

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER
PO BOX 508, BELLE CENTER, OHIO 43310
937-464-6012

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-18
2026 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

A resolution to make appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Belle Center, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026

Section I. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council for the Village of Belle Center, State of Ohio, that, to provide for the expenditures of the Village of Belle Center during the year ending December 31, 2026, the following amounts be and they are hereby set aside and appropriated as follows:

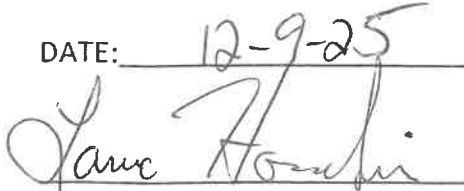
Section II: See the attached detail by Fund-Program-Object-Cost Center Accounting Code,
Summary by Fund: That there be appropriated from the


1000 – GENERAL FUND	\$261,125.00
2011 – STREET FUND	\$ 63,788.00
2021 – STATE HIGHWAY	\$ 7,500.00
2901 – PERMISSIVE TAX	\$ 7,500.00
5101 – WATER OPERATING	\$111,549.00
5201 – SEWER OPERATING	\$283,357.00
5601 – GARBAGE OPERATING	\$122,592.00
5701 – WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 57,500.00
5781 – ENTERPRISE DEPOSIT FUND	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS	\$917,411.00

Section III. The Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to draw warrants on the Village Treasury for payments from any of the foregoing appropriations upon receiving proper certificates and vouchers therefore, approved by the board or officers authorized by law to approve the same, or an ordinance or resolution of council to make the expenditures; provided that no warrants shall be drawn or paid for salaries or wages except to persons employed by authority of and in accordance with law or ordinance. Provided further that the appropriations for contingencies can only be expended upon appeal of two-thirds vote of Council for items of expense constituting a legal obligation against the village, and for purpose other than those covered by the other specific appropriations herein made.

At the regularly scheduled meeting December 9, 2025 it was moved, seconded and passed by a vote of 6-0 that this resolution pass on a single reading, that the requirement of three separate readings be waived, and that this legislation pass as an emergency measure.

DATE: 12-9-25


Lance Houchin, Mayor


Joe Ridder, Fiscal Officer

Village of Belle Center
P.O. Box 508
Belle Center, Ohio 43310

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYING A VILLAGE SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO, FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO.

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio deems it necessary to employ counsel for the Village under the authority granted in Ohio Revised Code Section 733.48; and

WHEREAS, Madyson S. Stratton, Attorney at Law, Bellefontaine, Ohio, has made application for employment as Village Solicitor for the Village of Belle Center, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the council of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio finds the above-named applicant duly qualified for the position of Village Solicitor for the Village of Belle Center, Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Belle Center, Logan County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: Madyson S. Stratton, Attorney at Law, Bellefontaine, Ohio, shall be, and hereby is, employed as Village Solicitor of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

SECTION 2: The annual salary for the position of Solicitor of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, shall be Nine Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$9,000.00), and shall be payable in twelve (12) monthly installments, in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$750.00) per month, payable on the second Tuesday of each month. In addition to the foregoing, the Village of Belle Center shall pay all costs involved to maintain Madyson S. Stratton's enrollment in the Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). In the event the Village of Belle Center requires legal counsel beyond the usual scope of a Village Solicitor (attending one council meeting per month, drafting Ordinances and Resolutions, and the review and drafting of basic contracts), Madyson S. Stratton shall be paid her prevailing hourly rate for legal work, as an independent contractor.

The solicitor shall be supervised by and shall coordinate through the Mayor all of her services on behalf of the Village. The Mayor shall also, arrange for the provisions of office space or equipment, if required, by the solicitor to perform her duties for the Village. The Solicitor's attendance is required at One Village council meeting per month, unless otherwise directed by the Mayor.

In the event Madyson S. Stratton should become unable to perform services of Solicitor of the Village, then, in that event, the Village shall employ another attorney to complete and perform those services.

SECTION 3: Any time incurred beyond ^{fifty one (51)} ~~sixty (60)~~ hours will be billed to the Village by Thompson, Dunlap & Heydinger, Ltd. ("TDH Law"), directly, as an independent contractor at the contract rate of \$175.00 per hour for all time incurred in after, and in excess of, ~~sixty (60)~~ ^{fifty one (51)} hours. The Village will be invoiced monthly for said time upon its accrual. ^{fifty one (51)} ~~sixty (60)~~ R*

SECTION 4: This council finds and determines that all formal actions of this council, concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance, were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 5: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure made necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, provide for its continuous uninterrupted services, and to allow for the hiring of said Village Solicitor at the earliest possible time: and it shall, therefore, be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.


PASSED: 12/9/25


President of Council Anita Legge

APPROVED: _____


Mayor Lance Houchin

ATTEST: _____


Clerk of Council Joe Ridder

I, Joe Ridder, Clerk of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2025-17 Passed by Council of said Village on the 9 day of December, 2025

* Correction per Mady
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VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER
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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

A resolution to make supplemental appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Belle Center, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

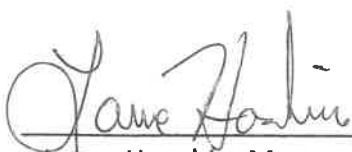
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Section II. That there be appropriated from the
5701 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE 5701-800-430-0000 \$ 14,600.00
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION \$ 14,600.00

FUND SUMMARY	APPROPRIATION BALANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION	APPROPRIATION NEW BALANCE
1000 – GENERAL FUND	\$ 289,482.00		\$ 289,482.00
2011 – STREET FUND	\$ 88,109.00		\$ 88,109.00
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5201 – SEWER OPERATING	\$ 275,937.00		\$ 275,937.00
5601 – GARBAGE OPERATING	\$ 114,917.00		\$ 114,917.00
5701 – WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 64,600.00	\$14,600.00	\$ 79,200.00
5781 – ENTERPRISE DEPOSIT FUND	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 968,521.00	\$14,600.00	\$ 983,121.00

Section III. The Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to draw warrants on the Village Treasury for payments from any of the foregoing appropriations upon receiving proper certificates and vouchers therefore, approved by the board or officers authorized by law to approve the same, or an ordinance or resolution of council to make the expenditures; provided that no warrants shall be drawn or paid for salaries or wages except to persons employed by authority of and in accordance with law or ordinance. Provided further that the appropriations for contingencies can only be expended upon appeal of two-thirds vote of Council for items of expense constituting a legal obligation against the village, and for purpose other than those covered by the other specific appropriations herein made.

At the regularly scheduled meeting 11-11-25 it was moved, seconded and passed by a vote of 6 - 0 at least three fourths of the elected Council members approving to pass this as an emergency measure on a single reading, and the Resolution shall become effective as soon as allowable by law.


Lance Houchin, Mayor


Joe Ridder, Fiscal Officer

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE PROCEDURES UNDER
CHAPTER 5722 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO FACILITATE THE
REUTILIZATION OF NONPRODUCTIVE LAND SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, RICHLAND
TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO.**

WHEREAS, economic development and revitalization of all areas of the Village, both residential and commercial, have been and continue to be goals of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the goal of economic development and revitalization contemplates turning nonproductive land within the Village into productive land that generates tax revenues or is otherwise used in a manner that advances the public interest by noncommercial use; and

WHEREAS, the existence of nonproductive land within boundaries of the Village is such as to necessitate the implementation of a land reutilization program to foster the return of such nonproductive land to tax revenue generating status or the devotion thereof to appropriate noncommercial use; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Village to employ the provisions of Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Council must approve legislation to adopt and implement the provisions of this Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Belle Center, Logan County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: This council adopts and implements the procedures set forth in Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code to facilitate the reutilization of nonproductive land situated in the Village.

SECTION 2: This council further declares that the existence of nonproductive land within its boundaries is such as to necessitate the implementation of a land reutilization program to foster either the return of such nonproductive land to tax revenue generating status or the devotion thereof to appropriate noncommercial use.

SECTION 3: This council finds and determines that all formal actions of this council, concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance, were taken in an open meeting of this council, and that all deliberations of this council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

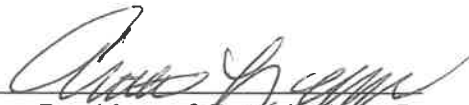
SECTION 4: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure made necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, provide for its continuous uninterrupted services, and to sell real estate not needed for any municipal purpose, and it shall, therefore, be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.

Passed: 11-11-25

Approved: ✓

Attest: _____

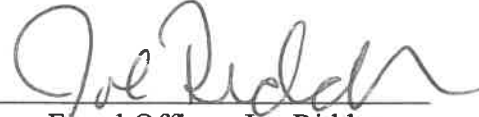
Attest: _____



President of Council, Anita Legge



Mayor, Lance Houchin



Fiscal Officer, Joe Ridder

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VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 14

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL REAL ESTATE NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO.

WHEREAS, the Village of Belle Center, Ohio is the owner of real estate described on the attached Exhibit A (which is a Quit Claim Deed from Ohio UST Community Improvement Corporation to the Village of Belle Center, Ohio) consisting of Permanent Parcel No. 39-022-06-10-001-000 and further being real estate in VMS 9972 and part of Lot 161 of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the property is located at the corner of 302 W. Main Street and 101 S. State Street, Belle Center, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the property consists of 0.1340 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, the property was acquired by the Village as part of a governmental program to assist governmental entities and communities by correcting, improving, cleaning, and otherwise doing all steps necessary to remedy properties which may have formerly had buried tanks, or otherwise might have characteristics which presented EPA violation problems; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, through its Council has determined that the real estate is not needed for any municipal purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Belle Center, Logan County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: This council has determined that the property has a value of at least \$10,000.00, which this council has determined will be the minimum bid price acceptable to the Village through a private or public sale.

SECTION 2: The mayor or village administrator, or fiscal officer may take immediate steps to advertise the sale of the property one time per week for a period of five weeks pursuant to R.C. 721.03.

SECTION 3: The property will then be sold to the highest bidder who proffers a bid of at least the minimum acceptable bid price as set by this Ordinance and also on the condition that the required cost of advertising shall also be paid by the successful bidder so that the successful bid will be the highest bid of at least \$10,000.00 in addition to payment of the advertising cost.

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SECTION 4: The mayor of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and sign a deed and any other necessary closing documents to convey the property to the successful bidder upon the completion of the process.

SECTION 5: This council finds and determines that all formal actions of this council, concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance, were taken in an open meeting of this council, and that all deliberations of this council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 6: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure made necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, provide for its continuous uninterrupted services, and to sell real estate not needed for any municipal purpose, and it shall, therefore, be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.

PASSED: 10-14-25


President of Council

APPROVED: _____


Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Clerk of Council

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER
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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CYBERSECURITY POLICY

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has implemented Ohio Revised Code §9.64, enacted in HB 96 (136th G.A.), requiring all local governments and jurisdictions to establish a cybersecurity policy; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this requirement is to strengthen protections of public data, information systems, and technology resources from cybersecurity threats and risks; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Belle Center recognizes the importance of safeguarding sensitive and confidential information; and

WHEREAS, a Cybersecurity Policy has been prepared and reviewed by staff and is recommended for adoption as a framework for compliance with Ohio Revised Code §9.64 and HB 96; and

WHEREAS, the policy provides guidance on access control, system security, data protection, incident response and training;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Belle Center, Logan County, Ohio, that the attached Cybersecurity Policy is hereby adopted.

PASSED: 10-14-25
Date

APPROVED: Lance Houchin
Mayor, Lance Houchin

ATTEST: Joe Ridder
Fiscal Officer, Joe Ridder

I, Joe Ridder, Clerk of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2025-13 Passed by Council of said Village on the 14 day of October, 2025.

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER

CYBERSECURITY POLICY

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a framework for protecting the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the Village of Belle Center's information systems, data, and technology resources in compliance with R.C. §9.64 cybersecurity requirements.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all elected officials, employees, contractors, vendors, and third parties who access or manage The Village of Belle Center's technology resources, including but not limited to:

- * Computers, servers, and mobile devices
- * Cloud services and hosted applications
- * Networks and telecommunications systems
- * Sensitive or confidential data

3. Policy Statement

The Village of Belle Center is committed to safeguarding its information systems against cybersecurity threats and ensuring compliance with R.C. §9.64 by:

- A. All information and security and privacy incidents shall be immediately reported to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Customer Service Center (CSC). Incident reporting option's: CSC Phone 614-644-6860 or 877-644-6860, CSC Email csc@ohio.gov, website ohioauditor.gov/fraud/cybersecurity.html and form (attached).
- B. The Village of Belle Center will undertake the following Security Incident Response.
 - 1. Preparation: Setting up the necessary architecture and processes to detect potential incidents.
 - 2. Detection and Analysis: Monitoring for anomalies and identifying whether an incident is occurring.
 - 3. Containment: Taking steps to prevent the incident from spreading to other systems.
 - 4. Eradication: Removing the threat from the affected systems.
 - 5. Recovery: Restoring affected systems and processes to their normal state.
- C. Training and Awareness: Provide cybersecurity awareness training. Require employees to complete cybersecurity awareness training at ohioauditor.gov/training/cybersecurity.html.
- D Compliance and Review: This policy will be reviewed annually and updated to reflect changes in technology, law, and organizational needs.

4. Effective Date. This policy took affect after being adopted by the Village Council on 10/14/2025

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE
KEITH FABER



Fill out this form as completely as possible and submit via email to Cyber@ohioauditor.gov

Cybersecurity Reporting Form

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) § 9.64(D), this is not a public record under ORC § 149.43.

Name of Individual Submitting the Report: _____

Title/Position: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Governmental Entity / Political Subdivision: _____

Date of Incident: _____

Type of Incident (Ransomware, ACH Payment Redirect, Spearphishing, etc.):

If the entity uses UAN, has UAN been notified? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a

Has this incident been reported to other agencies? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which ones?

☐ FBI IC3

☐ Ohio Homeland Security — Ohio Cyber Integration Center (OCIC)*

☐ Local Law Enforcement (specify) _____

☐ Other (specify) _____

Was any data compromised? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Was there a loss of funds? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, how much was lost? _____

Describe the event. Include as many details as possible, including what data or systems were compromised (e.g., utility payments, payroll, etc.)

Does the entity have cybersecurity insurance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Was ransom demanded? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, was it paid? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is the ordinance or resolution approving the payment in the public interest?

Were cybersecurity policies and procedures in place at the time of the event? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, were the procedures followed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Since the event, have any policies or procedures been adopted or modified? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe the new or modified policies and procedures:

*Per Ohio Revised Code § 9.64, a cybersecurity or ransomware incident is to be reported as soon as possible after discovery of the incident, but not later than 7 days after, to the Ohio Department of Homeland Security — Ohio Cyber Integration Center (OCIC), and not later than 30 days after to the Auditor of State's Office.

Village of Belle Center
P.O. Box 508
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VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AN ALLEY WITHIN THE VILLAGE
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER,
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO.**

WHEREAS, a petition by Jonathan McCarren and Barbara McCarren, owning lots in the immediate vicinity of the hereinafter described alley was duly presented to Council praying that the hereinafter described alley be vacated; and

WHEREAS, waivers and consents to the proposed alley vacation have been filed by all abutting lot owners and notice of the intention of this Council to vacate said alley is not required pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 723.06; and

WHEREAS, this Council is satisfied that there is good cause for such vacation; that such vacation will not be detrimental to the general interest of the Village; and, therefore, ought to be made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: That the 10 foot wide public alley lying between parcel number 39-022-05-03-011-000 on the West and parcel number 39-022-05-01-017-002 on the East, as more particularly outlined on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein, in the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, be, and the same hereby is, vacated; reserving, however, unto the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, easement rights for any and all municipal purposes.


SECTION 2: That the plat accompanying said petition be referred to the Clerk of this Council for filing with the Logan County Auditor and Recorder as provided by Ohio Revised Code Sections 711.39 with any accompanying fee.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure made necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, provide for its continuous uninterrupted services, and to allow for vacation of said alley at the earliest possible time: and it shall, therefore, be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.

PASSED: 9-9-25


President of Council

APPROVED: _____


Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT

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Map made by:
Logan County Map Room

 To Be Vacated

 Parcels

 Lot Tractlines

0 20 40 80
Feet

1 inch equals 40 feet

Village of Belle Center
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**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**

RESOLUTION 2025-11

Revised Code, Secs. 5705.34-5705.35

The Council of the Village of Belle Center, Logan County, Ohio,
met in Regular session on the 9th day of September, 2025, at the
office of the Village of Belle Center with the following members present:

Bob James

Anita Legge

Joe Matthews

John Lowery

Shawnan Penny

Megan Hogue

Bob James Moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Logan County, Ohio, has abolished the
Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1st, 2026 and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Logan County, Ohio, has certified its
action thereon to this Council together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax
necessary to be levied by this Council, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten-mill
limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Council of the Village of Belle Center, Logan County,
Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the
same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Village the rate of each tax
necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION, AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

FUND	Amount to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount Approved by Budget Com- mission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 M. Limit	Outside 10 M. Limit
General Fund		\$ 50,000.00	2.70	
General Bond Retirement Fund				
Park Fund				
Recreation Fund				
Fund				
Fund				
TOTAL		\$ 50,000.00	2.70	

SCHEDULE B
LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIED

FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized To be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
GENERAL FUND:		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on _____, 20 ____.		
Not to exceed _____ years.		
SPECIAL LEVY FUNDS:		
Levy Authorized by voters on _____, 20 ____.		
Not to exceed _____ years.		
Levy Authorized by voters on _____, 20 ____.		
Not to exceed _____ years.		
Levy Authorized by voters on _____, 20 ____.		
Not to exceed _____ years.		
Levy Authorized by voters on _____, 20 ____.		
Not to exceed _____ years.		

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Council be and he/she is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Shannon Penny Seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Jones	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anith Legge	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Matthews	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Lowery	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shannon Penny	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Megan Hague	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Adopted the 9th day of September, 20 25

Chris Huggins
President of Council

Attest

Joe Rudder
Clerk of Council

Village of Belle Center
P.O. Box 508
Belle Center, Ohio 43310

CERTIFICATE OF COPY

ORIGINAL ON FILE

2025-11

The State of Ohio, Logan County, ss.

I, Joe Ridder, Clerk of the Council of the Village of Belle Center,

Ohio within and for said County, and in whose custody the Files and Records of said Board are
required by the laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and
copied from the original _____

Now on file, that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original documents, and that the
same is a true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature, this 9th day of September, 20 25

Joe Ridder
Clerk of Council

*A copy of this Resolution must be certified to the County Auditor before the first day of October in
each year, or at such later date as may be approved by the Board of Tax Appeals.*

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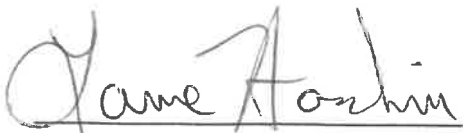
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5601 – GARBAGE OPERATING	\$ 114,917.00		\$ 114,917.00
5701 – WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 56,200.00	\$8,400.00	\$ 64,600.00
5781 – ENTERPRISE DEPOSIT FUND	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 960,121.00	\$8,400.00	\$ 968,521.00

Section III. The Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to draw warrants on the Village Treasury for payments from any of the foregoing appropriations upon receiving proper certificates and vouchers therefore, approved by the board or officers authorized by law to approve the same, or an ordinance or resolution of council to make the expenditures; provided that no warrants shall be drawn or paid for salaries or wages except to persons employed by authority of and in accordance with law or ordinance. Provided further that the appropriations for contingencies can only be expended upon appeal of two-thirds vote of Council for items of expense constituting a legal obligation against the village, and for purpose other than those covered by the other specific appropriations herein made.

At the regularly scheduled meeting September 9th 2025 it was moved, seconded and passed by a vote of 6-0 at least three fourths of the elected Council members approving to pass this as an emergency measure on a single reading, and the Resolution shall become effective as soon as allowable by law.


Lance Houchin, Mayor


Joe Ridder, Fiscal Officer

**A RESOLUTION BY
THE VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO
AUTHORIZING THE LOGAN COUNTY AUDITOR
TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL TAX LIEN ON CERTAIN
REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE COLLECTION
FOR SERVICES RENDERED AS STATED.**


WHERE AS, The Village of Belle Center, Ohio deems it necessary to collect certain funds from individuals by securing the amount and having it added to real estate tax bills for payment to The Village of Belle Center for services rendered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village of Belle Center, Ohio.

Section 1. That the Village of Belle Center shall have the following amounts added to the real estate tax bill of the individuals named herein to secure payment for services rendered.

1. Wendy Jordan
\$825.49 Unpaid Sewer & Capital Improvement monthly Utility Fee's and Mowing Charges.
317 E Buckeye, Belle Center, OH 43310
Parcel # 39-022-06-12-015-0000
2. Julio Rodriguez Solorio
\$561.04 Unpaid Sewer & Capital Improvement monthly Utility Fee's and Mowing Charges.
306 E Main St, Belle Center, OH 43310
Parcel # 39-022-06-10-015-001
3. James Gillman
\$1,083.77 Unpaid Sewer & Capital Improvement monthly Utility Fee's and Mowing Charges.
211 E Main St, Belle Center, OH 43310
Parcel # 39-022-06-08-006-000
4. LFH Properties and Investments.
\$813.71 Unpaid Sewer & Capital Improvement monthly Utility Fee's and Mowing Charges.
206 N State St, Belle Center, OH 43310
Parcel # 39-022-06-12-005-000
5. RHL Land Company LLC
\$1,079.49 Unpaid Sewer & Capital Improvement monthly Utility Fee's and Mowing Charges.
3621 SR 273, Belle Center, OH 43310
Parcel # 36-009-17-01-001-000

BE IT FURTHER THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Village of Belle Center Resolution shall be in effect and in force upon the signature of the council of The Village of Belle Center.


Shannan Penny, Council Member

Joe Ridder, Fiscal Officer

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BRANDON BINGHAM, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.

WHEREAS, the Village of Belle Center intends to apply for Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) for the planning, design and or construction of the water facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) requires the government authority to pass legislation for application of a loan and the execution of an agreement as well as designating a dedicated repayment source; now therefor,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Belle Center, Ohio:

Section 1: Brandon Bingham, Village of Belle Center Administrator is hereby authorized to apply for a WSRLA loan, sign all documents for and enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account with the Ohio Environmental protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for planning, design and/or construction of water facilities in Belle Center, Ohio.

Section 2: That the dedicated source of repayment will be water utility fund customer payments and general fund Village income taxes.

Section 3: That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from now and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Motion made by: Legge Seconded by: Penny
Passed: 7/8/25 Vote: Yeas 5 Nays 0

Approved: _____

Anita Legge
President of Council, Anita Legge

Attest: _____

Lance Houchin
Mayor, Lance Houchin

Attest: _____

Joe Ridder
Fiscal Officer, Joe Ridder

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BRANDON BINGHAM, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Belle Center is planning to make capital improvements to the W. Buckeye Street and Elizabeth Street Waterline Replacement, and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Belle Center:

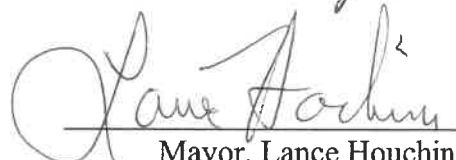
Section 1: Brandon Bingham, Village of Belle Center Administrator is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section 2: Brandon Bingham, Village of Belle Center Administrator is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

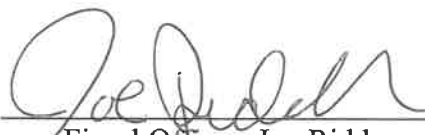
PASSED: July 8, 2025


President of Council, Anita Legge

APPROVED: _____


Mayor, Lance Houchin

ATTEST: _____


Fiscal Officer, Joe Ridder

I, Joe Ridder, Clerk of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2025-07 Passed by Council of said Village on the 8 day of July, 2025.

Village of Belle Center
P.O. Box 508
Belle Center, Ohio 43310

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 66

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CREATION OF DELINQUENCY SHUT-OFF AND
RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER/SEWER SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, RICHLAND TOWNSHIP,
LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO.**

WHEREAS, this Council previously determined that pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 715.01, it is a body politic and has the right and duty to manage and control all Village property and make all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provision of its policies; and

WHEREAS, this Council previously determined that pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 743.02, the Village has the right to make regulations necessary for the safe, economical and efficient management of the utility systems of corporations; and

WHEREAS, this Council previously determined that pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 743.04, the expenses of conducting and managing the water works or sewer works of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, make it necessary to charge a monthly water fee and/or a monthly sewer fee in an amount necessary to properly run the systems; and

WHEREAS, this Council previously determined that from time to time, residents and/or account holders fail to make timely payments of their utility obligations; and

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio deems it necessary to the health, safety and welfare of its citizens to amend the creation of delinquency shut-off and re-establishment of water/sewer services in order to account for leaks in water systems within the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Belle Center, Logan County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: Each water and/or sewer or any other utility bill is payable on or before the 15th day of each month.

SECTION 2: If any utility bill is not paid in full by the end of the month, a late penalty will be charged in the amount of 5%. The 5% penalty will be assessed for each month the delinquency remains, or any late fee applies.

SECTION 3: If the bill is not paid in full by the 15th day of the following month, the account will be determined to be delinquent.

SECTION 4: If the bill is not paid in full by the 30th day of the following month, service for the account will be terminated.

SECTION 5: Residents may make partial payments on a bill at any time, but partial payments shall not preclude the assessment of the late penalty or the termination of service if the bill is not paid in full by the applicable dates.

SECTION 6: Any costs associated with terminating and reactivating service will be added to the delinquent charges and must be paid in full before service is re-activated. There will be a fee in the amount of \$35.00 charged for any termination or reactivation of service.

SECTION 7: To the extent a deposit is required, and to the extent any deposit on file has been utilized to help make up for the past due amounts, a new deposit shall be required before service is re-activated.

SECTION 8: Two different parties are responsible for each account. A tenant or any other person designated as a responsible party or who has placed the billing account in his or her name shall at all times remain jointly and severally liable with any tenant for the billing. Ultimately, the Village has a collection process to assess delinquent accounts against the real estate tax bills with the Logan County Auditor and as a result the owner must remain active with any tenant to be sure the charges get paid because each shall be separately or completely responsible for any and all utility charges with the Village of Belle Center, Ohio.

SECTION 9: All leaks in the property owner's water system, whether detected by the party to whom the bill is sent or a representative of the Village, shall be repaired within seventy-two (72) hours of its detection. If the leak is detected by a Village representative and the leak is not repaired within the required time and is creating a hazard or is deemed by the Village to potentially cause damage to other property, or in the opinion of the Village representative is causing significant loss of water, water service may be shut off until the leak has been repaired.

SECTION 10: This Ordinance hereby amends previous Ordinance No. 2020-07 creating a delinquency shut-off and re-establishing water/sewer services in the Village and shall become effective immediately.

SECTION 11: This council finds and determines that all formal actions of this council, concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance, were taken in an open meeting of this council, and that all deliberations of this council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 12: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure made necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, provide for its continuous uninterrupted services, and to create delinquency shut-off and re-establish water/sewer services at the earliest possible time, and it shall, therefore, be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.

PASSED: June 10, 2025

Anita Legge
President of Council, Anita Legge

APPROVED: _____

Lane Houchin
Mayor Lane Houchin

ATTEST: _____

Joe Ridder
Clerk of Council / Fiscal Officer
Joe Ridder

I, Joe Ridder, ^{Fiscal Officer} Clerk of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2025-06 Passed by Council of said Village on the 10 day of JUNE, 2025.

Village of Belle Center
P.O. Box 508
Belle Center, Ohio 43310

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 05

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE OWNING, KEEPING, HARBORING, AND
PERMITTING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS AND TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF
CHICKENS AND RABBITS WITHIN THE VILLAGE, TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON
THE KEEPING OF SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE
OF BELLE CENTER, RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO.**

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio deems it necessary to the health, safety and welfare of its citizens to prohibit ownership, keeping, harboring and permitting of certain animals and to limit the number of chickens and rabbits that may be kept in the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Belle Center, Logan County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: The owning, keeping, harboring, or permitting of certain farm animals, wild animals or non-domestic animals and an excessive number of chickens and rabbits within the Village limits shall be prohibited.

SECTION 2: Definitions:

- (A) "Person" includes a natural person, association, partnership, organization or corporation or other similar legal entity.
- (B) "Own, keep, harbor, or permit" includes having legal title, custody or control over a prohibited farm animal or livestock.

SECTION 3: It shall be prohibited to own, keep or harbor, within the Village limits, farm animals, wild animals or non-domestic animals consisting of but not limited to sheep, pigs, horses, mules, goats, cattle, roosters or other animals or fowl usually known as "farm animals" or "livestock" but not solely limited to the aforementioned and not including common household pets, chickens, and rabbits.

SECTION 4: No person shall own, keep, harbor or permit more than ten (10) live chickens and six (6) live rabbits within the Village.

- (A) A person is allowed to own, keep, harbor or permit ten (10) or less live chickens and six (6) or less live rabbits if the animals are:

- a. At all times when outdoors kept securely enclosed in a yard or pen that is cleaned to prevent the accumulation of animal waste;
- b. No enclosure shall be located closer than fifteen (15) feet to an occupied residential dwelling on an adjoining lot, ten (10) feet to a side yard line and five (5) feet to a rear lot;
- c. Strictly for personal or household use, rather than for any commercial use;
- d. Any structures or fencing associated with the keeping of chickens or rabbits may not be situated in a front or side yard in a residential area.

(B) No person shall slaughter any animals within the Village.

SECTION 5: No person shall keep any chicken or rabbit without first obtaining a permit from the Village. This permit may be revoked at any time by the Village Administrator.

- (A) Any person desiring to have chickens or rabbits shall contact the Village Administrator prior to obtaining any chicken or rabbit.
- (B) Persons that currently have chickens or rabbits shall contact the Village Administrator and will be given six (6) months to abide by the restrictions placed on the ownership of ten (10) chickens and six (6) rabbits.
- (C) The permit application shall be accompanied by the payment of a fee of \$25.00 to process the application.

SECTION 6: The prohibitions set forth in this Ordinance shall be activated by the Village Council issuing a written notice to the violating person to correct the violation within ten (10) days of the service of the notice. The notice shall be served in a manner guaranteed to show actual delivery, which may include any of the following:

- (A) Certified mail service, return receipt requested;
- (B) Personal service by the Logan County Sheriff's Office or any other entity providing police or sheriff services within the Village of Belle Center, Ohio;
- (C) Residence service by a private service provider.

The notice shall state that the person in question violates this section and shall instruct that the violation must be remediated within ten (10) days after receipt of the notice. Failure to do so shall be a minor misdemeanor punishable as set forth hereinafter.

SECTION 7: Any person in violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to a minor misdemeanor if the violation persists more than ten (10) days after service of notice described in Section 6 above and, upon conviction thereof, be fined in an amount not to exceed One Hundred

and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). The offense shall be a minor misdemeanor as is defined by the Ohio Revised Code. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue is a separate offense.

A violation of this section is deemed to constitute a nuisance and shall be subject to abatement procedures under the Ohio Revised Code and/or pursuant to the ordinances of the Village.

SECTION 8: This council finds and determines that all formal actions of this council, concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance, were taken in an open meeting of this council, and that all deliberations of this council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 9: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure made necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, provide for its continuous uninterrupted services, and to prohibit the owning, keeping, harboring, and permitting of certain animals, to limit the number of chickens and rabbits within the Village, and to impose conditions on the keeping of same at the earliest possible time, and it shall, therefore, be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.

PASSED: JUNE 10, 2025

Arleta Lepp
President of Council Arleta Lepp

APPROVED: _____

Lance Houchin
Mayor, Lance Houchin

ATTEST: _____

Joe Ridder
Clerk of Council Fiscal Officer
Joe Ridder

I, Joe Ridder, Fiscal Officer, Clerk of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2025-05 Passed by Council of said Village on the 10 day of June, 2025.

Village of Belle Center
P.O. Box 508
Belle Center, Ohio 43310

2025-04

**ELECTRIC AGGREGATION
MUNICIPALITY POWER OF ATTORNEY**

MUNICIPALITY: Belle Center, Ohio
ADDRESS: PO Box 508
CITY STATE ZIP: Bellecenter, Oh 43310
TELEPHONE: 937-464-6012

Municipality hereby appoints Priority Power Management, LLC ("PPM") as Attorney-In-Fact for purposes herein and authorizes PPM to negotiate, execute and deliver a Municipal Electric Aggregation Supply Agreement ("contract") with the selected electric supply bidder on behalf of Municipality.

The start date for the contract shall coincide with the expiration of Municipality's current agreement in December 2025.

Municipality authorizes the execution of the contract under the above terms. Further, Municipality represents and warrants through the term of the agreement, as follows: 1) all acts necessary to the valid execution, delivery and performance of the agreement or contract extension, including without limitation, public notice, election, referendum, prior appropriation or other required procedures has or will be taken and performed as required; 2) all persons authorized to act on behalf of the Municipality are the duly elected or appointed incumbents in their positions and hold such positions in good standing in accordance with Municipality by-laws or other applicable law; 3) entry into and performance of this agreement are for a proper public purpose; 4) the term of this agreement or contract does not extend beyond any applicable limitation imposed by relevant or applicable law; and 5) Municipality acknowledges that PPM is paid through the contract by the supplier.

This Power of Attorney shall expire on the earlier of (i) the execution of the contract on behalf of Municipality and (ii) February 28, 2026.

MUNICIPALITY

Sign:

Print:

Title:

Date:

Lance Houchin
Lance Houchin
Meyor
5-13-25

Please return the signed Municipality Power of Attorney to:

Priority Power Management, LLC
Attn: Jordan Haarmann
300 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606
FAX: (618)-205-5069
Email: jordan.h@agellc.com

Village of Belle Center
P.O. Box 508
Belle Center, Ohio 43310

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-3

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AN ALLEY WITHIN THE VILLAGE
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER,
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO.**

WHEREAS, a petition by Lisa Borgerding and Debra Conley, owning lots in the immediate vicinity of the hereinafter described alley was duly presented to Council praying that the hereinafter described alley be vacated; and

WHEREAS, waivers and consents to the proposed alley vacation have been filed by all abutting lot owners and notice of the intention of this Council to vacate said alley is not required pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 723.06; and

WHEREAS, this Council is satisfied that there is good cause for such vacation; that such vacation will not be detrimental to the general interest of the Village; and, therefore, ought to be made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: That the 20 foot wide public alley lying in Youngs Addition to Belle Center, Ohio recorded in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 111 between Lot 236 on the East and Lot 237 on the West, as more particularly outlined on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein, in the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, be, and the same hereby is, vacated; reserving, however, unto the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, easement rights for any and all municipal purposes. Parcel numbers 39-022-05-14-012-000 (Lot 236) and 39-022-05-14-011-000 (Lot 237).

SECTION 2: That the plat accompanying said petition be referred to the Clerk of this Council for filing with the Logan County Auditor and Recorder as provided by Ohio Revised Code Sections 711.39 with any accompanying fee.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure made necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, provide for its continuous uninterrupted services, and to allow for vacation of said alley at the earliest possible time: and it shall, therefore, be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____


President of Council

APPROVED: _____


Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Clerk of Council

I, Joe Ridder, Clerk of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2025-3 Passed by Council of said Village on the 8 day of April, 2025.




WAIVER TO CONSENT TO VACATION

R.C. 723.06

We, the undersigned persons, being all of the owners of lots abutting on certain streets or alleys proposed to be vacated and described as follows:

Hereby consent to such vacation and waive all notice and hearing on the same.


Owner

39.022.05.14.011.000
Lot No.


Owner

39.022.05.14.012.000
Lot No.

Owner

Lot No.

Owner

Lot No.

Owner

Lot No.

Owner

Lot No.

(Note: Newspaper notice not required when this form signed by all adjoining property owners.)

723.06 Notice not required

Notice of the intention of the legislative authority of a municipal corporation to vacate any street, alley, avenue or part thereof shall be given as provided by section 723.07 of the Revised Code, except when written consent to such vacation is filed with the legislative authority by the owners of the property abutting the part of the street or alley proposed to be vacated, in which case such notice shall not be required.

PETITION TO VACATE STREET OR ALLEY

R.C. 723.04
TO THE COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER

The undersigned owners of lots situated in the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, and in the immediate vicinity of a certain street or alley described as follows:

Respectfully petition your honorable body that said above-described street or alley may be vacated between the points named for the reason that it is no longer of use to the public and its vacation¹ will not be detrimental to the general interest.


Owner

39.022.05.14.011.000
Lot No.


Owner

39.022.05.14.12.000
Lot No.

Owner

Lot No.

Owner

Lot No.

Owner

Lot No.

Owner

Lot No.

1 Vacation

723.04 Change of name, vacating or narrowing streets on petition. 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. The original ordinance or a certified copy thereof shall be recorded in the official records of the county recorder.

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYING A VILLAGE SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO, FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO.

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio deems it necessary to employ counsel for the Village under the authority granted in Ohio Revised Code Section 733.48; and

WHEREAS, Madyson S. Stratton, Attorney at Law, Bellefontaine, Ohio, has made application for employment as Village Solicitor for the Village of Belle Center, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the council of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio finds the above-named applicant duly qualified for the position of Village Solicitor for the Village of Belle Center, Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Belle Center, Logan County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: Madyson S. Stratton, Attorney at Law, Bellefontaine, Ohio, shall be, and hereby is, employed as Village Solicitor of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

SECTION 2: The annual salary for the position of Solicitor of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, shall be Nine Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$9,000.00), and shall be payable in twelve (12) monthly installments, in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$750.00) per month, payable on the second Tuesday of each month. In addition to the foregoing, the Village of Belle Center shall pay all costs involved to maintain Madyson S. Stratton's enrollment in the Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). In the event the Village of Belle Center requires legal counsel beyond the usual scope of a Village Solicitor (attending one council meeting per month, drafting Ordinances and Resolutions, and the review and drafting of basic contracts), Madyson S. Stratton shall be paid her prevailing hourly rate for legal work, as an independent contractor.

The solicitor shall be supervised by and shall coordinate through the Mayor all of her services on behalf of the Village. The Mayor shall also, arrange for the provisions of office space or equipment, if required, by the solicitor to perform her duties for the Village. The Solicitor's attendance is required at One Village council meeting per month, unless otherwise directed by the Mayor.

In the event Madyson S. Stratton should become unable to perform services of Solicitor of the Village, then, in that event, the Village shall employ another attorney to complete and perform those services.

SECTION 3: Any time incurred beyond sixty (60) hours will be billed to the Village by Thompson, Dunlap & Heydinger, Ltd. ("TDH Law"), directly, as an independent contractor at the contract rate of \$175.00 per hour for all time incurred in after, and in excess of, sixty (60) hours. The Village will be invoiced monthly for said time upon its accrual.

SECTION 4: This council finds and determines that all formal actions of this council, concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance, were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 5: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure made necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, provide for its continuous uninterrupted services, and to allow for the hiring of said Village Solicitor at the earliest possible time: and it shall, therefore, be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____



President of Council

APPROVED: _____


Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Clerk of Council

I, , Clerk of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2025-2 Passed by Council of said Village on the 14 day of January, 2025.

VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER
PO BOX 508, BELLE CENTER, OHIO 43310
937-464-6012

ORDINANCE 2025-01

Modification of Ordinance 2022-03

AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE FEES FOR UTILITIES: WATER, SEWER, GARBAGE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OPERATION IN THE VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER, OHIO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio, three-fourths (3/4) of the members thereto concurring:

Section I: That the fees to be charged for Utility's shall increase by
4% for water, 0% for sewer, 2% for trash/Dumpsters and 0% for capital improvement:

Resident Inside Village

	Old Rate	Increase	New Rate
Water	\$11.94	\$0.48	\$12.42
Sewer	\$55.71		\$55.71
Sewer w/ Electric Cr	\$42.98		\$42.98
Garbage	\$17.78	\$0.36	\$18.14
Capital Improvement	\$13.80		\$13.80

Resident Outside Village

	Old Rate	Increase	New Rate
Water	\$15.41	\$0.62	\$16.03
Garbage	\$21.73	\$0.43	\$22.16

Bulk Water \$12.73 \$0.51 \$13.24
Dumpster rates increase by 2%

Section II: This increase in fees shall be used to exclusively provide operating funds for the Utilities operation.

Section III; This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2025 AND a 2% increase to all utility rates will be take affect yearly each January thereafter, unless altered by Ordinance.

Passed: 1-14-24
Date

Approved: Lance Houchin
Lance Houchin, Mayor

Joe Ridder
Joe Ridder, Fiscal Officer