

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 16, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - Board Room**

**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, February 16, 2022.

**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.

**Presentation:**

Chief Dombek presented Probationary Fire Fighter Matthew Staupers sworn in. He is a nurse by trade then became a paramedic. Filled in part time with Bellwood working as a paramedic and is now a firefighter. Matthew was sworn in by Commissioners Gay Chase and Reginald Steward. Mayor Harvey said a few words. Matthew said a few words of thanks.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the (February 16, 2022), board meeting agenda. Trustee Ciavattone moved, seconded by Trustee Nightengale to approve the board meeting agenda. The result of the roll call vote is as follows:

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last Board meeting. Trustee Robinson moved, seconded by Trustee Delgado to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Board meeting (January 19, 2022) and approve the minutes as presented. The result of the roll call vote is as follows:

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

**Committee Reports**

**A. Public Works Department**

Trustee Ciavattone reported the following:

I have several items to report from the Public Works – January 2022. The department has done a wonderful job this winter plowing the streets. Water main breaks eight, streetlights pole replaced four, this does not include the new lighting on St. Charles Road, street light repair two, traffic lights repaired four, potholes filled throughout the village two hundred seven.

We are recommending the following items for approval on the consent agenda:

- i. Item B – Approves the lowest responsible bid for the water main relocation project.
- ii. Item G – Approves the allocation for the 2022 Program Year Cook County Community Development Block Grant.
- iii. Always support our first responders, medical personnel, military personnel, and active duty.

**B. Community Development**

Trustee Boston reported the following:

From the Community Development Committee, I'd like to report that the Duke Realty Project is a few weeks from completion and the tenant has started the build out.

The Detention Pond at 25<sup>th</sup> and Washington is on schedule and schedule to be completed by the end of July beginning of August.

We are recommending the following items to appear on the consent agenda:

- i. Item A – Approves contract with Financial Consultant to assist with the Bond Issue.
- ii. Item E – Adopts an annual TIF Report.
- iii. Items I & J – Approves Class 6b for the respective properties.
- iv. Item K – Approves the real estate contract for the sale of 130 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

C. Quality of Life

In Trustee Holman’s absence Trustee Boston reported the following:

Bellwood Community Resource Center monthly activity from January 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, had fifty-five patrons. From the Building Department – Reviewed two hundred eighty-six applications in January and issue sixty-two permits.

We are recommending the following items from the consent agenda:

- i. Item F – Approves a change to the fee structure for presale inspections.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

He scholarship board met Saturday for the first time this year. We have five students in school.

We are recommending the following items on the consent agenda:

- i. Item D - Adopt change to the village personnel policy.
- ii. Item H – Approves appointment to the Zoning Board and Planning Commission.

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

We are recommending the following item for the consent agenda

- i. Item C – Designates Harrison Street as a Collector Route.

D. Finance Committee

Trustee Nightengale reported the following:

- i. I would like to make a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$2,431,882.85 when funds become available.
- ii. There are no items appearing on the consent agenda.

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the payment of bills. Trustee Ciavattone moved, seconded by Trustee Holman 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 22-07**

- A. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Acacia Financial Group, Inc.

**Resolution 22-08**

- B. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract by and between the Village of Bellwood and Ed Weathersby & Sons Sewer & Water, Inc. the Lowest Responsible Bidder.

**Ordinance 22-06**

- C. An Ordinance Amending Title VII Chapter 77 of the Village of Bellwood Code of Ordinances.

**Resolution 22-09**

- D. A Resolution Adopting a Lactation Policy.

**Resolution 22-10**

E. A Resolution Adopting the Findings of the Annual Tax Increment Financing Reports for Year Ending December 31, 2020.

**Ordinance 22-07**

F. An Ordinance Amending Title IX Chapter 101 of the Village of Bellwood Code of Ordinances.

**Resolution 22-11**

G. A Resolution Approving the 2022 Program Year Community Development Block Grant Application.

**Resolution 22-12**

H. A Resolution Approving, Authorizing and Making the Appointment of certain Persons to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission.

**Resolution 22-13**

I. A Resolution Approving a Class 6B Real Estate Tax Incentive for the Property Commonly Referred to as 2700 Van Buren Street, Bellwood, Cook County, Illinois 60104.

**Resolution 22-14**

J. A Resolution Approving a Class 6B Real Estate Tax Incentive for the Property Commonly Referred to as 1023 Cernan Drive, Bellwood, Cook County, Illinois 60104.

**Resolution 22-15**

K. A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate commonly referred to as 130 49th Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois 60104.

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

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 Items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Delgado, 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 report was removed from the Board Meeting Agenda at the request of Mayor Harvey.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Harvey reported the following:

- i. The lights on St. Charles Road new development are looking good. Thank everyone involved and the grant. Ms. LeShore is extremely important because she helps us receive the grants to do what we do in the village of Bellwood.
- ii. Thanks to the Street and Water Department for phenomenal job on the snow removal. I spoke with the workers, and they said they appreciate their bosses who told them to go home and get some rest.
- iii. We had a couple of fires. Fire Dept., Homeland Security and Police Department all did a wonderful job.
- iv. If anyone needs KN95 masks, we have some here in the village that was donated to us, and we want to pass on to our seniors. They can call my office, Mrs. White, or Ms. Eubanks.

- v. Also, you will see in the upcoming newsletter, we are looking for email addresses from our residents to move into the digital age. We want to send out our newsletter through email or text messages. If there's an emergency, we can send out a mass email to the residents.

**New Business:**

According to Attorney Castaldo he has nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**Public Comment:**

**Amy Crump** – Director of the Bellwood Library presented the Bellwood Library report for the month of February 2022 (see attached a copy of the report).

**Roy Canada** – This is for the Comptroller. Item J, says Resolution approving Class 6b real estate tax incentive for property 1023 Cernan Drive, Bellwood, IL. My address is 836 so that has to be industrial. How are they getting breaks on their taxes?

**Mr. Norfleet** - did not know the answer to that question.

**Peter Tsiolis** – Economic Developer answer the question. I made the recommendation. That property is getting a partial incentive because it's been vacant for over two years and in the attempt to get a tenant to move in, we needed to provide an incentive for them to occupy the building, bring more jobs to the community and put it back on the tax roll. By the time it's done you'll be getting more money with the incentive then you will with the vacancy.

**Roy Canada** – Mr. Mayor, I ask this every year. I'm looking at several grants being written for this and that. If a cat needs a cathouse, you can get a grant written for that...just teasing with that. My question is why is it that we can't get a grant written to get these street light cameras working? That is safety. Safety is supposed to be number one.

**Mayor Harvey** – As you're speaking, we are in negotiation for cameras. We don't need a grant for that but if there is a grant Tonita LeShore hunts them down. If there's one available through the State of Illinois or Washington, we will go after that grant.

**Roy Canada** – Even when I was working everyone said safety is number one. We have the cameras we just have to get them working. I see Forest Park got on the commission for stolen cars. Are we on that?

**Mayor Harvey** - Yes.

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Trustee Ciavattone moved, seconded by Trustee Delgado to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Harvey declared the meeting adjourned, with no further business to come before this Board, this meeting stands adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janel Moreland  
Village Clerk