



# BUTLER TOWNSHIP BRIEFLY

December 23, 2023

Here is a brief recap of the latest activities by the Butler Township Trustees, in support of township residents and businesses...

## **Township Holiday Hours**

Happy Holidays from Butler Township! Our offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, Tuesday, December 26 and Monday, January 1 in observance of the season. Rumpke waste collection will be delayed one day the weeks of Christmas and New Years Day.

## **Approval of 2024 Budget**

On December 22, 2023, the Trustees approved the 2024 Budget. In 2024, revenue is anticipated at \$12.7 million and operating expenditures are projected at \$12 million. This year will be a big year for capital projects and expenditures, including the Benchwood Station Improvement Project (made possible through TIF funding), asphalt overlay program, and other planned projects totaling \$8.5 million, for a total of \$20 million in expenditures budgeted for 2024.

## **Public presentation of water testing results scheduled for January 30**

Butler Township will host a public presentation at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at the Township Meeting Hall (3780 Little York Rd.) to share the results of the latest round of water testing and answer questions.

After the Phase 1 results were reported and analyzed, Butler Township Trustees initiated the second Phase of free testing, which included the properties located in the "Citizen Advisory Area" identified by the Ohio Department of Health. Phase 2 testing was completed in October 2023 and included 93 out of 279 properties (33% participation). Of the 93 properties sampled, one property exceeded the Ohio EPA Action Level of 70 ppt for either PFOA and PFOS, or the two combined. The results also showed that if the proposed USEPA MCLs of 4 ppt for PFOA or PFOS are adopted by the USEPA, 14 locations (or 15% of the samples in Phase 2) would exceed the new MCLs.

While Butler Township does not have authority over public water systems or private wells, the Trustees felt it was important to provide a means for impacted residents to have their wells tested and ensure that residents receive the tools they need to make an educated decision about their drinking water. Complete test results, health effects information, home water treatment systems, as well as bottled water alternatives, can be found on our website at [www.butlertownship.com](http://www.butlertownship.com) under the Community Information tab called "Water Contamination Issue."

## **Applicant withdraws rezoning request for 8921 North Dixie Drive**

The request to rezone the 8921 North Dixie Drive property from LCS-2 (Local Commercial Service) to

PD-2 (Planned Commercial District) was withdrawn by the applicant, prior to the Trustees public hearing scheduled on December 12, 2023. The application, which would have permitted a banquet facility, had received preliminary approval from the Montgomery County Zoning Commission and the Butler Township Zoning Commission. Construction and design costs were the applicants primary reason for the withdrawal.

#### **Comprehensive Plan Update project ready to begin**

The comprehensive plan update project will kick-off at the beginning of 2024 and will develop over the course of approximately 11-12 months. MSP (McGill, Smith, Punshon) was officially hired as the consulting firm to assist with the update.

#### **Fire Department switches reporting systems**

In order to be compliant with upcoming State of Ohio reporting requirements, the Butler Township Fire Department recently switched emergency incident reporting systems. Crews have been training on and working with the new system. Crews have also been conducting visual inspections of all fire hydrants in the district and asks residents to contact the department at 937-890-2491 with any hydrant issues. And finally, the department joyfully delivered Santa to holiday events at the Irish Club and American Legion.

#### **Mobile Crisis Intervention Team program renewed**

Butler Township authorized the renewal of an agreement with Couth Community to continue the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT). This partner program provides mental health services on calls involving mental health issues. Montgomery County pays for just over half of the salary for our Health Care Provider. The City of Vandalia and Butler Township each will pay \$15,570 in 2024, to cover the remaining cost.

#### **Police Department hosts annual Shop with Cops event**

On December 9, officers from Butler and Vandalia hosted 20 grade school students at its annual Shop with Cops program at Walmart. This year donations for the program were received from Walmart and several other businesses and residents. The students were selected with the assistance of the Vandalia Butler school administration and staff as those with special economic needs in the community.

#### **More from the Police Department**

The department handled 1,765 calls for service in November and took 104 case reports, which resulted in 44 people being charged or arrested. Officers conducted 577 business checks, 313 neighborhood patrols, and 29 vacation home checks. Officer Streck and K9 Mando were involved in 16 detection deployments and four patrol deployments last month. Chief Porter attended the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Homicide Victim Memorial Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Dayton on December 11. This event honored the 58 homicide victims from last year with the presentation of an ornament for each victim being placed on a Christmas tree in the front of the church by a family survivor.

#### **Service Department completes training on polluted stormwater runoff**

The Butler Township Service Department completed Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit (MS4) training with Montgomery County Soil and Water. The MS4 training program is annually conducted to educate employees and audit township practices on regulations associated with stormwater runoff. The department also completed the second round of street sweeping in the township, repairs on Meeker, Brantford and Little York roads and cleanup in Polk Grove Cemetery. And, the department welcomed two new employees to the Service Department, Melvin Crabtree and Derek Bevington, who filled vacant positions just this week. A third new employee, Matthew Agee, will join the team on January 2.

**We want to thank all our residents for their support in 2023. We look forward to 2024!**

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