

Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda
Bluffton Town Hall, 3rd Floor
154 North Main Street, Bluffton
September 19, 2016
8:00 PM

1. Opening Ceremonies

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Minutes

- a. Approval of the minutes for the Bluffton Village Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

3. Bills

4. Legislation

Ordinance No. 14-16

1st Reading

Emergency

An Ordinance to adopt the Solid Waste Management plan for the Allen-Champaign-Hardin-Madison-Shelby-Union Joint Solid Waste Management District and declaring an emergency

Ordinance No. 15-16

1st Reading

An Ordinance setting forth the terms, conditions and regulations for Indigent Burials for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio.

5. Administrator's Report

6. Safety Services

7. Committee Reports

8. Public Comment

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

- a. Council- Monday, October 3, 2016 at 8:00 PM

10. Adjournment – Motion and Second

Mayor Augsburg presiding. Messrs: Burrell, Johnson, Miller, Sehlhorst, Talavinia, and Warren present.

Mr. Talavinia moved, seconded by Mr. Sehlhorst to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on August 15, 2016. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Talavinia, Sehlhorst, Burrell, Johnson, Miller, and Warren. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the bills as presented. Total payroll of \$40761.57 and non-payroll of \$370,568.69. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Miller, Johnson, Burrell, Sehlhorst, Talavinia, and Warren. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Sehlhorst moved, seconded by Mr. Talavinia to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Sehlhorst, Talavinia, Burrell, Johnson, Miller, and Warren. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Burrell moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 12-16: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 21-15 (THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Burrell, Johnson, Miller, Sehlhorst, Talavinia, and Warren. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Burrell to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Warren, Burrell, Johnson, Miller, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 13-16: AN ORDINANCE ADVANCING MONIES TO THE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS FUND TO COVER THE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CURRENT ASPHALT SEALCOATING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Warren, Johnson, Burrell, Miller, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Sehlhorst moved, seconded by Mr. Burrell to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Sehlhorst, Burrell, Johnson, Miller, Talavinia, and Warren. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 16-16: A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN TRANSFERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Miller, Burrell, Johnson, Sehlhorst, Talavinia, and Warren. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Warren to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Roll Call: (6) Messrs: Johnson, Warren, Burrell, Miller, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 17-16: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Miller, Warren, Burrell, Johnson, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Warren, Johnson, Burrell, Miller, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Talavinia to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 18-16: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Warren, Talavinia, Burrell, Johnson, Miller, and Sehlhorst. No (0), motion approved.

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

September 8, 2016	Planning Commission	7:00 PM
September 12, 2016	Cemetery	6:00 PM
September 13, 2016	103 Corridor Study Public Meeting	6:00 PM
September 14, 2016	Tree Commission	7:30 PM
September 15, 2016	Airport Advisory Commission	7:45 PM
September 19, 2016	Council	8:00 PM

Mr. Sehlhorst moved, seconded by Mr. Warren to approve bids from Steve Niese for 4" and 6" concrete removal and replacement and Quinn Concrete Construction for ADA handicap ramps and curb installation. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Sehlhorst, Warren, Burrell, Johnson, Miller, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Burrell to accept Rick Skilliter's retirement, effective September 22, 2016. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Warren, Burrell, Johnson, Miller, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Warren to approve purchasing two (2) new firearms for the police department, at a cost of \$1,280.00. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Johnson, Warren, Burrell, Miller, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Burrell moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to accept Josh Wynkoop's resignation, effective October 1, 2016. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Burrell, Johnson, Miller, Sehlhorst, Talavinia, and Warren. No (0), motion approved.

Mayor announced trick-or-treat will be held on Thursday, October 27 from 6:00-7:30PM.

Mr. Talavinia moved, seconded by Mr. Warren to enter into executive session for the following reasons: 1) personnel-employment status. Council, Mayor, Village Solicitor, Jan Basinger, Jon Kinn, Jamie Mehaffie, and Nancy Kindle invited to attend; 2) contracts- Council, Mayor, Village Solicitor, and Jamie Mehaffie invited to attend; and 3) personnel- Council, Mayor, and Village Solicitor invited to attend. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Sehlhorst, Talavinia, Burrell, Johnson, Miller, and Warren. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Warren moved to exit from executive session.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to adjourn.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

Village of Bluffton
September 19, 2016 Bills Paid

Remit To	Description	Total Value
Allen County Awards LLC	Recognition Plaque	\$66.00
All Service Aeration, Inc	PORTABLE TOILETS	\$382.50
Apollo Career Center	PHTLS Class- 16	\$1,650.00
Auditor Of State	2016 Village Fiscal Officers' Training	\$65.00
Bluffton Flying Service	MANAGEMENT FEE	\$5,000.00
Bluffton Flying Service	Reimburse Beacon Repairs & Breakers	\$533.27
Bluffton News	PUBLISHING	\$51.00
Joshua Brown	CRUISER MAINTENANCE	\$59.00
Gary's Repair	Starter Rope, Oil	\$82.63
Great Lakes Billing Associates, Inc.	EMS RUN COLLECTION FEES	\$791.72
Hancock-Wood Electric Co-Op	ELECTRICITY	\$35.00
Hancock-Wood Electric Co-Op	ELECTRICITY	\$147.96
Mehaffie, James	Reimburse Postage	\$24.94
Moser Oil Company	Oil	\$959.75
Nonnemaker Asphalt Seal Coating, Llc	Asphalt Sealing	\$3,305.91
Nonnemaker Asphalt Seal Coating, Llc	Airport Sealcoating	\$17,425.55
Ohio Dept Of Job And Family Services	July Unemployment Charges	\$10.93
Ohio Municipal League	OMAA Webinar	\$75.00
American Electric Power	ELECTRICITY	\$3,479.07
Village Of Ottawa	WATER USAGE	\$2,292.57
Village Of Ottawa	WATER USAGE	\$3,523.26
Village Of Ottawa	WATER USAGE	\$53,951.79
Village Of Ottawa	WATER USAGE	\$34,675.03
Shell Fleet Plus	GASOLINE	\$1,477.56
Utility Sales Agency, LLC	WATER LINE PARTS	\$70.73
Verizon Wireless	CELLULAR PHONE	\$52.09
TOTAL		\$130,188.26

ORDINANCE NO. 14-16

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE SOLIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ALLEN-CHAMPAIGN-HARDIN-MADISON-SHELBY-UNION JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Bluffton, Ohio is located within the jurisdiction of the Allen-Champaign-Hardin-Madison-Shelby-Union Joint Solid Waste Management District (District), and;

WHEREAS, the District Policy Committee prepared and adopted a final draft of the Solid Waste Management Plan in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 3734.53, 3734.54 and 3734.55, and;

WHEREAS, the District has provided a copy of the Draft Final Solid Waste Management Plan for ratification to each of the legislative authorities of the District, and;

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that the Village of Bluffton, Ohio must decide whether it approves of said Solid Waste Management Plan within ninety days of receipt of the Final Draft Plan.

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

SECTION 1: The Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio approves the District Solid Waste Management Plan.

SECTION 2: The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to send the District a copy of this Ordinance to the attention of Mr. Dennis Baker, District Director, Allen-Champaign-Hardin-Madison-Shelby-Union Joint SWMD, 815 Shawnee Road, Suite D, Lima, OH 45805.

SECTION 3: That this ordinance is deemed to be an emergency measure for the reasons set forth herein and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 3: 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 _____, 2016 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 Ordinance No. _____, passed as an emergency by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Dated: _____

Fiscal Officer

ORDINANCE NO. 15-16

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS FOR INDIGENT BURIALS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO

WHEREAS: It is deemed necessary by the Council of the Village of Bluffton to set forth the terms, conditions and regulations for the Village's responsibilities regarding the burial of indigents pursuant to Ohio Law, especially the responsibilities set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.15.

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

Section 1: PURPOSE.

This Indigent Burial Policy is enacted to comply with the provisions of ORC 9.15 pertaining to the burial of indigent persons found within the Village who are not claimed by any person for private interment or cremation at the person's own expense, or interment or cremation when the body of an indigent person is claimed by an indigent person. The purpose of this policy is to provide for the burial of indigents, or the burial of an indigent person claimed by an indigent person, for reasons of public health and sensibilities.

Section 2: APPLICATION OF POLICY.

(a) Unclaimed: When the body of a dead person is found within the Village and such person was not an inmate of a correctional, benevolent, or charitable institution of this State; and the body is not claimed by any person for private interment or cremation at the person's own expense; or delivered for the purpose of medical or surgical study or dissection in accordance with ORC 1713.34, the Village shall be liable for the cremation and inurnment expenses, in the amounts set forth herein, if:

- (1) The deceased is determined to be an indigent person; and
- (2) The person was a legal resident of the Village of Bluffton at the time of death.

(b) Claimed: When the body is claimed by an indigent person simply as that of a loved one, without undertaking to arrange and pay for private interment, the Village shall be liable for the cremation and inurnment expenses, in the amounts set forth herein, if:

- (1) The deceased is determined to be an indigent person; and
- (2) The person was a legal resident of the Village of Bluffton at the time of death; and
- (3) The claimant is determined to be an indigent person.

The Village Administrator is hereby appointed as the proper officer of the Village, in accordance with ORC 9.15, to be responsible for the administration of this indigent burial policy. If the next-of-kin of the deceased are not available or are unknown, the Village Administrator shall have the authority to sign all documents necessary for the cremation.

Section 3: DETERMINING INDIGENCE.

(a) Determination: Prior to the cremation authorization, the Village Administrator shall make reasonable attempt to determine whether the deceased person is in fact indigent and, where the deceased person is claimed by an indigent person, whether the claimant is in fact indigent.

(b) Definitions:

(1) "Indigent decedent" means a person who dies without leaving an ascertainable estate sufficient to pay part or all of the person's burial expenses and whose burial expenses are not payable by the State or County Veteran's Administration. The estate of the decedent shall include, but is not limited to, the ready availability of real or personal property owned; employment benefits; pensions; annuities; social security; unemployment compensation; inheritances; number and age of dependents; outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities; and any other relevant considerations concerning the financial condition of the individual.

(2) The term "indigent claimant" encompasses individuals who are poor, needy, destitute, or in poverty. The criteria for determining whether an individual is indigent include the ready availability of real or personal property owned; employment benefits; pensions; annuities; social security; unemployment compensation; inheritances; number and age of dependents; outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities; and any other relevant considerations concerning the financial condition of the individual.

Section 4: DETERMINING LEGAL RESIDENCY.

(a) Determination: Prior to the cremation authorization, the Village Administrator shall make reasonable attempt to determine whether the deceased person was a legal resident of the Village.

(b) Definitions: "Legal Residency" means a physical presence in a particular location, coupled with the present intent to make that place a permanent residence for a period of time.

(c) Nursing Homes: In cases where the decedent was living in a nursing home or hospital located within the Village, legal residence shall mean an intent to make the nursing home or hospital a permanent residence.

Section 5: BURIAL POLICY.

(a) Authorization: Upon finding that the deceased was a legal resident of the Village and an indigent person, and where the deceased person is claimed by an indigent person, that the claimant is indigent, the Village Administrator shall authorize the funeral director or other party to cremate the decedent.

(b) Cost of Cremation: The Village shall dispose of the remains of indigent persons by cremation only. The Village shall pay a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the cremation and inurnment of the remains of the deceased. Said services shall include transportation of the deceased to the funeral home, necessary supplies and procedures, and provide a temporary urn for the storage of the deceased's cremated remains. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to pay such expenses, upon certification from the Village Administrator and receipt of an invoice or bill from the funeral director.

(c) Release to Family: The cremated remains of the deceased may be released to the decedent's family.

(d) Burial for Unclaimed: If the cremated remains are not claimed, the Village shall cause the remains to be buried, and the Finance Director is hereby authorized to pay such expenses, upon certification from the Village Administrator and receipt of an invoice or bill for the burial. The Village shall also provide at the grave of the person's cremated remains, if such remains are buried, a metal stone or concrete marker on which the person's name and age, if known, and date of death shall be inscribed.

Section 6: LIMITATIONS.

(a) No Payment for Funeral Expenses: If the body of an indigent person is claimed by relatives or friends who arrange for the funeral according to their wishes, the Village shall not pay all or any part of the expenses for the same.

(b) Not Supplemental: The Village's Indigent Burial Policy is not supplemental. The funeral director or funeral home personnel shall not ask for nor accept any funds above the amounts set forth herein. Upon completion of the cremation, the funeral director shall submit an itemized bill to the Village Administrator containing the following information:

- (1) Name and age of the deceased;
- (2) Place of burial;
- (3) Services performed;
- (4) Total costs of services;
- (5) Amount received from other sources; and
- (6) Amount due from the Village.

(c) Refund by Funeral Director when Funds are Otherwise Received: The funeral director

or funeral home shall reduce the cost to the Village by the amount of funds received from any other source. If additional funds are paid to the funeral director or funeral home after the Village has paid as herein provided, the Village shall be refunded the exact amount of the additional funds paid to the funeral director or funeral home within thirty (30) days of the receipt thereof. The funeral director shall submit a notarized statement to the Village Administrator indicating his understanding and compliance with the provisions of this Policy.

(d) Reimbursement for Expenses: In the event that it is found after the cremation of the deceased and payment of the cremation and/or burial expenses by the Village, that such indigent decedent and/or indigent claimant had means, assets, insurance or other benefits or allowances available for the payment of all or part of such expenses, such proceedings may be taken to recover such costs and expenses as may be authorized by law.

Section 7. That the Council of the Village of Bluffton finds that all discussion and debate regarding this matter was done in public sessions of the Council in compliance with the Laws of the State of Ohio.

PASSED THIS _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

Village Solicitor

**To: Mayor Augsburger
Council Members**

Ordinance No. 14-16

Ordinance No. 14-16 fulfills a requirement of the North Central Ohio Solid Waste District pertaining to their mandatory five-year plan update to their Solid Waste Plan. I have attached a copy of the information that the Mayor received from the NCO Solid Waste District. The entire draft of the 500-page plan is available at www.ncowaste.org.

Water Tower Update

The interior renovation of the North water tower is finished and the tower has been returned to service.

WWTP Headworks Improvements project

Now that the WWTP Headworks project is well underway, we have an integration issue that needs to be resolved by way of a change order. The engineers from CT Consultants admit that part of the reason for the issue was an oversight on their part. Two options to remedy the situation were proposed: a Base Integration Package for \$48,940 and an Upgraded Integration Package for \$104,402. The Base package would modify the existing thirteen-year old Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC's) that are currently hardwired to the existing thirteen-year old workstation and software. The Upgrade package would replace the existing PLC's, upgrade the workstation and software, and connect the various PLC's and systems to the workstation via a fiber optic link. The main concern with the base package is that we are relying on aging equipment and an outdated software package. If we have a problem with any of the components, we will be without monitoring capability and alarms at the plant for an extended period of time. I am a believer that it is cheaper to do it right the first time. After talking with Dan Bowden, the engineers and the contractor, I am recommending to Council that we approve the change order for the Upgraded Integration Package for \$104,402.

Augsburger Pathway Project

The Augsburger Pathway project is scheduled to begin September 21st and be completed by October 31st. Initially, construction will be limited to the areas of the project that are outside of the locations within the Nature Preserve that have additional trees that need to be removed. These trees cannot be removed prior to October 1st. The Village's contractor, Tree Tech, is scheduled to remove those trees starting October 3rd.

Committee Meeting Request

I am requesting a meeting of the Streets, Alleys, Lights and Sidewalks Committee to discuss the paving estimates that I received from Bluffton Paving.

Homecoming Parade Cleanup

Jesse Blackburn and I met with Alyssa Kauffman from the Bluffton University's "Serve" group last week to discuss possible volunteer opportunities in the community. The group was looking for an activity in the next couple of weeks and we suggested cleaning up the parade route after the homecoming parade. While the youth of the community usually do a pretty good job of scouring the parade route clean of candy, there are many years where there is debris to be cleaned up following the parade. The "Serve" group is scheduled to walk the parade route on the Saturday morning following the homecoming parade to clean.



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August 17, 2016

Mayor Judy Augsburger
Village of Bluffton
100 E. Elm St., P.O. Box 63
Bluffton, OH 45817

Re: Allen-Champaign-Hardin-Madison-Shelby-Union Joint Solid Waste
Management District (NCO Solid Waste District)
Solid Waste Management Plan Update Ratification

Dear Mayor Augsburger:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft Solid Waste Management Plan for the NCO Solid Waste District (District) which is comprised of Allen, Champaign, Hardin, Madison, Shelby and Union counties. The development of the solid waste plan is a requirement of Ohio law. Every solid waste management district in Ohio must periodically revise and update their solid waste management plan.

The District held a thirty-day public comment period from June 13, 2016 to July 12, 2016 and two public hearings were held on July 18, 2016 for interested residents, businesses or political jurisdictions to provide comments on the Plan Update. On July 20, 2016, the District's Policy Committee adopted the Plan Update. Once the Policy Committee adopts the Plan Update, Ohio law requires the District to deliver a copy to the County Commissioners and the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and township that are under the District's jurisdiction.

Enclosed you will find the entire solid waste plan and all appendices on a computer disk. The plan documents are presented in PDF format and will require the latest version of Adobe Reader in order to open the documents. You can go to the following web address to obtain a free copy of the latest Adobe PDF Reader at: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/otherversions>. Also attached is a short summary of the solid waste plan that should be distributed to all voting elected officials.

The District has chosen the ratification period to be: **August 22, 2016 until November 19, 2016**. Within ninety days of receiving a copy of the draft plan, the Board of County Commissioners and the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and township



in the District shall approve or disapprove the draft plan by ordinance or resolution to the District. The District determines that the Plan has been ratified when a combination of municipal corporations and townships with a combined population comprising 60 percent of the District has approved the Plan in 4 of the 6 counties of the District. That combination must include the approval of the County Commissioners and the municipal corporation having the largest population within each county of the District.

Because of the 90-day timeframe, which cannot be extended, we would appreciate your immediate attention to this request. A sample resolution is attached for your convenience. Please mail your resolution or ordinance approving or disapproving the Plan to:

Mr. Dennis Baker
District Coordinator
NCO Solid Waste District
815 Shawnee Road, Suite D
Lima, OH 45805

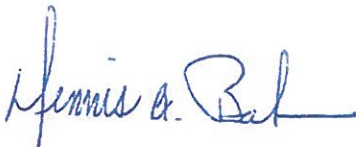
Phone: 419-228-8278, Fax: 419-229-2156

Email: dennis@ncowaste.org

We look forward to hearing from you between **August 22, 2016 and November 19, 2016**. Resolutions approving or disapproving the plan enacted outside of the time period stated above cannot be counted toward the ratification of the solid waste plan. Because of the 90-day timeframe which cannot be extended, we would appreciate your immediate attention to this request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the ratification process or the solid waste plan update document. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dennis A. Baker
District Director

Enclosure

Resolution/Ordinance No. _____

**A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE ALLEN-CHAMPAIGN-HARDIN-MADISON-SHELBY-UNION JOINT SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS; the _____ (county, city, village, township) is located within the jurisdiction of the Allen-Champaign-Hardin-Madison-Shelby-Union Joint Solid Waste Management District (District).

WHEREAS, the District Policy Committee prepared and adopted a final draft of the Solid Waste Management Plan in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 3734.53 3734.54 and 3734.55.

WHEREAS; the District has provided a copy of the Draft Final Solid Waste Management Plan for ratification to each of the legislative authorities of the District.

WHEREAS; the _____ (please enter name of county, city, village, township) must decide whether it approves of said Solid Waste Management Plan within ninety days of receipt of the Final Draft Plan.

NOW, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the _____ (please indicate if commissioners, council or trustees) of _____ (please indicate if county, city, village, township):

1. The _____ (city, village, township or county commission) either (please indicate):
 - a. _____ approves the District Solid Waste Management Plan; or
 - b. _____ disapproves the District Solid Waste Management Plan
2. The Clerk is hereby directed to send the District a copy of this resolution to the attention of Mr. Dennis Baker, District Director, Allen-Champaign-Hardin-Madison-Shelby-Union Joint SWMD, 815 Shawnee Road, Suite D, Lima, OH 45805.
3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this _____ (Board, council or trustees) concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution/ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this _____ (Board, council or trustees) and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Sections 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Approved/Disapproved (please indicate): _____ Date: _____

Signature of Appropriate Officer: _____



North Central Ohio Solid Waste District

Serving Allen, Champaign, Hardin, Madison, Shelby and Union Counties

Introduction

The North Central Ohio Solid Waste District (District) will submit its updated Solid Waste Management Plan to all cities, villages and townships in Allen, Champaign, Hardin, Madison, Shelby and Union Counties for approval. This approval process, also known as ratification, is the final step before the District seeks approval from Ohio EPA to implement this new plan.



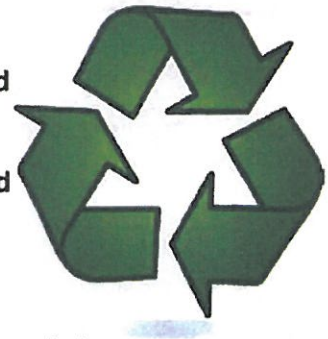
The following executive summary of the solid waste plan has been created for the elected officials within each county to demonstrate how the District's solid waste plan benefits each community. The District offers a wide variety of programs and initiatives that offer real value to its counties and communities.

The District has been a leader in solid waste management programming including developing Pay-As-You-Throw curbside programs, conducting highly successful household hazardous waste recycling events, assisting communities with trash and recycling contracts with private sector haulers and supporting and investing in recycling processing including Union Recyclers and the Shelby County Recycling Center.

Recycling Programs

The District offers numerous recycling collection programs designed to divert as much solid waste from landfills as possible: The programs include:

- 21 Curbside Recycling Program – **5,600 tons recycled**
- 38 Drop-off Recycling Programs – **2,900 tons recycled**
- 33 Yard Waste Management Operations – **25,800 tons recycled**
- Household Hazardous Waste Management – **7 tons recycled**
- Scrap Tire Recycling – **4,000 tons recycled**
- Automobile Batteries and Used Oil Recycling – **37 tons recycled**
- Commercial Recycling – **12,000 tons recycled**
- Industrial Recycling – **233,000 tons recycled**
- Electronics Recycling – **132 tons recycled**
- Material Recovery Facilities – **22,400 tons recycled**
- Private Recyclers, Scrap Yards, and End-Use – **235,800 tons recycled**



Residential/Commercial/Industrial Grant and Financial Assistance Programs



- Ohio EPA Market Development Grants
- Recycle Market Development Promotion
- Ohio EPA Community Development Grants
- New Education Financial Assistance
- Recycling Assistance Funds - **\$83,000 awarded**
- Community Clean-Up Program - **\$21,000 awarded**

Residential/Commercial Education and Awareness Programs

- Hundreds of education presentations, promotions and events conducted



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Solid Waste Disposal Capacity

This demonstration is one of the fundamental requirements of the solid waste plan. The District conducted a regional capacity analysis that has demonstrated that there is enough disposal capacity for all of the solid waste generated by residents and businesses for the entire planning period.



Goals



The District meets or exceeds all of the State Solid Waste Management Plan goals as required by Ohio EPA. The District has demonstrated that over 90% of the population in each county has access to recycling such as curbside and drop-off programs.

Financing the Plan

The District will finance the updated solid waste plan through the continued reliance on a generation fee for all solid waste landfilled by District residents and businesses. The current generation fee is \$5.00 per ton. Projections into the future do show increases to this fee but those increases are not being approved under this Plan Update. Any future fee increases will go through the public ratification process to approve if needed. Finally, the District reserves the right to move to designation contracts as a means to fund the District in lieu of the current generation fee.



Your Community's Responsibility

Each community in the six county area comprised of the District will be asked to approve the solid waste plan in 2016. The process requires each community to:

- Review a copy of the plan
- Act on the plan within 90 days and
- Submit a copy of the resolution or legislation to the District.



Failure to act on the plan is considered by the State of Ohio to be a negative vote.

What if the Plan is Not Ratified?

If local ratification does not occur, the Director of Ohio EPA is required, by state statute, to prepare a plan for the District and order the District to implement the state's plan. This could negatively affect the District because local control of our plan would be relinquished to Ohio EPA. The plan you will vote on was developed through a local planning process and contains the recommendations, programs and initiatives from the District's Policy Committee. These programs and initiatives will provide for a cost effective and environmentally safe solid waste system for the District and will expand recycling opportunities and increase recycling participation. The District urges communities to learn more about this plan in order to make an informed decision.

For more information, contact the District at 419-228-8278 or visit online at www.ncowaste.org.