

**COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
December 7, 2015
8:00 PM
BLUFFTON TOWN HALL**

MINUTES November 16, 2015

BILLS

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION BY MISHA GROMAN

ORDINANCE NO. 21-15 **2ND READING**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-15 **2ND READING**

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SEMITRAILERS ON LAKE STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-15 **2ND READING**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM DISTANCE THAT A VEHICLE MUST PARK FROM A CURB OR EDGE OF A ROADWAY IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-15 **2ND READING**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM DISTANCE THAT A VEHICLE MUST PARK FROM AN INTERSECTION IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-15 **2ND READING**

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR PARKING OR STORAGE OF ANY INOPERATIVE VEHICLE IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-15 **2ND READING**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF PARKING ON ANY OF THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO WITH APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-15 **2ND READING**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE THAT NO VEHICLE SHALL PARK OR STAND ON PORTIONS OF MAIN STREET AT JEFFERSON STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO WITH APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

SAFETY

COMMITTEE REPORTS/MEETING SCHEDULING

SHANNON CEMETERY

MEETING DATES

December 7, 2015	Council	8:00 PM
December 10, 2015	Airport Advisory Commission (At Airport)	7:45 PM
December 21, 2015	Council	8:00 PM

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

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on November 2, 2015 and the special council meeting held on November 9, 2015. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Warren, Johnson, Burrell, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0). Mr. Steiner abstained, motion approved.

Mr. Talavinia moved, seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the bills as presented. Total non-payroll of \$73,979.65 and payroll of \$39,483.46. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Talavinia, Warren, Burrell, Johnson, Sehlhorst, and Steiner. No (0), motion approved.

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

Mr. Sehlhorst moved, seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 19-15: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF PARKING ON THE STREETS AND PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO WITH APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Sehlhorst, Warren, Burrell, Johnson, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-15: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Warren, Burrell, Johnson, Sehlhorst, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Sehlhorst moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-15: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SEMITRAILERS ON LAKE STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Sehlhorst, Johnson, Burrell, Steiner, Talavinia, and Warren. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Sehlhorst to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-15: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM DISTANCE THAT A VEHICLE MUST PARK FROM A CURB OR EDGE OF A ROADWAY IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Warren, Sehlhorst, Burrell, Johnson, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Sehlhorst to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-15: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM DISTANCE THAT A VEHICLE MUST PARK FROM AN INTERSECTION IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Johnson, Sehlhorst, Burrell, Steiner, Talavinia, and Warren. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 25-15: AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR PARKING OR STORAGE OF ANY INOPERATIVE VEHICLE IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Warren, Burrell, Johnson, Sehlhorst, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Sehlhorst to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 26-15: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF PARKING ON ANY OF THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO WITH APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Warren, Sehlhorst, Burrell, Johnson, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Sehlhorst moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 27-15: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE THAT NO VEHICLE SHALL PARK OR STAND ON PORTIONS OF MAIN STREET AT JEFFERSON STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO WITH APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Sehlhorst, Johnson, Burrell, Steiner, Talavinia, and Warren. No (0), motion approved.

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

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 28-15: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16-14 (THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Warren, Burrell, Johnson, Sehlhorst, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

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

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Burrell to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 14-15: A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN TRANSFERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Johnson, Burrell, Sehlhorst, Steiner, Talavinia, and Warren. No (0), motion approved.

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

December 1, 2015	Council As A Whole- Finance	7:30 PM
December 7, 2015	Council	8:00 PM

Mr. Steiner moved, seconded by Mr. Talavinia to close Main Street, from Elm to Cherry) on November 28, 2015 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm for the Blaze of Lights. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Steiner, Talavinia, Burrell, Johnson, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

Mr. Steiner moved, seconded by Mr. Sehlhorst to establish a special revenue fund for the purpose of National Night Out donations and related activity. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Steiner, Sehlhorst, Burrell, Johnson, Talavinia, and Warren. No (0), motion approved.

Nate Ulrey, Chairman of the Shannon Cemetery Commission, presented an update on the Commission's activities. At this time, the Commission is recommending a full scan be performed of the Shannon Cemetery, paid for with Shannon Cemetery donations. Mr. Steiner stated that he had spoke with a major donor and he does not want funds to be used for the scan. Mr. Steiner then pledged \$100.00 of his personal funds towards the cost of the scan.

Mr. Steiner moved, seconded by Mr. Sehlhorst to perform a GPR scan of the Shannon Cemetery and use in-house technology to create a map. The scan will only be completed after the estimated cost of \$650.00 is raised through private donations specifically for the scan. Village funds will not be used for the scan. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Steiner, Sehlhorst, Burrell, Johnson, and Talavinia. No (1), Mr. Warren, motion approved.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Burrell to place the removed tombstones at the Shannon Cemetery in a central location, as determined by Council, at the cemetery with a flag pole and monument. Roll Call: Yes (2) Messrs: Warren and Burrell. No (4), Messrs: Johnson, Sehlhorst, Steiner, and Talavinia, motion failed.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to enter into executive session for the discussion of personnel-compensation, Council, Mayor, Solicitor, and Police Chief. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Warren, Johnson, Burrell, Sehlhorst, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), motion approved.

No action taken after executive session.

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

Meeting: Bike and Pedestrian Pathway Board
Date/Time: Thursday, October 1, 2015, 12:00 pm
Location: President's Room at Marbeck Center, Bluffton University

Members Present: Dick Ramseyer, Fred Steiner, Laura Voth, Jim Harder, Dima Snyder,
Greg Denecker

Members Absent: John Rich, Mitch Kingsley, John Rich

Village Liaison Present: Jamie Mehaffie, Joe Sehlhorst

Guests: Bob Antibus, Board member for Johnny Appleseed Parks

MINUTES:

Fred Steiner made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2015 meeting with Dima Snyder offering a second. Motion passed.

BUSINESS:

Review of Lions Way Trail Head Park Dedication and Ribbon Cutting

Many positive comments were shared: nice, simple, speeches were good.

Fund Raising Events to support Bluffton Pathway Projects

2015 event: *Dare to Dream Wine Tasting & Auction*; Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 6 PM

2016 events: *Remembrance Bike Ride*; Tentative date--Saturday, July 9, 2016.

Hancock Handle Bars Bike Club; Horizontal One Hundred Ride, Sunday,
September 11, 2016

Update – Augsburg Road Pathway Project

Jamie reported that right-of-way paperwork for two property owners is still out, waiting for approval from their Boards. Both are in process. The culvert on Augsburg Rd. has been replaced with allowance made for the bike path. Paving should take place this week. Still waiting for the permit from Fish and Wildlife. The wetlands have been delineated. Tree removal to take place between October and March after the permit is received. ODOT is still working with a 2016 schedule.

Review of Meeting with Bluffton Village Alleys & Streets Commission

Joe Sehlhorst stated that the village is still eager to see where the true ROW for Bentley Road is. Jamie reported that he has been in contact with Leland Yoakam Survey. His company established the boundaries of BU about 5 years ago, which will be a starting point for determining the actual ROW for Bentley Rd. Jamie hopes for an estimate soon. It was decided that the Village should contact the home owners on Bentley Rd. to alert them to the fact a survey is to be done citing the village's review of Bentley Road from a safety perspective as the motivation.

Bridges

Conversations have been had with Brion Rhodes, County Engineer regarding plans for the Bentley Rd. and Columbus Grove-Bluffton Rd. bridges. Both bridges will need to be replaced in the coming years, perhaps 2022. Funding is difficult to get and bridges must be prioritized for replacement. The county engineer is applying for grants to help with bridge replacement in the county. Dick noted that our organizations (Lions Foundation, Pathway Board, etc.) should submit letters of support to the County Engineer outlining the vision for the bike path and how the bridge replacements impact the pathway plans. It will also be helpful if the Village/Pathway Board is able to include plans for development of the pathway up to each bridge. Such plans will help the county engineer make decisions about type and design of the replacement bridges.

Dick shared that further discussion with the village and county engineer led to the conclusion that it will be most economical and the best plan to keep the pathway on top of the bridge, rather than trying to go under.

The Pathway and Motter Park

Bob Antibus was present as a representative of the Johnny Appleseed Parks. Bob shared thoughts on the future plans for Motter Park. Shared a common problem with bike paths that are located in flood plains—flooding and wash-away is always a concern which increases maintenance and makes the path inaccessible at times. It was noted that the Parks may have access to some funds not available to the village or the Pathway Board—discussed ways to collaborate. It was suggested that it would be helpful if the Bluffton Pathway Board attended a Johnny Appleseed Parks Board meeting regarding our vision after we know more about our plan for Bentley Rd.

General Discussion

Final cost of the Lions Way Path and the Augsburg Rd. pathways were reviewed (private funds vs ODOT funds). All agreed that if we could avoid using ODOT funds for Bentley Rd. it would be best. Could it possibly be funded by a combination of tax dollars and private funds, i.e. a public-private venture? Are there ways to lower the cost? It was suggested that 8 ft. wide would be adequate, rather than the 10 ft. required by ODOT. The narrower path would also be helpful as we try to gain ROW along Bentley.

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 12 noon in the President's room, Marbeck Center, Bluffton University.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Voth

Bluffton Pathway Board Meeting - Agenda
Meeting –Thursday, December 3, 2015
Place – Presidents Room...Marbeck Center Bluffton University
Time – 12 Noon - 1 PM
Agenda

*October 1, 2015 minutes (see attachment)
Approve minutes

* Augsburg Road Pathway Project
Construction update

Recognition sign & location

Discussion- – still waiting for Fish & Wildlife to respond to ODOT. Goal is March for pathway tree clearing.

*Allen County Bike & Pedestrian Task Force Meeting (see attachment)
Volunteers Recognition

*Three events that raise funds to support Bluffton Pathway Projects

2015 event

Dare to Dream Wine Tasting & Auction (see attachment dtd2015)

Results of November 4, 2015 event – Raised roughly \$19,000

2016 events

Remembrance Bike Ride

Saturday, July 9, 2016 – Have to see if CHAMPS swim tournament is at the Bluffton Pool this year.

Hancock Handle Bars Bike Club (www.hancockhorizontalhundred.com)

Horizontal One Hundred ride, Sunday, September 11, 2016

* Bentley Road

Report on Bridges

Update - Road right of Way Study (see attachment)

Motter Park (meeting with Johnny Appleseed Park Board – Feb., 2016)

Discussion – Surveying should begin next couple weeks along Bentley.

*Other business

BPB meeting, Thursday noon, January 7, 2016, in BU president's room

Adjourn

November 15, 2015
Recreation Meeting Minutes

Start: 7:30 pm

End: 8 pm

Present: Jamie Mehaffie, Joe Sehlhorst, Rich Johnson, and most of council

Topic 1: Community Pool

- Update on Pool resurfacing meeting with Martin & Sherwin Williams Paint
 - o Martin is applying another coat and will be finished before 2016 pool season.
- Sponsorship Letter – Administration to write and seek sponsorship opportunities regarding our pool and/or parks
- 2015 Survey and Attendance Results
- Future Capital Projects
 - o New shade structure
 - Jesse provided estimates at Finance meeting
 - Repair \$8580 (187 sq. ft structure)
 - Replace \$18,905 (406 sq. ft.)
 - Jesse asked to continue seeking additional options: fun umbrella's?
 - o Raised Concrete Pad
 - Size and cost estimates – Need info in future as part of Marketing Long Term Plan
 - o Tables/Chairs/Umbrellas Plan
 - What is needed? – Need to research

Topic 2: Park System

- Turf Maintenance Program (Aerating, Fertilizing, and Reseeding)
 - o Jamie to meet with Rich and discuss what would be a cost effective and beneficial turf maintenance program to conduct for Village grounds.
- Review 1995 Long Range Plan for Parks and Recreation Program
 - o Thoughts & Results
 - o Is there a need to do another Long Range Plan?
 - o Look into Grant Opportunities and what qualifying information needed.
- Review 2004 Vision Report and How Relates to our Parks & Recreation
- Future concerning Availability of Playing Fields
 - o Retention Pond (If keep, needs fountain and/or beautified)

Topic 3: Triplett Bike Path Grant Proposal Update

- Action to be taken?
 - o Grant turned down after a year of waiting for results
 - o There may be an opportunity for Grant money through Johnny Appleseed
 - o Triplett Path must be addressed in 2016.

Village of Bluffton Pool Questionnaire – 2015

During the 2015 pool season, the Village of Bluffton, with the help of our Bluffton University intern, conducted a customer satisfaction survey to see how well our Village pool is meeting our customers' needs. Thirty-one customers filled out and returned the questionnaire to the pool manager. Since the questions were open-ended, many of the respondents provided more than one answer per question.

The survey asked four basic customer satisfaction questions.

1. Why do you and/or your family come to Bluffton's community pool?
 Fun (11), Location (10), Friends (8), Facilities and Staff (5), Clean (4), Safe (4), Cost (4)
-3 respondents appreciated they have the option to bring in food and drinks.
2. Are there any other pools in the area that you visit and why?
 Bluffton (10) – Friends, Close
 Wapak (6) – Splash Pad, Heated, Play Area, Food Stand
 Grove (5) - \$1 Days, Splash Zone, Atmosphere
 Ada (3) – Close
 Friends & Family Pool (2), Lakeview (2)
 Kenton, Riverside, Findlay, Ottawa, Twin Lakes (1) – not clean, expensive, busy, different
3. What improvements or suggestions would you like to see at Bluffton's pool?
 Larger Shade Structure, More Table & Chairs, and More Umbrellas (14)
 Heater (14) – Cold in June & July
 Food (12) Concession Stand (9) + More Vending Machines (3) – + like bring in food & drink
 Splash Zone (7) -
 Events, Entertainment, Activities (5) – themes, groups, games, volleyball, play area
 Open at 12 (3)
 Sound System (3) – Louder
 Cost (3) - \$1 Days
 Lap Swim (2)
 No Answer (1)
4. Any other comments or suggestions that you would like us to know?
 No Answer (14)
 Very Friendly, Professional Management, Love Employees, Village Run, Great Facility (8)
 Need A Heater (5) – willing to pay more, pool cold, especially on cold days
 Affordable/Membership Payment Plan (3)
 Keep Up On the Maintenance (2)
 Events (1), More Chairs (1), Lap Swim (1)

2015 Attendance**

Season Pass					Daily Pass		
Family	Extra Child	Single	Sr. Single	Sr. Couple	Regular (\$3)	Lap Swim(\$2)	Day Care(\$2)
82	22	14	2	1	6,433	8	215

** Season # considerably understated due to breakdown info not being provided

*compiled by Councilman Joe Sehlhorst on November 14, 2015

2015 Initial Review Summary of the 1995 Long Range Plan; Parks and Recreation Program, Village of Bluffton

In 1993, the Parks and Recreation Board undertakes plan:

- Create a guiding document for the future growth, budgeting, coordination, and general improvement of the recreational programs and facilities.
 - o Our parks are a vital link from our communities past to its future, and a measure of the value we place on the quality of life in Bluffton.

Assistance from:

Natural Resources Conservation Service to conduct survey

Survey Goals

1. **What was the public's opinion about the quality of existing park facilities and activities in Bluffton?**
2. **What importance did the community place on existing potential activities, facilities, and possible additions in the park system?**

The Village of Bluffton Long Range Park System Plan (6 Areas of Concern)

1. Inventory of Park Facilities

- a. Not enough total space dedicated to recreational activities
 - i. Objective #1: Evaluate available sites for park facilities in the Village of Bluffton
 1. Aerial map
 2. Physically, aesthetically, and socially connect park system
 - ii. Objective #2: Develop a long term acquisition plan that will ensure for future needs and growth of the Bluffton park system.
 1. Develop proposal, identify areas, funding sources

2. User Survey

- a. Results fairly definite in their agreement: cleanliness, improved restrooms, safety, playground equipment, picnicking and shelters, and continued development of the walkways and trails were most pressing needs.

3. Park Development Plans

Information from Survey not intended to identify, design, and prioritize every item to be completed at that site in the future. It is meant to identify the physical characteristics of the Park, as well as limitations at the site. VP

a. Park Development Plans

i. Village Park Plan

1. Recreation area: Soccer, Baseball, Softball, and Physical Activities
2. Opportunities identified: buildings, water system, drinking fountains, nature trails, wildlife and nature plantings, playground equipment, fitness trails, exercise stops, benches and rest areas, improved signage, more shelter facilities, upgraded utilities such as lighting and electric, and improved safety.
 - a. Develop landscaping plan with a consistent theme. Landscape design to create a more pleasing and inviting entrance.

ii. Buckeye Park Plan

1. Passive area: Picnicking, Fishing, Children's Playground, Basketball, and general passive activity such as Reading and Walking.
2. Opportunities: upgrade playground facilities; install lighting system for added safety and security, later evening use of park for walking, etc.
3. Bluffton Village Pool
4. Pathway System
 - a. 2015, Pathway Board identifying options, West Side Interceptor Project

4. Priorities

- a. Survey results show the public want clean parks, want the parks to be safe, and they want to be able to find picnicking facilities when they go to the parks. The community is involved in walking, biking, and hiking activities and wants to have better support facilities, such as restrooms, water, and lighting as they use the parks.

5. Funding

- a. When financial considerations are discussed, a Park System is often viewed as expendable or not a pressing need. However, park/community supporters are firm in the belief that the long term health of a community is often measured by the attention paid to its quality of life.
 - i. Benefits of expenditures hard to measure in dollars.
 1. Can repay them by creating feeling of community, positive attitude of community members and volunteers.
 2. Strengthens our neighborhoods, and keeps the Village a good place for people to live, and businesses to locate and prosper.

6. Administration

- a. Created Park and Recreation Board (today, doesn't exist)
- b. Recently (2012), Park Advisory Committee created by past Mayor Fulkomer
 - i. ??? on its existence

Summary

It is essential that there exists a vision and document to guide the logical continuation of progress in our park systems. Long range plan does not set anything in stone. Situations and needs change. Preserve the overall direction of the plan.

JS-11/15/2015

2004 Vision Report and How relates to our Parks & Recreation

*What do people most commonly complain about? Politics, water quality and utility cost, town hall issue, cost of living, lack of planning, need a good "family, sit-down" restaurant, cable and DSL limitations, sidewalk issue, lack of retail, property and **park maintenance**.*

Health and Healthcare

Space

The Bluffton public sector supports and values the investment in the maintenance and set aside of dedicated space to support the activities of a healthy lifestyle. For example the bike path, parks, public sidewalks, and various green spaces that encourage the public and private sector collaboration to assure affordable access to such space and facilities will be protected and enhanced through such collaboration.

Health Districts

The Village of Bluffton supports the healthcare providers in the establishment and development of "fitness, health or healthcare zones" to focus land utilization without impinging on others and to allow for growth and economically functional areas within the Village. (not so different than restricting the use of the "Bike Path" to bicyclist and walkers and coordination with zoning efforts, and other land development)

I-75 Think Overpasses and/or Village Park running along I-75

We should invest as a community in professional design consultations regarding how to make Bluffton have a welcoming appearance and a well designed appearance to persons as they enter town from Interstate 75. This should be a high priority. Each month of delay makes the task that much more difficult as development occurs without coherence and coordination.

Events in the Parks

Promotion of local ethnic festivals. (For example, DTR and Japan, Grob and Germany, and expansion of Swiss Day.)

The long-term big picture

In the event of the abandonment of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad through town we should act quickly to assure the right of way becomes a bike-walking path. It could extend from Findlay to Lima or further. We missed our chance when the AC&Y was abandoned in the 1980s.

Consideration should be given to by the village to purchase land along Riley Creek for long-term park expansion.

We would encourage the village to create an outdoor art commission made up of art professionals. Its task: explore commissioning of larger sculptures downtown and through the village. A small, first step would be the re-creation of the "Riley Creek" drinking fountain in front of the bank. Imagine a Bluffton in the next 25 years with 10 to 15 outdoor sculptures scattered across our landscape.

Green Spaces

For purposes of this report, the Bluffton University Nature Preserve is considered green space and must be protected and maintained to protect its environment and wildlife. It is recommended that plans be established to protect the flood plains and stream beds that

flow through the village. The Little Riley and Riley Creeks provide the perfect opportunity for a system of green spaces which could be connected by a series of walking paths. Public acquisition of this area should be encouraged or incentives offered to current property owners to promote the dedication of natural areas.

Village of Bluffton
Bills to be paid
12/7/2015

PAYROLL:

Village \$ 38,265.89

TOTAL PAYROLL \$ 38,265.89

NON-PAYROLL:

Allen Co Engineer	Augsburger Road	\$ 16,945.58	X
Alloway	Lab Analysis	\$ 1,608.00	
All Service Aeration	Portable Toilets & Jetting	\$ 695.00	
Allied	Refuse Service	\$ 16,906.99	
Jesse Blackburn	Reimburse Adobe Export PDF	\$ 25.49	
Bluffton Auto Service Center	Tire	\$ 144.43	
John Bowers	Reimburse CEU's	\$ 248.55	
F. Stephen Chamberlain	Retainer/Meetings	\$ 1,320.00	
CT Consultants	West Side Interceptor Design & Easement	\$ 5,408.00	
Josh Brown (Custom Auto)	Cruiser Maintenance	\$ 59.00	
Detroit Salt	Road Salt	\$ 4,331.43	
Electric Eel	Battery- Sewer Camera	\$ 199.75	
Fastenal	Misc. Shop Supply Parts	\$ 152.39	
Finley Fire	Equipment- Fire Truck	\$ 668.64	
Gempler's	Carhartt's- Basinger & Jordan	\$ 250.85	
Grainger	Saw Blades & Replacement Tank Gauge	\$ 55.53	
Hancock-Wood	Electricity	\$ 241.16	
John's Body Shop	Towing & Car Repair	\$ 270.66	
Klem	No Parking Signs	\$ 80.18	
Martin Painting	Resurfacing Pool	\$ 44,087.00	
Steve Niese	Sidewalk Repairs- Town Wide	\$ 5,153.25	
NWOhio Security	Elevator & Alarm Monitoring	\$ 104.90	
Ohio Municipal League	Mayor's Court Training- Augsbuger	\$ 200.00	
AEP	Electricity	\$ 16,643.72	
O.R. Colan	Right of Way Acquisition	\$ 3,630.65	
Perry	Computer/Copier Back-Up	\$ 101.01	
Scott Phillips	Reimburse Operator Renewal	\$ 35.00	
KOI	Battery Booster	\$ 262.97	
Staples- Business	Cleaning Supplies & Toner	\$ 317.52	
Streacker	Backhoe	\$ 4,800.00	
Treasurer of State	2016 Water System License	\$ 2,780.16	
Treasurer of State	WWTP Discharge Fee	\$ 2,600.00	
United Fire Apparatus	Annual Pump Test	\$ 1,898.10	
United Healthcare	Hospitalization	\$ 11,152.12	
United Healthcare	Life Insurance	\$ 102.00	
Utility Sales Agency	Water Line Parts	\$ 39.05	
Utility Service	Water Tower Maintenance	\$ 39,188.79	
Verizon	Cell Phone & Air Card	\$ 171.82	
W.C.O.I.L.	Internet	\$ 9.90	
Dominion	Natural Gas	\$ 393.10	

Total Non-Payroll \$ 183,282.69

Mayor/ Council President

X: Then and Now Approved by Council

A: Addition to list

**To: Mayor Augsburg
Council Members**

TRS

The control panel has been installed and Utility Service Group was onsite today to perform the startup on the Trihalomethane Removal System. The system startup was successful and all components of the system worked properly. Following the successful startup of the system, there will be a period of time necessary to fine-tune the system to find an optimal balance of tank levels and detention time, allowing the system to work as efficiently as possible and maximize the TTHM removal process.

Leaf Pickup

As was noted in the most recent utility bills, the Village's leaf pickup has concluded for the season. The Service Department made a final round through the Village on Monday, November 30th. Residents who still wish to dispose of leaves are welcome to take them to the brush dump.

Brush Dump

Now that the leaf pickup is completed, we will be requesting quotes for the grinding of the brush dump to create next year's supply of mulch.

Personnel

On November 5, 2015, Jan Basinger successfully passed the examination administered by the Operator Certification Advisory Council for the Water II license certification and has been issued his Water II Certification by the Ohio EPA. In accordance with the Village's Wage Scale Ordinance, I am recommending that Council approve a \$1.00 per hour wage increase for Jan Basinger effective on November 13, 2015, the date of his notification.

Shuffleboard Courts

I received a request from the Bluffton Shuffleboard President, Steve Slaughterbeck, for the Village to resurface the six shuffleboard courts at the Buckeye Park. Mr. Slaughterbeck received an estimate from Hovest Construction to perform the work for \$6,000.00. Based on our records, the Village last resurfaced the courts in 2007.

Annual Bids

The advertisements for the Village's Annual Bids for both Aggregate and Asphalt Material, Asphalt Application and Equipment Rental and Installation and Excavation for the 2016 Construction Year were published in this past week's Bluffton News and will also be published in next week's edition. The deadline for the bids to be received is 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 29, 2015.

Eagle Scout Project Presentation

Misha Groman requested to be on the agenda for Monday evening's Council Meeting to give a presentation on the Eagle Scout Project he completed on the Benroth Bridge.