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Bellaire to welcome Huffner Contracting

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ANOTHER BUSINESS is making the move to Bellaire with the announcement that Huffner Contracting will be building its new office and warehouse on 2.61-acres in Commerce Park.

The announcement came during Bellaire Village Council's regular meeting Thursday with Belmont County Port Authority Director Larry Merry introducing the owner of the business, Phil Huffner.

According to Huffner, the company was looking at ways to save money and decided to move from West Virginia to Ohio as a way to cut expenses.

He then was told to contact the Belmont County Port Authority and things went from there.

Huffner Contracting has been in business since 1966, when it started off as a landscaping business. Huffner said the business grew and now is an umbrella of businesses that also includes Eagle Electric, United Masonry, Welcome Home, J. Huffner Heating-Cooling and Plumbing, and Customer Gutters.

Depending on the season, Huffner said the business employees 65 to 80 people.

Huffner said the company will be building 5,000 square feet of office space, and a warehouse that will start off with 20,000 square feet of space. He also said the company will likely have to expanded it's warehouse and office space as time goes on.

"I like to thank those who have helped us and been a part of this," Huffner said. "You've given a great opportunity to grow our company. Our plans are to hopefully start this year. We are really excited and we hope the village is as excited as we are about this opportunity."

He also said he hopes to have a temporary facility up soon at the site.

"I want to thank you personally for bringing your business to our town," said Mayor Vince DiFabrizio.

Also attending the meeting was Commissioner Mark Thomas who also thanked the company for moving to Bellaire. He also recognized the village for working with the Port Authority to create economic development.

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