

**COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
May 28, 2013
8:00 PM
BLUFFTON TOWN HALL**

MINUTES May 13, 2013

BILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 07-13 **3RD READING** **TABLED**
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THAT SIDEWALKS BE CONSTRUCTED AND MAINTAINED IN ALL RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-13 **3RD READING**
AN ORDINANCE ENACTING REGULATIONS FOR AND PERMITTING BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-13 **2ND READING** **EMERGENCY**
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-13 **1ST READING**
AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AN ALLEY AS REQUESTED BY TONY AND JENNIFER SIFERD AND PAUL AND DEBORAH WEIHRAUCH.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-13 **1ST READING** **EMERGENCY**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-12 (THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

SAFETY

FINANCIALS

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Regular Council

May 13, 2013

Mayor Gallant presiding. Messrs: Burrell, Collier, Kingsley, McGarrity, Sehlhorst, and Steiner present.

Mr. Sehlhorst moved, seconded by Mr. Collier to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on April 22, 2013. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: Sehlhorst, Collier, Burrell, Kingsley, McGarrity, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. Steiner moved, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve the bills as presented. Total non-payroll of \$35,960.23 and payroll of \$184,076.50. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: Steiner, Burrell, Collier, Kingsley, McGarrity, and Sehlhorst. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. McGarrity moved, seconded by Mr. Kingsley to suspend the rules. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: McGarrity, Kingsley, Burrell, Collier, Sehlhorst, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. Sehlhorst moved, seconded by Mr. Collier to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 19-12: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON HARMON ROAD WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: Sehlhorst, Collier, Burrell, Kingsley, McGarrity, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. Burrell moved, seconded by Mr. Kingsley to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 10-13: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING REGULATIONS FOR AND PERMITTING BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: Burrell, Kingsley, Collier, McGarrity, and Sehlhorst, Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. Steiner moved, seconded by Mr. Collier to suspend the rules. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: Steiner, Collier, Burrell, Kingsley, McGarrity, and Sehlhorst. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. McGarrity moved, seconded by Mr. Kingsley to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 13-13: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, REFUSE AND RECYCLABLES FROM RESIDENTIAL UNITS WITHIN THE VILLAGE AND REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH; TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT THEREFORE; TO PROVIDE RATES FOR SUCH COLLECTION CONTRACT; TO PROVIDE FOR BILLING AND COLLECTION OF CHARGES BY THE VILLAGE; TO SET FORTH THE DUTIES OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: McGarrity, Kingsley, Burrell, Collier, Sehlhorst, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. Kingsley moved, seconded by Mr. McGarrity to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 14-13: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: Kingsley, McGarrity, Burrell, Collier, Sehlhorst, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

The Fiscal Officer announced the following meetings:
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Mr. Kingsley moved, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve Misha Groman as a lifeguard for the 2013 pool season. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: Kingsley, Burrell, Collier, McGarrity, Sehlhorst, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. McGarrity moved, seconded by Mr. Collier to approve closing Main Street on May 27, 2013 at the times listed on the special events permit for the Memorial Day parade. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: McGarrity, Collier, Burrell, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. Steiner moved, seconded by Mr. Collier to approve closing Main Street on June 14, 2013 from 1-9pm for the Festival of Wheels. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: Steiner, Collier, Burrell, Kingsley, McGarrity, and Sehlhorst. Nays (0), motion approved.

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At this time, the public hearing for an alley vacation was held.

Mr. Steiner moved, seconded by Mr. McGarrity to approve closing the public hearing and returning to regular session. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: Steiner, McGarrity, Burrell, Collier, Kingsley, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. McGarrity moved, seconded by Mr. Steiner to approve accepting appraised values as the values to use for insurance purposes. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: McGarrity, Steiner, Burrell, Collier, Kingsley, and Sehlhorst. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. Kingsley moved, seconded by Mr. Sehlhorst to approve free admission to the swimming pool on Saturday, May 25, 2013 (opening day). Hours to be open will be 1-4pm, due to high school graduation being held that day. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Burrell, Collier, McGarrity, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. Kingsley moved, seconded by Mr. Steiner to enter into executive session for the discussion of contracts and real estate. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: Kingsley, Steiner, Burrell, Collier, McGarrity, and Sehlhorst. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. McGarrity moved, seconded by Mr. Kingsley to exit from executive session. Roll Call: Yeas (6) Messrs: McGarrity, Kingsley, Burrell, Collier, Sehlhorst, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved. No action taken.

Mr. Kingsley moved to adjourn.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

Village of Bluffton
Bills to be paid
5/28/2013

PAYROLL:

Village \$ 34,316.08

TOTAL PAYROLL \$ 34,316.08

NON-PAYROLL:

Allen Co Clerk of Courts	Disposal Fees- Police Items	\$ 19.00
Alloway	Lab Analysis	\$ 422.50
Allied	Refuse Service	\$ 15,734.74
Jan Basinger	Reimburse Hose Fittings	\$ 62.46
Bluffton Flying Service	Management Fee	\$ 4,500.00
Bluffton Stone	Limestone & Stone for Campus Drive	\$ 6,013.05 X
Buckeye Power Sales	Generator Maintenance	\$ 5,064.45 X
Colonial Surface	Diving Board Platform Painting	\$ 219.00
DRC Holdings	Pool Ads- May & June	\$ 100.00
Emsar Medical	Cot Maintenance	\$ 264.92
Grainger	Salvage Covers (Tarps)	\$ 155.08
Hancock-Wood	Electricity	\$ 211.16
Kalida Truck	200 HR Service Kit	\$ 185.00
OP Aquatics	Depth Markers, Ladder Tread	\$ 415.44
Patriot Concrete	Concrete Work- Pool	\$ 16,400.00 X
Perry Corp	BAC Issues	\$ 447.00
Ohio Police & Fire Pension	April Employer Share	\$ 4,191.58
Everett J. Prescott	PVC Elbow, Reducer Seb	\$ 313.00
Stump's	Hydrotest	\$ 50.05
Sensus	Autoread Software Support	\$ 1,524.60
Staples- Business	Office Chair & Bathroom Supplies	\$ 1,209.53
Staples- Credit	Floor Mats	\$ 779.86
Stratton Greenhouses	Buckeye Tree	\$ 170.10
Treasurer of State	MARCS User Fees	\$ 1,140.00
United Healthcare	Hospitalization	\$ 5,761.12
United Healthcare	Life Insurance	\$ 84.00
Utility Sales Agency	Waterline Parts	\$ 796.42
Valley National Gases	Hydrotesting- Bottles	\$ 76.00
Verizon	Cell Phone (Service Dept) & Air Card)	\$ 170.96
Dominion	Natural Gas	\$ 549.29
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 5.55
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 83.00
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 365.00
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 193.00
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 13.00
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 92.00
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 814.00
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 656.00
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 14.00
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 242.57
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 87.00
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 44.00
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 2.00
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 45.00
Income Tax	Refund	\$ 1.00

Total Non-Payroll \$ 69,687.43

 Mayor/ Council President

X: Then and Now Approved by Council

ORDINANCE NO. 07-13

**AN AMENDED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THAT SIDEWALKS BE
CONSTRUCTED AND MAINTAINED IN ALL RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF THE
VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO**

WHEREAS: the Council of the Village of Bluffton finds that there exists a need in the Village of Bluffton, Ohio that all residential areas of the Village have available for the public use and public good, properly constructed and maintained sidewalks, and;

WHEREAS: the Council of the Village of Bluffton specifically finds that a comprehensive program of maintenance, repair, construction and reconstruction must take place and costs thereof be assessed against the several property owners and;

WHEREAS: the Council finds that a series of resolutions and ordinances may be required to complete this program, of which, this ordinance is deemed to be the initiating or primary ordinance;

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

SECTION 1: any and all existing sidewalks within the Village of Bluffton Ohio shall be maintained and repaired in good order pursuant to the standards and designs as specified in Exhibit "A" that is attached hereto, which may from time to time be amended by the Village Administrator or by the Village council at its discretion.

SECTION 2: the Village of Bluffton Council hereby directs the Village Administrator to enforce sidewalk construction along street frontages of property owners and builders as required any subdivision covenants according to the specifications as set forth in exhibit A herein.

SECTION 3: the Village of Bluffton requires that any and all new subdivision developments or other construction developments within the Village corporation limit shall have sidewalks as specified in Exhibit "A" as attached.

SECTION 4: the Village of Bluffton requires that any block, being a rectangular area in the Village surrounded by streets and usually containing several buildings where there is at least one residential structure, within the Village of Bluffton, Ohio that has existing sidewalks comply with the design standards set forth herein.

SECTION 5: any area of the Village where there is a residential structure existing that does not currently have a sidewalk with install and maintain a sidewalk that complies with the design standards set forth herein.

SECTION 6: PROJECT PHASES AND GENERAL TIME LINES: the overall sidewalk project for the Village of Bluffton shall take place in three (3) phases as set forth in this section;

For purposes of this project, the Village of Bluffton shall be divided into the South East half and North West half with Main Street in Bluffton acting as the dividing line, and the following definitions shall apply:

EXISTING SIDEWALK REPAIR: Any and all *existing sidewalks* within the Village of Bluffton will be reviewed by the Village Administrator or his designee to determine if the said *existing sidewalk* is in need of repair or replacement.

CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF CONNECTING SIDEWALKS: The Village Administrator or his designee shall identify those residential areas of the Village of Bluffton where sidewalks do not, as of the date of this Ordinance, exist, but where there are shorter areas fronting streets where sidewalks would, in the judgment of the Village Administrator or his designee, be an extension of existing sidewalks. These shall be deemed *Connecting Sidewalks* for purposes of this project. Any and all *connecting sidewalks* within the Village of Bluffton will be reviewed by the Village Administrator or his designee to determine if the said *connecting sidewalk* should be constructed and installed.

CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION NEW SIDEWALKS: The Village Administrator or his designee shall identify those residential areas of the Village of Bluffton where sidewalks do not, as of the date of this Ordinance, exist in residential areas but would, in the judgment of the Village Administrator or his designee, be an area where sidewalks should be installed (also being areas not included in Phase One or Phase Two). These shall be deemed *New Sidewalks* for purposes of this project.

Phase One: Notice shall then be provided in 2013 to each property owner of any *existing sidewalk* deemed in need of repair or replacement and any *connecting sidewalks* in the SOUTH EASTERN ONE HALF of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio. The Notice shall advise the property owner that they have until May 1, 2014 to complete any required repair, replacement or construction of such existing sidewalk and connecting sidewalk. If the said repair or replacement is not completed by May 1, 2014 then the Village shall undertake such repair and replacement and proceed to assess the property owner the costs thereof as provided by law. It is the goal to have Phase One completed at the end of the 2014 construction season.

Phase Two: Notice shall then be provided in 2014 to each property owner of any *existing sidewalk* deemed in need of repair or replacement and any *connecting sidewalks* in the NORTH WESTERN ONE HALF of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio. The Notice shall advise the property owner that they have until May 1, 2015 to complete any required repair or replacement. If the said repair or replacement is not completed by May 1, 2015 then the Village shall undertake such repair and replacement and proceed to assess the property owner the costs thereof as provided by law. It is the goal to have Phase Two completed at the end of the 2015 construction season.

Phase Three: Any and all *new sidewalks* within the Village of Bluffton will be reviewed by the Village Administrator or his designee to determine if the said *new sidewalk* should be constructed and installed. Notice shall then be provided in 2015 to each property owner of any *new sidewalk* that should be constructed and installed. The Notice shall advise the property owner that they have until May 1, 2016 to complete any required installation and construction. If the said installation and construction is not completed by May 1, 2016 then the Village shall undertake such installation and construction and proceed to assess the property owner the costs thereof as provided by law. It is the goal to have Phase Three completed at the end of the 2016 construction season.

SECTION 7: the Village Administrator or his designee shall cost republished by means of newspaper or other public notice the intention of the Village of Bluffton Ohio to begin a sidewalk improvement repair and construction program commencing in 2013. Set noticed shall not be construed to be a legal notice triggering timelines for construction however the same shall be advisory in nature and shall advise residents that sidewalk repairs instructions will be reviewed by the Village for possible assessment at a later date.

SECTION 8: the Village Administrator or his designee shall conduct a survey of all properties the street frontage within the Village of Bluffton Ohio and create a master document indicating the name of the owner, the tax parcel number, the approximate front Street footage, and the current condition of said sidewalk at the time of review. The Village Administrator or his designee shall use the following criteria in the determination of whether sidewalks shall be repaired or replaced: 1. Cracks 2. Unevenness 3. Water pocketing 4. Stumbling blocks 5. Slipperiness.

SECTION 9: the Village of Bluffton shall thereafter undertake procedures pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 727, 729 or any other means provided by current or future law to finance and enforce construction repair or replacement of sidewalks pursuant to designs set forth in Exhibit "A" and thereafter provide requisite legal notices to residents and engage contractors for purposes of completing construction or repair sidewalks wherein the owners are noncompliant with notices.

SECTION 10: the Village Administrator or his designee shall provide a report to the Village council on a quarterly basis regarding the progress of the master sidewalk repair and improvement plan.

SECTION 11: the Mayor shall, designate two (2) members of the Council and one (1) elector of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio to act as a Review Board for the Sidewalk Project.

a) The Mayor may make such appointments on an ad hoc basis as required.

b) Any property owner who wishes to appeal the order or determination of the Village Administrator or his designee as to this project shall provide, in writing, such objections and

deliver it to the Village Administrator within 90 days of receiving a notice to construct or repair sidewalks. Upon receipt, the matter will be scheduled for a hearing before the Review Board.

c) The Review Board shall have the power to review the orders of the Village Administrator and may, but is not required to make recommendations or modification as may be deemed appropriate. In determining what is appropriate, the Review Board shall consider any matter deemed proper and shall specifically consider the following: 1) the difference in cost per foot of the installation of a particular section of sidewalk from the average costs, 2) the overall intent that any residential area of the Village be accessible by sidewalks.

SECTION 12: is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were made in open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in 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 _____, 2013 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

Clerk

Mayor

Approved as to form:

F. Stephen Chamberlain
Village Solicitor

ORDINANCE NO. 14-13

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Council of the Village of Bluffton that it is necessary to establish rates and or fees for services provided by the Village, with the exception of utility rates, which are established through their own respective ordinances. This ordinance shall supersede all other ordinances, resolutions, or adopted fee schedules relating to the same rate or fee.

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

SECTION 1: That rates and fees for Village provided services will be billed according to the following schedule:

<u>Type of Fee</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<i>Safety Services:</i>	
Basic Life Support	\$550.00
Advanced Life Support I	\$650.00
Advanced Life Support II	\$750.00
Non transport Runs	No Charge
EMS Mileage (per mile)	\$12.00
Security Services (hourly)	\$25.00
Accident Report (up to 10 pgs)	\$2.00
addt pages	\$0.25
<i>Cemetery:</i>	
Cemetery Deed Transfer	\$25.00
Lot	\$500.00
O/C- Burial	\$500.00
O/C- Cremation & Infant Burial	\$300.00
<i>Administrative:</i>	
Building Permit	\$10.00
Bd of Bldg & Zoning Hearings	\$250.00
Zoning Ordinance Book	\$3.00
Planning Commission Hearing	\$250.00
Alley Vacation	\$50.00
Bed and Breakfast Permit	\$100.00
Solicitor Vendor License	\$10.00
NSF Check	\$20.00
Copies	\$0.10
Fax	\$1.00

Recreation:

Pool Daily Admission	\$3.00
Pool Family Season Pass	\$130.00
addt children	\$5.00
Pool Single Season Pass	\$80.00
Pool Senior Single Season Pass	\$40.00
Pool Senior Couple Season Pass	\$75.00
Pool Rental- 2hrs	\$175.00
Swim Lessons- member	\$30.00
Swim Lessons- non-member	\$40.00
Swim Lessons-private	\$50.00
Village Park Shelter House Deposit	\$20.00
Town Hall Community Room Deposit	\$20.00

- A. Rates will be effective June 1, 2013.
- B. Rates and fees in any other ordinance, resolution, or motion of the Village of Bluffton prior to the enactment of this ordinance are hereby repealed and replaced upon the effective date of June 1, 2013.
- C. Rates and fees that are not addressed in this ordinance including, but not limited to, utilities rates shall remain in full force and effect on and after June 1, 2013.
- D. This ordinance shall be and is enacted for the convenience of the Village of Bluffton's administration and citizens. Nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit, restrict, or otherwise bind the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio from amending any fee, charge, or cost for any service by later legislation or motion.

SECTION 2: 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 for the further reason that this appropriation transfer is needed so expenditures can be made.

SECTION 3: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and 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 _____, 2013 by the governing body of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Noes: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

FISCAL OFFICER

MAYOR

Approved as to Form:

SOLICITOR

ORDINANCE NO 15-13

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AN ALLEY AS REQUESTED BY TONY AND JENNIFER SIFERD AND PAUL AND DEBORAH WEIHRAUCH.

WHEREAS: Tony and Jennifer Siferd and Paul and Deborah Weihrauch have petitioned for the vacation of an alley that is adjacent to their properties on Lawn Avenue that is no longer necessary for public access; 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNSEL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT BLUFFTON, OHIO THAT:

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 is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were made in open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in 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 _____, 2013 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Attest:

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

Approved as to form:

F. Stephen Chamberlain
Village Solicitor

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that the within is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. _____, passed on third reading by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio on the _____ day of _____, 2013.

Dated: _____

Nancy Kindle, Fiscal Officer

**To: Mayor Gallant
Council Members**

Refuse and Recycling

Republic has been working on delivering the new refuse and recycling carts to residents. The Monday route customers received theirs last week and they are working on delivering the Wednesday routes today. Friday customers should receive theirs by the end of next week. There has been a very small number of residents who have complained about having to use the new carts, but overall they seem to be well received.

Pool

Though the weather may not work out very well for this weekend's pool opening, the pool is prepped and ready to open. Additionally, the residents and patrons can now follow the Bluffton Community Swimming Pool on twitter at "Bluffton Pool". The pool managers will provide updates on pool activities, closings and conditions. Patrons will notice a few minor changes at the pool this year, including a new four-square and hop-scotch area, as well as special benefits for season pass holders.

Waterline Projects

The Campus View waterline replacement is complete, save for the patching. As of today (Friday) all of the services were transferred to the new main line after the bacteriological tests came back negative. The Eastland Drive water main is installed and awaiting sampling. Once the bacteriological tests are completed the services will be connected to the new main.

Spring Clean-up

The annual Spring Clean-up wraps up on Tuesday, May 28th. Overall, the clean-up seems to have gone smoothly, though we have had some issues with individuals climbing into the closed dumpsters while they are being loaded.

County Line Road Crossing

On Friday, May 17th I met with representatives from the Ohio Rail Commission, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Norfolk Southern, and both Allen and Hancock County Engineering departments to review the possibility of an upgrade to the railroad crossing. Data compiled by the Rail Commission and PUCO indicated that it may qualify for funding to be upgraded with lights and crossing guards. There was no determination made at the conclusion of the meeting, other than to continue quantifying the data and determine the ranking of the crossing.

Downtown

I'd like to thank the American Legion, Stratton Greenhouses and all those who support the installation of the flags and the flower pots on Main Street. I continue to hear rave reviews on the look of our Downtown and these groups and individuals put a lot of time and effort into making our Downtown special.