

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION AND SETTING
THE SALARY OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION
COORDINATOR/BACKHOE OPERATOR, EFFECTIVE APRIL
20, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BELLAIRE, COUNTY OF BELMONT, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the position of Water Distribution Coordinator/Backhoe Operator is created.

SECTION 2: That the hourly wage for the position of Water Distribution Coordinator/Backhoe Operator shall be \$23.00 an hour effective April 20, 2026.

SECTION 3: The job description for the Water Distribution Coordinator/Backhoe Operator position is attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A.

SECTION 4: The position is subject to a six-month probationary period.

SECTION 5: The Water Distribution Coordinator/Backhoe Operator is entitled to the benefits typically provided by the Village and described in the Village handbook.

SECTION 6: The hire is contingent on the Water Distribution Coordinator/Backhoe Operator obtaining a Class 1 Water Distribution Operator Certification within one year of hire.

SECTION 7: That Aaron Applegarth is hired for the position of Water Distribution Coordinator/Backhoe Operator effective April 20, 2026.

SECTION 8: That all other Ordinances or Resolutions, or portions thereof, which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.


SECTION 9: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that

resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 10: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

ATTESTED:

NO CURRENT Fiscal Officer
_____, Fiscal Officer



Robert Dodrill, Mayor

Date: _____

Date: 4-16-26

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

I, Barbara Sinnel, Clerk of Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was published by posting the same in five (5) public places within the Village of Bellaire, Ohio as provided by Ordinance No 1229, for a period of not less than fifteen (15) days, said Ordinance having been first posted on _____.



Job Description: _____

Water Distribution Coordinator/Backhoe Operator

As of April 15th, 2025

Under the direction of the Mayor and Village Administrator the Water Distribution Coordinator is responsible for the operation, maintenance and administration of the overall municipal water distribution system for the Village of Bellaire. This includes all municipal water main pipelines and service pipelines, as well as appurtenances, pumping stations, transfer stations, supply tanks and valves. The Water Distribution Coordinator will also be responsible for the supervision of operations and labor personnel, direction of maintenance schedules, routine maintenance work schedules, work orders and on-call scheduling.

The Water Distribution Coordinator collects data about the overall pipelines, analyzes facts and draws valid conclusions for the repair and replacement of pipeline components on an as needed basis to include:

- Prepare and maintain accurate reports and proper filing and storage of all related documents.
- Collaborate with the Water Treatment Plant Superintendent and personnel
- Prepare required reports using data collected from the pipeline for water breaks and maintenance
- Supervise and schedule maintenance of equipment
- Assists and/or directly plan the assignments and work efforts of employees for the maintenance and improvement of the Water Distribution System.
- Maintains order and cleanliness in all work areas
- Creates and maintains a complete inventory of all Village owned parts and restocks as needed

The Water Distribution Coordinator is required to commit to an on-call and available status during non-scheduled working hours, nights and weekends. Must possess computer software knowledge of Word and Excel and have some working knowledge of electronics and be able to work collaboratively with all other affiliated departments and entities associated with the Village of Bellaire.

Required ability to perform detailed duties as follows:

- Consistently Arrive for work on time
 - Communicate with Village personnel and the public as needed.
 - Project Operation and Oversight
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- Operates water distribution system in accordance with federal and state guidelines.
 - Oversees maintenance of the telemetry system (Collectors).
 - Assigns duties and responsibilities to operations personnel.
 - Responsible for the proper and organized scheduling of all jobs and digs
 - Troubleshoot and correct problems with the distribution systems as they occur.
 - Informs and coordinates projects and distribution status of systems with Village Administrator and Mayor.
 - Directs and assists with the replacement and repair of water mains and service lines as needed.
 - Directs and assists with the installations, inspection, maintenance and flushing of all fire hydrants as needed.
 - Directs and assists with Sewer replacement, repair and maintenance as needed.
 - Directs and assists with the replacement of Catch Basins as needed.
 - Directs and assists with the maintenance of all Pump Stations and maintains all required Pump Station and valve-turning logs schedules.
 - Maintain Operations and Maintenance Manuals
 - Directs the disinfection process of all new pipes and equipment being installed in the distribution system.
 - Locates water Lines, shut offs and other valves and safely and effectively turns water on and off in accordance with proper procedures.
 - Receives work orders, interprets needs and schedules work in a timely manner.
 - Possesses necessary knowledge to operate a wide range of equipment including but not limited to: Leak Detector, Metal Detectors, Acoustic Loggers, VAC Trailer/Truck Construction Equipment, Line Freezers, Pipe cameras and Power Tools necessary to maintain daily operations in a safe and orderly manner.
 - Safely operates Village owned vehicles to include dump trucks
 - Ability to accurately determine different water lines sizes and materials
 - Ability to use prescribed formulas and timetables to accurately estimate water loss and report findings to the Water Treatment Plant Superintendent.
 - Ability to accurately read and understand mapping systems, water meters and gauges.
 - Ensures water lines are marked as needed via the 811-web page for companies performing excavation within the Village, and for contacting 811 contacts to report excavation tickets by phone prior to any work being performed.
 - Professionally communicate with customers, Village personnel, Contractors and all other outside entities in a respectful and timely manner.
 - Attend required water distribution meetings and training sessions for all local, county, state and federal requirements and to stay current with any changing legislation.
 - Respond to all 911 calls related to the water distribution system
 - Provide professional collaboration and information on contractual agreements and construction bids related to the water distribution system.
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- Physical ability to bend, squat, navigate stairs, reach above shoulder, lift 50 – pounds and move 150 – pound cylinders.
- Performs other related duties as required.

Certifications: - Current Class 1 Water Distribution Operator Certification, or Completion of Certification within 1 – year of hire

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Required ability to perform detailed duties as follows:

- Consistently Arrive for work on time
- Communicate professionally with all Village personnel, citizens and customers.
- Read and interpret work orders and complete the work order documentation upon job completion.
- Maintain and safely operate gas, battery and electric powered equipment.
- Maintain and safely operate vehicles such as pick-up trucks and dump trucks.
- Maintain and safely operate heavy equipment such as backhoes.
- Load, unload and keep tools and other equipment organized at all times
- Perform manual labor and work in the maintenance, repair, construction, and installation of water and sewer systems, including but not limited to pipelines, valves, fire hydrants, pumps, meters, catch basins and services.
- Repair water leaks
- Locate water lines, shut-off valves and other valves.
- Operate valves to turn water on and off.
- Preventative maintenance and exercising of valves.
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- Conduct sewer maintenance using a VAC truck.
- Support maintenance of pump stations.
- Repair and replace catch-basins.
- Ability to operate backhoe or related heavy equipment not required, but a plus.
- Flush fire hydrants.
- Read and understand utility maps
- Perform various Customer Service-related tasks
- Other duties may be assigned as necessary

I have read and understood the job requirements listed above required for the position of Water Distribution Coordinator/Backhoe Operator and agree to maintain and carry out said responsibilities in a timely and professional manner.


Aaron Elliot Applegarth

4/20/26
Date