,500.00	\$11,785.40
D5	EQUIPMENT REPLACEME	\$15,733.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,733.48	\$0.00	\$15,733.48
D6	AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT	\$162,553.45	\$10,050.37	\$33,415.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$139,188.41	\$75,011.05	\$64,177.36
D8	TOWN HALL IMPROVEMEN	\$311,734.10	\$0.00	\$4,022.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$307,711.62	\$4,942.52	\$302,769.10
D9	POLICE EQUIPMENT REPL	\$34,993.74	\$0.00	\$44,376.30	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,617.44	\$0.31	\$20,617.13
E1	WATER FUND	\$72,309.42	\$433,894.64	\$424,079.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82,124.76	\$315,919.46	(\$233,794.70)
E2	SEWER FUND	\$82,710.04	\$365,735.96	\$336,295.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$112,150.53	\$150,623.03	(\$38,472.50)
E7	REFUSE FUND	\$89,288.50	\$139,492.25	\$140,549.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$88,231.35	\$116,708.68	(\$28,477.33)
E9	WATER/SEWER IMPROVE	\$321,226.66	\$331,112.47	\$1,254,055.14	\$644,000.00	\$0.00	\$42,283.99	\$207,312.08	(\$165,028.09)
F2	COMMUNITY EVENTS	\$5,880.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,880.77	\$0.00	\$5,880.77
F3	COMMUNICATIONS FUND	\$6,960.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,960.24	\$0.00	\$6,960.24
F4	POLICE CONTINUING PRO	\$2,120.75	\$1,500.00	\$1,710.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,910.75	\$15.00	\$1,895.75
F5	UTILITY RECOVERY	\$1,956.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,956.12	\$0.00	\$1,956.12
F6	NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	\$4,401.37	\$474.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,875.77	\$0.00	\$4,875.77
F7	Shannon Cemetery Fund	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
F8	POLICE K9 FUND	\$4,506.83	\$530.00	\$669.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,367.44	\$0.00	\$4,367.44
G2	UNCLAIMED MONIES TRU	\$225.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.20	\$0.00	\$225.20
G4	CEMETARY TRUST - CW	\$1,326.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,326.66	\$0.00	\$1,326.66
G5	CEMETARY TRUST - MATT	\$524.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$524.37	\$0.00	\$524.37
H1	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - K	\$897.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$897.17	\$0.00	\$897.17
H4	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT -	\$849.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$849.41	\$0.00	\$849.41
H6	SPECIAL ASSMT - JACKSO	\$119.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119.67	\$0.00	\$119.67
Grand Total:		\$3,783,392.28	\$3,064,578.75	\$3,597,564.03	\$784,000.00	\$784,000.00	\$3,250,407.00	\$1,255,398.83	\$1,995,008.17

The Cemetery Board met on July 15th at 4:30 PM on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall. In attendance; Jesse Blackburn, Jon Kinn, Bernadine Ludwig, Richard Johnson and Jerry Cupples.

We discussed the two bids received for signage at the Shannon Cemetery. The board has chosen to accept a bid from Bob Johns Memorials for a gray granite stone marker at a cost of \$3700. This marker will include (to the best of our ability) the names of all known persons buried, as well as the name "Shannon Cemetery". The marker will be placed at an angle at the s/e end along East Jefferson for optimal visibility from the street. In addition a footer will need be poured. We estimate the total cost to be less than \$4,000.

Jerry Cupples

July 15, 2020

Start: 5:30 pm – 6:20 pm

Present: Joe Sehlhorst, Jerry Cupples, Mayor Rich Johnson, Admin. Jesse Blackburn; Guests: Paula Scott and Derek Dukes from the Chamber of Commerce

Streets Meeting

Topic : Wayfinding

Chamber presented committee the current status of the Wayfinding Program that was initially discussed earlier this year.

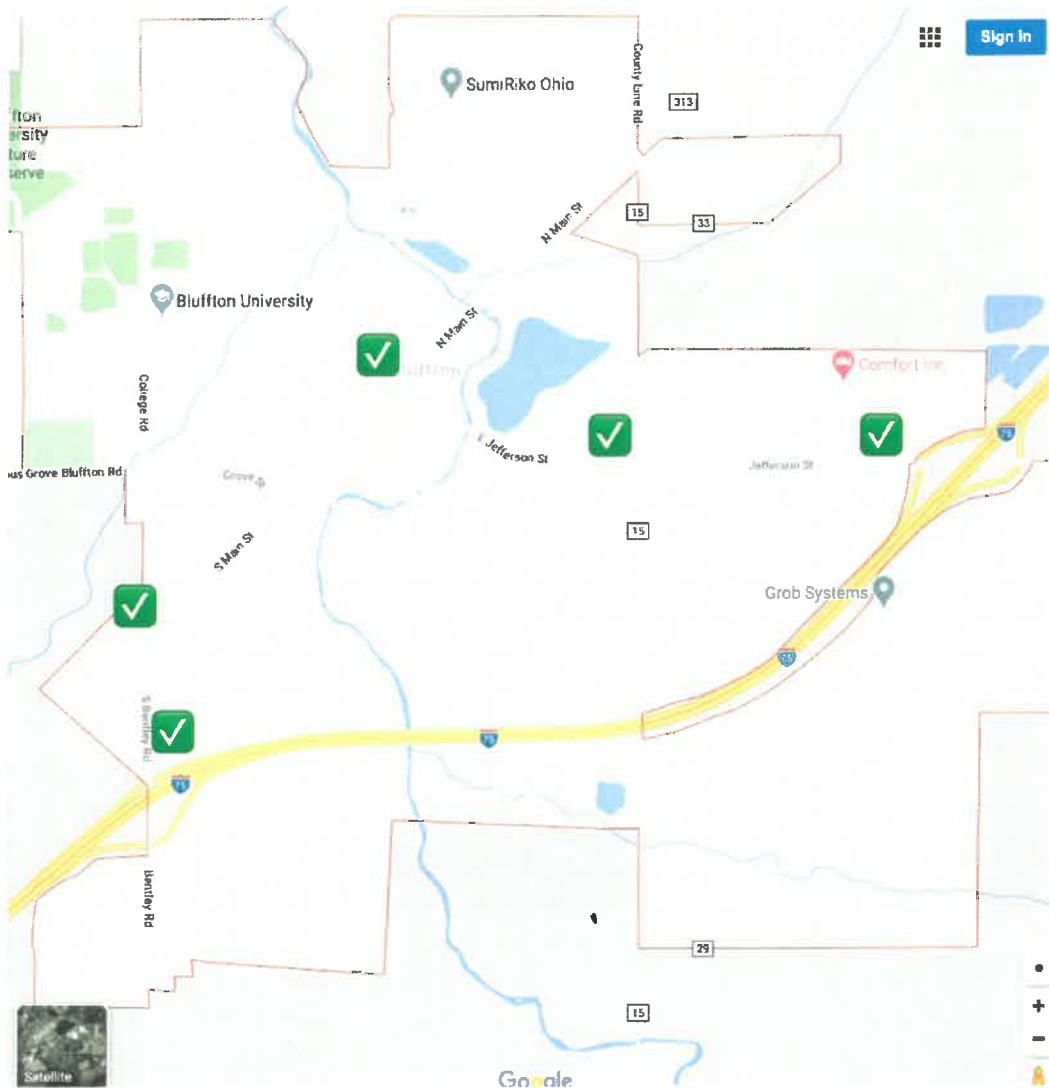
- Please see attachment for sign details, size, and locations

Program currently includes 5 signs to ideally be placed in the following areas:

- I-75 @ SR103
- Jefferson @ County Line
- I-75 @ Bentley
- Main @ Bentley
- Main @ Jefferson

We had a nice discussion about the Wayfinding program. We did note a few corrections. Specifically, the sign for Main @ Jefferson SHOP & DINE should have arrow pointing both directions. We also discussed size of signs and placement as to not create a visual hazard. Overall, the Chamber and Village would like to create a wayfinding program that will attract visitors coming from Interstate 75 to “Explore Bluffton.” Hopefully, these visitors will have a positive experience (shop, dine, play) and share with others how much our community has to offer.

Bluffton Directional Signs June 2020



I-75 @ 103



I-75 @ BENTLEY



MAIN @
BENTLEY



MAIN @
JEFFERSON



JEFFERSON @
COUNTY LINE

I-75 Exits

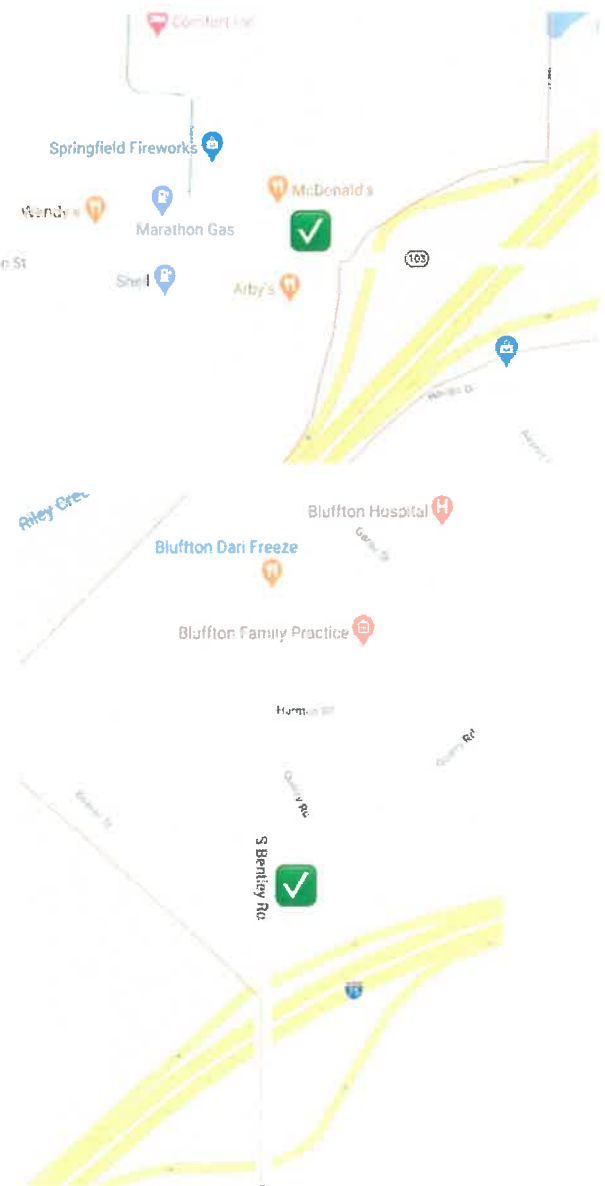


4' x 6' above

Fultz 4 x 8 \$1,500 ea.

At existing locations, similar size

Tree City sign 2' x 2.5'>



Main @ Bentley Rd.

Replace university and 2' x 3' church sign

With 3' x 5' directional sign (Fultz \$775 ea.)



Main @ Jefferson

Replace 18" university sign with 3' x 5' sign



Jefferson @ County Line

New 3' x 5' sign – placement in advance or past County Line Road?

Digital speed monitoring now on pole past intersection



Village of Bluffton Planning Commission Meeting

7-16-20

Members Present: Mayor Richard Johnson, Council Representative Mitch Kingsley,
Dick Ramseyer, Roger Edwards, Bob Amstutz

The Planning Commission met on the third floor of the Town Hall beginning at 7:03 pm to discuss the following topics:

Topic 1: Current Zoning District assigned to properties along the northwest side of Norfolk Southern railroad tracks between E. Jefferson St. and E. College Ave.

Village Administration brought this topic before the Planning Commission as the current Zoning District assignment of R-I Residential to 4 properties does not fit the historical or current usage. These properties are currently occupied by an AEP substation, grain elevator owned by Pandora Grain & Supply, a commercial building most recently known as the Riley Creek Mercantile, and the lot bordering the Mercantile lot on Railroad St.

This topic was briefly discussed among Planning Commission members. Village Administrator presented an interest from a local family in establishing a butcher shop at 246 Cherry St., the location of former Riley Creek Mercantile. The presence of this party was requested at future meetings that will be scheduled.

Input from Bluffton residents was then received. Comments were generally unsupportive of butcher shop idea. This topic was done being discussed at 7:25 pm.

Topic 2: Development of property fronting N. Bentley Rd. between W. Elm St. and Garmatter St.

Bob Fett presented plans for development of property mentioned above. Proposed plans showed 5 condominium units. Each condo unit is designed for 2 families, adding 10 new residential units to the proposed development.

This topic was discussed among Planning Commission members. More details are needed. Comments were received from local residents who were unsupportive of the proposal.

Formal presentation of development plans was not made at this meeting. Plan review will continue with Village Administrator and developer.

At 8:07 pm the meeting was adjourned.

From: Joe Sehlhorst, Village of Bluffton Rep. for Allen County Health Board

Allen County Health Board

Subject: Data Updates 2020 Covid-19

Notes from Facebook Allen County Health Dept. Facebook Post – Unable to attend

Status Update:

Allen

July 22 – 486 Cases; 91 hospitalizations; 41 Deaths; 165 Cases; 281 Presumed Recovered
July 15 – 399 Cases; 81 hospitalizations; 41 Deaths; 124 Cases; 238 Presumed Recovered*Mask Allen mandatory order
July 8 – 328 Cases; 72 hospitalizations; 41 Deaths; 79 Cases; 214 Presumed Recovered
July 1 – 297 Cases; 69 hospitalizations; 40 Deaths; 69 Cases
June 18 – 242 Cases; 66 hospitalizations; 36 Deaths; 28 Cases
June 3 – 214 Cases; 57 hospitalized; 33 Deaths; 33 Current Cases
May 27 – 201 Cases; 55 hospitalized; 32 Deaths; 47 Current Cases
May 20 – 172 cases; 52 hospitalized, 30 Deaths
May 13 – 155 cases; 48 hospitalized, 30 Deaths
May 6 – 139 cases; 47 hospitalized, 28 Deaths
April 29 – 116 cases; 43 hospitalized, 22 Deaths (14-16 deaths from long term care facility)
April 22 – 94 cases; 40 hospitalized, 12 Deaths
April 15 – 51 cases; 28 hospitalized, Age Range: 20-80+ yrs. Old, 4 Deaths
April 8 – 22 cases; 17 hospitalized, Age Range: 20-80+ yrs. old, 1 Death
April 1 - 6 cases; 5 hospitalized, Age Range: 40-80 yrs. old, No Deaths
March 25 – No cases

Ohio

July 22 – 78,742 Cases; 9,864 hospitalized (2,386 ICU); 3,235 Deaths; 54,426 presumed recovered*All OH Mask Order
July 15 – 69,311 Cases; 9,209 hospitalized (2259 ICU); 3,075 Deaths; 47,303 presumed recovered
July 8 – 60,181 Cases; 8,489 hospitalized (2,127 ICU); 2,991 Deaths
July 1 – 52,865 Cases; 7,911 hospitalized (2,008 ICU); 2,876 Deaths
June 18 – 42,422 Cases; 7,051 hospitalized (1,797 ICU); 2,611 Deaths
June 3 – 36,792 Cases; 6,251 hospitalized (1604 ICU); 2,299 Deaths
May 27 – 33,439 cases; 5700 hospitalized (1492 ICU); 2,044 Deaths
May 20 – 29,436 cases; 5,198 hospitalized (1,369 ICU); 1,781 Deaths
May 6 – 21,576 cases; 4,052 hospitalized (1151 ICU); 1,225 Deaths.
April 29th – 17,303 cases; 3421 hospitalized; 937 Deaths.
April 22nd – 14,117; 2882 hospitalized (880 ICU), 610 deaths. Present 88 counties
April 15th – 7,791; 2237 hospitalized; 361 deaths. Present 87 counties
April 8th – 5000+; 1500 hospitalized, 193 deaths. Present 83 counties
April 1st – 2547 cases; 679 hospitalized, 65 deaths. Present 72 counties
March 25th - 704 confirmed cases, 10 deaths. Present in 55 counties.

Go to Allen County Public Health Facebook page for updates, news, and resources.

You will see new data “Current Cases” are now being tracked. This was a request from government officials.

Public Health Update: COVID-19 July 23, 2020

As COVID-19 Spread Continues, Allen County Placed on WATCH

Governor Mike DeWine announced today Allen County has been placed on WATCH status. In the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, when counties first meet 6 of the 7 indicators, they are considered to be at Red Level 3 BUT ON WATCH TO MOVE INTO PURPLE LEVEL 4. Allen County met a 6th indicator this week, a sustained increase in new cases. When data is re-evaluated in one week, if Allen County continues to meet 6 indicators it will be moved to Purple Level 4 Alert. Currently, Allen County meets the following data indicators:

- New cases per capita
- Sustained increase in new cases (new this week – average 13 cases/day)
- Proportion of cases not in a congregate setting
- Sustained increase in Emergency Department visits for COVID-like illness
- Sustained increase in outpatient visits for COVID-like illness
- Sustained increase in new COVID hospital admissions

If Allen County data continues to meet 6 indicators when data is tabulated on July 29, 2020 Allen County will be elevated to Purple Level 4 Alert. If the data evaluation shows that Allen County meets 4-5 of the indicators we will remain in Red Level 3 Alert. More information about the Advisory System and Allen County data is available at coronavirus.ohio.gov.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ALLEN COUNTY RESIDENTS?

- Allen County residents are still at Level 3 Red Alert and are advised to follow all the guidance in the [Public Health Update for Red Level 3 Guidance](#). In order for Allen County to return to a low risk level, we need everyone to do their part to reduce the number of cases we have and the number of people who are potentially exposed.
- The entire state of Ohio is under a Mask Mandate effective July 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Facial coverings are required for those over age 10 when out in public, with limited exceptions. The order for the mandate can be found at coronavirus.ohio.gov.
- Allen County residents must take [PREVENTIVE ACTIONS](#) now to slow the spread of coronavirus in our community to lower our risk level. Social distancing, wearing face coverings, limiting gatherings to no more than 10 people, and avoiding travel to COVID-19 “hot spots” will help us slow the spread. If people do more than what’s required for safety, it will benefit everyone. Please consider whether all of your activities are necessary at this time.
- Allen County residents must take the spread of coronavirus seriously and cooperate with Allen County Public Health officials if they are contacted regarding [quarantine or isolation](#).

OTHER COVID-19 UPDATES

Governor DeWine also announced a [TRAVEL ADVISORY](#) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. The advisory is not a mandate, but asks that persons returning to Ohio from out-of-state self-quarantine for 14 days upon return.

The Ohio Department of Health has extended the expiration date of the [Contact Sports Order](#) until July 31, 2020.



Level 1 Public Emergency: active exposures and spread.

Level 2 Public Emergency: increased exposure and spread. Everyday high degree of isolation.

Level 3 Public Emergency: very high exposure and spread. Little activities as much as possible.

Level 4 Public Emergency: severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE OF WEST WASHINGTON STREET FROM MAIN STREET TO THE MID-BLOCK ALLEY BY THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON.

WHEREAS; the Village of Bluffton, via their Streets, Alleys, Lights and Sidewalks Committee wishes to create a no parking zone on the southwesterly side of West Washington Street from Main Street to the mid-block alley. This is to increase the safety and welfare of the public and to create a better flow of traffic within the Village.

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

Section 1. Parking shall no longer be permitted on the southwesterly side of West Washington Street, within the Village of Bluffton, Ohio from Main Street to the mid-block alley.

Passed and adopted this ___ day of _____ 2020 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

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2020

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

WHEREAS, Village Administration has filed a petition with the Bluffton Village Planning Commission requesting a re-zoning of certain properties along East Jefferson Street between County Line Road and Huber Street, along with properties bordering the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks, or public alley that parallels tracks between Jefferson Street and Cherry Street, and;

WHEREAS, Bluffton Village Planning Commission has approved and recommended to Village Council the following assignment of zoning districts to each respective parcel:

Situated in the County of Allen, State of Ohio, to wit,

	<u>Parcel number (Address)</u>	<u>Zoning District</u>
A.	28120501001000 (302 Hancock Rd.)	R-I Residential
B.	28120501002000 (216 E. Jefferson St.)	R-I Residential
C.	28120501003000 (212 E. Jefferson St.)	R-I Residential
D.	28120501004000 (208 E. Jefferson St.)	R-I Residential
E.	28120501005000 (202 E. Jefferson St.)	R-I Residential
F.	28120501006000 (198 E. Jefferson St.)	R-I Residential
G.	28120501007000 (194 E. Jefferson St.)	R-I Residential
H.	28120501008000 (190 E. Jefferson St.)	R-I Residential
I.	28120501009000 (186 E. Jefferson St.)	C-II Commercial
J.	28120501010000 (182 E. Jefferson St.)	C-II Commercial
K.	28120501011000 (180 E. Jefferson St.)	C-II Commercial
L.	28120501012000 (176 E. Jefferson St.)	C-II Commercial
M.	28120501013000 (172 E. Jefferson St.)	R-I Residential
N.	28120501014000 (E. Jefferson St.)	R-I Residential
O.	28120501015000 (160 E. Jefferson St.)	R-I Residential
P.	28120501016000 (156 E. Jefferson St.)	R-I Residential
Q.	28120501017000 (154 E. Jefferson St.)	R-I Residential
R.	28120502001000 (211 Huber St.)	R-I Residential
S.	28120502021000 (209 Huber St.)	R-I Residential
T.	28120502020000 (199 Huber St.)	R-I Residential
U.	28120502020001 (Huber St.)	R-I Residential
V.	28120502004000 (Huber St.)	R-I Residential
W.	28120502005000 (Huber St.)	R-I Residential
X.	28120502006000 (Mound St.)	R-I Residential
Y.	28120502002000 (Cherry St.)	R-I Residential

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

SECTION 1: That the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio has approved the petition for the rezoning of the parcels listed in this Ordinance to the zoning district as shown.

SECTION 2: 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 _____ 2020 by the governing board of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote (2/3 required):

Yes: _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

Approved as to Form:

Village Solicitor

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AN ALLEY AS REQUESTED BY BEN REINEKE AND CLEIDSON TEIXEIRA

WHEREAS, Ben Reineke and Cleidson Teixeira have petitioned for the vacation of an alley that is no longer used by the village or the public and;

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 723.04 provides as follows:

The legislative authority of a municipal corporation, on petition by a person owning a lot in the municipal corporation praying that a street or alley in the immediate vicinity of such lot be vacated or narrowed, or the name thereof changed, upon hearing, and upon being satisfied that there is good cause for such change of name, vacation, or narrowing, that it will not be detrimental to the general interest, and that it should be made, may, by ordinance, declare such street or alley vacated, narrowed, or the name thereof changed. The legislative authority may include in one ordinance the change of name, vacation, or narrowing of more than one street, avenue, or alley.

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

SECTION 1: The Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio finds that, upon petition and hearing on such petition, finds that there is good cause for such vacation of said alley and that there is no detriment to the general interest, hereby declares that the said alley, as described in the attached exhibit, is and is hereby vacated.

SECTION 2: 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 _____ 2020 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

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that the within is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 09-2020, passed on third reading by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio on

_____ day of _____, 2020.

Dated: _____

Kevin Nickel, Clerk/Fiscal Officer

Village of Bluffton

Administration's Report

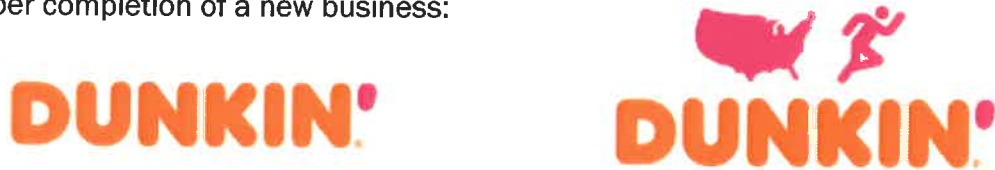
To: Mayor Johnson & Council Members



07-27-20

Zoning & Building Permit Update

August 3rd – begins complete redevelopment of the commercial lot at 499 S.R. 103 for the mid November completion of a new business:



2020 Water Meter Replacement Project –

Information regarding this project can be found at www.bluffton-ohio.com/water.

- 886 meters have been replaced/reprogrammed.

Areas to be receiving new meters: Lawn St., Jackson St., Main St., College Ave.

Continue to search for potential buyers for surplus old meters.

Pathway Highlights

1. **N. Bentley Rd.** Pathway from Richland Drive to Riley St. is scheduled for construction August 3, old lines still need placed on new poles to allow removal of old poles.

PWD new employee search Recommend Clint Dailey as a new employee with the Public Works Department. Excited to bring Mr. Dailey on board!!

Brush Grinding Tawa Mulch & Landscape Supply, Findlay, OH has completed grinding to maximize the amount of pavement improvements that Bluffton Paving can perform this year.

“Building” definition updated in Bluffton Code:

Notice to Bluffton Residents: Clarification on some issues surrounding existing laws and definitions regarding **inoperative motor vehicles** is being remedied. Those properties that contain an **inoperative motor vehicle** will be required to store said vehicle in a garage or accessory building in the near future.

WWTP Update: Sludge hauling was completed in 1 ½ days! Record time from years past. Thanks for the hard work PWD!



July 27th, 2020

To: Mayor Johnson and Council

From: Chief Burkholder

Reference: Police Department Update

Illegal Dumping Issues

The Bluffton Et Cetera has had several problems with people dumping items. They have strict drop off times due to COVID-19 recommendations, safety measures for their limited staff, and limited spacing for the items. Please, follow the instructions on the signage they have placed at the drop off area.

Drop Off Days and Times are as follows: **Tuesday and Friday only 8am to 3 pm only!**

If the dumping continues, those involved could potentially be charged with Illegal Dumping which I have also posted for the business.



This is not acceptable nor fair to the business or its employees.



Kids Backing the Blue

Travis Mercer
1303 Hedrick Street
Delphos, Ohio 45833
Travism@kidsbackingtheblue.com
419-203-7070

Dear Chief Burkholder:

I just wanted to take this opportunity to "Thank You" & your department for contributing to our "Kids Backing the Blue" Non Profit Organization. It was very nice of you to mail that to me. We'd like to offer to reimburse you, if you would like to be reimbursed please just let me know & we will get you reimbursed for that. I love your Challenge Coins, they are really cool looking. Two lucky children are going to get your cool challenge coins. We like to hand them out for doing a good service/deed.

Stay safe out there & remember you guys have Supporters even though at this evil time it doesn't seem like it! We've Got Your Six! I've Got Your Six!

Sincerely,

Travis Mercer

News & Updates
July 2020



Elder Victim Ministry

Elder Victim Ministry continues to serve victims remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, we have served an increased number of domestic violence victims.



June 15, 2020 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day



EVM & Primrose Retirement Community's **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** tree dedication gathered 25 elders and professionals at Primrose in



- 20% of elders are socially isolated.
 - Social isolation affects 20% of the overall health of an elder.
- AARP Foundation

Lima. Primrose residents, Allen County Adult Protective Services and Crossroads Crisis Center helped plant the Dwarf Korean Lilac.



Elder Victim Ministry, a program of Crime Victim Services that began in 1996, has helped over 3,000 elders in Allen & Putnam Counties prevail over the trauma of a victimization in the areas of safety, healing, justice and legal and financial recovery.

Crimevictimservices.org

330 N. Elizabeth St., 2nd Fl., Lima OH 45801
419-222-8666 1-877-867-7273

338 E. Third Street, Ottawa OH 45875
419-523-1111 1-877-274-7471



Calendar

- Putnam County Senior Expo Outreach — cancelled
- National Night Out Outreach— cancelled
- Credit Check Wednesday—Dec. 3
- Lima Chamber Outreach — quarterly, by Zoom
- Adult Crime Education Workshops— cancelled for 2020
- Are You OK? Calls—Conducted weekly from Volunteer's homes.
- Elder Justice I-Team meetings — cancelled due to COVID-19
- Get the Scoop on Scams Support Group — cancelled due to COVID-19
- Law enforcement incident report lookups — continues weekly
- SA-MART Case Reviews: Law Enforcement, Prosecutor's office — monthly by Zoom

PII Pieces *Personally Identifiable Information is information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, either alone or when combined with other personal or identifying information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual (US Ofc. Mgt. Budget, 2019).*



The Scoop on COVID Scams

- Have a conversation with an elder you know. Explain that there are people who will exploit the health crisis with scams and ID theft
- Scammers take advantage of our COVID-19 fears & heightened emotional states
- Resist the sense of urgency to buy or sign up for remedies and claims that sound too good to be true
- Report unsupported claims for COVID cures to [FTC.gov](https://www.ftc.gov)
- To keep up with the latest scams, go to [FTC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus)
- If you have concerns for someone in a long term care facility, and this can't be resolved with the facility, reach out to Ohio's Long Term Care Ombudsman



Program (419) 223-6474

- Additionally, if you have concerns for an elder aged 60 or older, reach out to Adult Protective Services
 - Allen APS 419-999-0251
 - Putnam APS 800-523-5799
- Crime Victim Services has ID Theft and Scam Recovery Packets **ready to go** if you find that you need this help.

DATA POINT

- **379**— Law enforcement reports collected: Allen County – 357; Putnam County – 22
- **432** — Victims Served
- **54** — Justice System Advocacy Cases
- **23** — Are You OK? calls made weekly
- **62** — elder domestic violence victims served
- **245** — number of masks donated for elder victims