

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
2nd Floor - Board Room**

The Village of Bellwood conducted a Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Board Room at 3200 Washington Boulevard, Bellwood, IL. 60104-1984.

Call to Order

The Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellwood was called to order by Mayor Harvey at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Andre Harvey, Village Clerk Janel Moreland, Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Robinson, Delgado, and Nightengale.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Village Board and others in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Harvey.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve January 15, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Agenda. Trustee Delgado moved, seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve the board meeting agenda. Upon voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously to approve January 15, 2025, Board Meeting Agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on December 20, 2024. Trustee Holman moved, seconded by Trustee Boston, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Board meeting and approve the minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Presentation:

- None

Committee Reports

A. Public Works Department

Trustee Ciavattone reported the following:

Happy New Year. May everyone have a safe and healthy New Year.

I have several items to report on from the Public Works for the month of December 2024.

Water main breaks – 3, street light pole replace – 2, streetlight repaired – 2, traffic light repaired - 1 sidewalk inspections – 21. Potholes filled throughout the village – 3. Tree trimming continues throughout the village as long as the weather permits.

We are recommending items on the consent agenda:

- Item G – Approves the engineering contract for the Washington Blvd streetlight project.

Always remember our first responders, police, fire, medical personnel, active-duty military, veterans, homeland security, emergency management and volunteers. I would like to take a moment of silence for the people in California.

B. Community Development

Trustee Boston reported the following:

Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

We have nothing new to report on from the Community Development Committee.

We are recommending items off the consent agenda:

- Item B – Approves the sale of 241 Bohland Avenue.
- Item F – Approves the disposition of the surplus real estate that the village purchased from the Cook County landbank.
- Item H – Approves a change order for the Bellwood Gateway Project.

C. Quality of Life

Trustee Holman reported the following:

The committee of Quality of Life, The Building Department approved 88 permits in December 2024 and 93 permits were picked up by the applicant by the end of the month. Bellwood Community Resource Center monthly activity from December 1 – December 31, 2024, was 72 patrons.

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item C – Approves an intergovernmental agreement with the Department of public health for inspection services.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

I will have an update on the scholarship at the next meeting.

We are recommending one item for the Consent Agenda:

- Item E – Approves a settlement of a pending litigation.

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

Happy New Year to you and your family.

We are recommending the following item from the consent agenda.

- Item A – Approves an amendment to the Police Department agreement with DARCA.
- Item D – Approves the purchase of printers for the police department squad cars.

D. Finance Committee

Trustee Nightengale reported the following:

Happy New Year.

We have no items appearing on the consent agenda.

I would like a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$12,130,611.92 when funds become available.

Trustee Holman moved, seconded by Trustee Boston, to pay the bills when funds become available. The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

Ayes:	6	Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Robinson, Delgado, and Nightengale
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	0	

Ad Hoc Committees:

Nothing to report

Resolution 25-01

- A. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to the Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and DACRA Adjudication Systems, LLC d/b/a DACRA Tech, LLC

Resolution 25-02

- B. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Contract for the Sale of Surplus Real Estate commonly referred to as 241 Bohland Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois

Resolution 25-03

- C. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and the County of Cook, Department of Public Health

Resolution 25-04

- D. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for the Purchase of Printers for the Police Department / Squad Cars,

Resolution 25-05

- E. Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Contract and Release by and between the Village of Bellwood and Monique Calloway

Resolution 25-06

- F. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate of the Village of Bellwood

Resolution 25-07

- G. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Amended Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Edwin Hancock Engineering Company

Resolution 25-08

- H. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing certain Change Orders to the Construction Contracts for the Bellwood Gateway Project.

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to place the items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Delgado moved, seconded by Trustee Holman.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

Ayes:	6	Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Robinson, Delgado, and Nightengale
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	0	

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Boston, seconded by Trustee Robinson.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

Ayes:	6	Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Robinson, Delgado, and Nightengale
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	0	

Village Clerk's Report

The Village Clerk no longer gives a report, and it has been removed from the Board Meeting Agenda at the request of Mayor Harvey.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Harvey reported the following:

- February 1st will kick off black history month. We will be having its annual black history event at Roosevelt Middle School. We will be honoring entrepreneurs from our community. Encouraging our young people to become entrepreneurs in our community and from our community.
- We will be raising the black history flag on February 1st.
- January 25th next Saturday the Village of Bellwood along with Park District. We will be having steppers set partnering with the Surviving Warriors. It's a fundraiser for the surviving warriors. We're offering free steppers classes here at the village of Bellwood on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays in the community room at 6:30pm.
- February 15th is our Senior Valentine's Dance. We have a few tickets left. We've sold over 200 tickets. It will be held at the Drake Hotel this year. We also have a block of rooms.

New Business:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Public Comment:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to open the floor for Public Comment.

Trustee Ciavattone made a motion and Trustee Delgado seconded to open the floor for public comment.

All Trustees were in favor of opening the floor. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Harvey declared the floor for public comment open.

- **Resident Roy Canada** – Been a resident for 48 years. I have a question this has been bothering me. I looked at the newsletter and the calendar, I saw the current clerk. I thought she was a member of the village. I look at the photos and you see all of the different organizations, trustees, everybody else in it but you don't see your clerk. I'm wondering what's going on with that. Did she fart and someone didn't like the way it smelled?! When I don't like something I be wanting an answer. I see all of these village cars used out here to run around. Do we need all of these village cars? Can we eliminate some of them or combine them. When she became clerk you all took her car. I don't know the reason why. I'm quite sure with this new election coming up, this new clerk

will be back in the office, and I suppose you're gonna give her a car. I'd like to know if anything is wrong because I live here, and I don't like it. I'm sure some of you all don't like it either but you're scared to voice it. We're in this together. You all are our trustees and when they say is there anything to report? You say the same thing every month, I don't have anything. What do you do? Who are you trying to impress? Sure in the hell ain't impressing me. I just want to let you all know that I am a concerned resident and I want to see this village ran right. I see one group of signs more than I see the other group of signs in areas I know they shouldn't be but they're there. Clerk, I know you're trying to do your best to put your signs up but they're probably biting you in the ass too. I know you can't say anything.

- **Resident Waring Lester** – I grew up in the neighbor. My mother, brother and family live here. When I moved here Mr. Nightengale's son Corey was a classmate of mine at Wilson Elementary School which is now a gas station. Officer Jiminez, I grew up with them. As I come back and get involved in the community, I have a series of 35 questions but I'm only going to ask a couple because this is what we come across. I have come back to ingrain my skillset and upbringing in the neighborhood. The population of Bellwood Census says it is just under 18k in 2023, 17,890 to be exact, it didn't give that in 2024.

This is only my 2nd board meeting, but how do we get the communication short notices out to the community on a weekly or monthly basis? Can we create some type of meeting technology where people can have access to it or is it just through mail? Forgive me, I may not know that.

Next question, the Trustee mentioned the permits, you said 88 and 93 what is the process? Is the cost decided by the size of the job individually or is the permits cost structure set up based off of what? How do we determine the cost? If I'm getting a porch or garage replaced what is that process?

The Boys & Girls Club was a great part of my upcoming. I don't know what happened to the name, maybe it's a new system and changes but I know the Boys and Girls Club is funded corporately, by corporations and federally funded, right? Lenovo is an excellent supporter of that. The technology of today's world, all of the kids may not be able to afford to use at home but they will have access to the Boys & Girls Club in that funding. I'm assuming that it is paid for by us.

From the Street Department, there were some challenges with my address. I've been down there 2 or 3 times because I have some concerns. I have a 93-year-old grandfather WWII Vet, when he comes to my place, it's been an issue with the curb. I think it's Arnie that's there, I went to school with him, but I can never get him. Just food for thought and really looking into engaging and getting involved within the community. I will definitely be diligent in paying attention and looking forward to the community be as it stands or for changes.

Mayor – Mr. Waring Lester after the meeting talk with Mr. Stock and he will tell you about the permit process and what the fees are. You can talk to Marty Walker, and he will tell you anything about the street department and you can get your questions answered tonight.

- **Resident Cheryl Turner at 218 49th Avenue** - I have had a consistent problem with Groot. They put my garbage can in the middle of my driveway. I have a bad knee and it's hard for me. When I pull in, I have to get out of my car, move the garbage bin from the front of my driveway, get back into my car and park. I have called the village and Groot. When I'm home and I see them do it, I stop them but how do I get them to stop putting my garbage bins in the middle of my driveway?

I've also been waiting since June for a new recycle bin. I have a picture so you can see how bad it is. I won't be able to recycle, and I enjoy recycling, but I don't know what to do.

Mayor – Talk with Mr. Walker after the meeting.

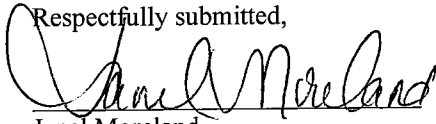
Mayor Harvey requested a motion to close the floor for Public Comment.

Trustee Delgado made a motion and Trustee Boston seconded to close the floor for public comment. All Trustees were in favor of closing the floor. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Harvey declared the floor for public comment closed.

Adjournment:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Trustee Holman moved, seconded by Trustee Delgado, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Harvey declared the meeting adjourned, with no further business to come before this Board, this meeting stands adjourned at 6:19p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janel Moreland", written over a horizontal line.

Janel Moreland
Village Clerk