

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
2nd 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 21, 2024.

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 the February 21, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Agenda. Trustee Boston moved, seconded by Trustee Delgado to approve the board meeting agenda. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously to approve the February 21, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting (January 8, 2024). Trustee Ciavattone moved, seconded by Trustee Holman, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Board meeting and approve the minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Presentation:

Presentation of Chief John R. Reitz certificate for 25 years of service with the Village of Bellwood Fire Department.

Committee Reports

A. Public Works Department

Trustee Ciavattone reported the following:

I have several items to report for the month of January 2024.

- Water main breaks - 4, Sewer mains jetted – 3, Street lights heads replaced – 2, Street lights repaired – 13, traffic lights repaired - 2, street signs replaced – 18, potholes filled throughout the village – 96. Tree maintenance continues- trees removed -1, trees trimmed – 114.

We are recommending the following items on the consent agenda:

- Item M – Provides for engineering service for the Community Development Block Grant Program.
- Items N – Amends the engineering agreement for additional services under the Invest in Cook County Program.

Always remember our first responders, medical personnel, military personnel, active duty, veterans, and volunteers. Gave the meaning of Memorial Day.

B. Community Development

Trustee Boston reported the following:

I have nothing new to report from the Community Development Committee. We have a new business in Bellwood called Donnie's Place on 25th and they have very good food.

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item H – Provides for the coordination of utilities for the Bellwood Gateway Project.
- Item I – Provides for the market study for the Bellwood Gateway Project.
- Item J – Provides for Phase I environmental study.
- Item K – Provides for Phase II environmental study.

C. Quality of Life

Trustee Holman reported the following:

- The committee of Quality of Life, Bellwood Community Resource Center monthly activity from January 1 – January 31, 2024, had 80 patrons.
- The Building Department approved 119 permits in the month of January and 61 permits were picked up.

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item A – Renews the agreement with Cook County Department of Public Health Inspection Services.
- Item G – Amends the liquor code pertaining to the number of classifications of liquor licenses.
- Item L – Approves a request for Zoning relief approving a conditional use and variance for signage.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

The Neighborhood Watch Scholarship Board met February 10th. We have 5 returning applicants and 3 new applicants but that can change because it's open until April 15, 2024.

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item B – Adopting the litigation report.
- Item F – Providing for the purchase of new cellular equipment and services.
- Item O – Adopting Whistle Blower Policy

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

We are recommending the following items for the Consent Agenda:

- Item C – Amends the village code pertaining to ambulance fees.
- Item D – Approves the purchase of new police vehicles.
- Item E – Approves the purchase of new adjudication software.

D. Finance Committee

Trustee Nightengale reported the following:

- I would like a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$1,848,009.36 when funds become available.

We have no items appearing on the consent agenda.

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 24-02

- A. 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 24-03

- B. A Resolution Approving and Adopting the Reports pertaining to pending Litigation.

Ordinance 24-02

- C. An Ordinance Amending Title III Chapter 33 Section 33.25 of the Village of Bellwood Code of Ordinances.

Resolution 24-04

- D. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Purchase of Village Vehicles.

Resolution 24-05

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

Resolution 24-06

- F. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and T-Mobile USA, Inc.
Ordinance 24-03
- G. An Ordinance Amending Title XI Chapter 112 of the Village of Bellwood Code of Ordinances.
Resolution 24-07
- H. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Davey Utility Services, Inc.
Resolution 24-08
- I. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Cohn Reznick, LLP.
Resolution 24-09
- J. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Pioneer Engineering & Environmental Services, LLC.
Resolution 24-10
- K. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Pioneer Engineering & Environmental Services, LLC.
Ordinance 24-04
- L. An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use and Variance as it relates to Signage for the Property Commonly referred to as 2418 St. Charles Road, Bellwood, Illinois 60104.
Resolution 24-11
- M. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Edwin Hancock Engineering Company.
Resolution 24-12
- N. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Amended Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Edwin Hancock Engineering Company.
Resolution 24-13
- O. A Resolution Approving and Adopting a Whistleblower Policy.

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

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:

- Calendars look beautiful. This is the most ads ever. Next year it's going to be an encyclopedia.
- Thanks to everyone that came to the Mardi Gras Senior Dance last week. Everyone had a wonderful time. Now that I'm looking in the audience, some of you all I didn't see. Next year I

expect to see you all. We have guest that are not seniors, all are welcome. Thanks Cynthia and Taushonia and volunteers. Thanks for the donated gifts for the seniors and the entertainment.

- Last Saturday, thanks to everyone for attending the black history celebration with District 88.
- Village of Bellwood would like to thank Grass Roots Incorporated that came out. We raised the Pan American Flag right outside on February 1st for Black History Month. If you do see the Pan American Flag on our flagpole, we will have it up there for the entire month to show our unity for Black History Month.

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 Boston 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.

Amy Crump Bellwood Director gave the library report –

The library now has social work services available. Times and availability is attached with the minutes

A copy of the report is attached with the minutes.

Resident Roy Canada – This is referred to Mrs. Boston. Is the reservoir completed? Mayor Harvey stepped in to answer the question that Trustee Boston didn't know how to answer. **Mayor Harvey** – The detention portion of the reservoir is completed but the work for the entire project is not completed. The water reclamation district is in charge of that. They are doing the creek improvements on Addison Creek right now and that may take up to another 18 months – 2 years to complete the entire project.

Roy Canada – Since we got the reservoir, in 2 months I'm going to be getting a letter about flood insurance. **Mayor Harvey** – I'm going to stop you there because the flood insurance won't change until the entire project is done. Water Reclamation District, the engineers, and the Army Corp. of Engineers, do an evaluation and they will change the FEMA map and flood map at that time. That's a Water Reclamation event and it's on their timeline, they're going to do it. **Roy Canada** – How do I find out if I'm in the redline? **Mayor Harvey** – The Water Reclamation District have their own office, board meetings, trustees, they have everything, and they are in charge of this project, and you can look them up on their website.

Roy Canada – I understand that. Will there be a map posted on the wall. **Mayor Harvey** – In about 2 years. Whenever the Water Reclamation District finishes it and they release the flood map we have now will change and replace it with a new flood map. These are Water Reclamation District questions and it's on their timeline.

Andre Harvey (3805 St. Charles Place) – Early Voting is starting March 4th -March 18th. We will have early voting here in the village hall March 4-9 9am-5pm March 10th 10am-4pm, March 11-16 9am-5pm, March 17th 10am-4pm and March 18th 9am-5pm and on Election Day, March 19th you will vote at your local precinct. There is no voting at the library. Amy Crump confirmed they are moved to McKinley School.

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

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

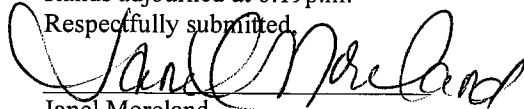
All Trustees were in favor of opening the floor. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Harvey declared the floor for public comment open.

Adjournment:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Trustee Ciavattone moved, seconded by Trustee Holman, 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,



Janel Moreland
Village Clerk