

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 15, 2023 – 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, January 18, 2023.

**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: None**

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the March 15, 2023, board meeting agenda. Trustee Holman moved, seconded by Trustee Delgado to approve the board meeting agenda. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last Special Board meeting (February 13, 2023). Trustee Boston moved, seconded by Trustee Nightengale 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 carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

A. **Public Works Department**

Trustee Ciavattone reported the following:

Public works continues to perform their daily requirements for the month of February 2023.

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

- Item D – Approves the 2023 Cook County Community Development Block Grant Application.

Always remember our first responders, medical personnel, military personnel, active duty, veterans, and volunteers.

B. **Community Development**

Trustee Boston reported the following:

There are several items to report from the Community Development Committee.

- Work continues on the new Seniors Building located at 542 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Scheduled to be completed around August 2023
- Work continues on the Quik Trip project located at 1040 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which is still on schedule for completion in April 2023.
- The building department has approved the occupancy for the following new businesses: Avalon Transportation, which is a dispatch for their national operations. Proper Choice Inc. is a warehouse for internet sales a consumer electronic. Alteration shop which tailors clothing. There are six other businesses that are in various stages of opening. We are in constant communication with several developers and contractors, we will provide additional information as it becomes available.

We have no items on the consent agenda.

C. **Quality of Life**

Trustee Holman reported the following:

- From the committee of Quality of Life, the Building Department received one hundred sixty-nine applications in February and issued fifty-two permits.

- Bellwood Community Resource Center monthly activity from February 1<sup>st</sup> – February 28, 2023, had one hundred two patrons.

We have no items appearing on the consent agenda.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

- The Neighborhood Watch Scholarship Fund board met Saturday. We have two applicants very impressive for this coming scholarship.

We are recommending the following items from the consent agenda.

- Item E – Approves the agreement to extend the village’s phone system.
- Item F, G & H – Approves the settlement to pending litigations.

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

We are recommending the following items from the consent agenda.

- Item C – Approves the purchase of a portable radio for the police department.

D. Finance Committee

Trustee Nightengale reported the following:

- I would like a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$1,743,060.79 when funds become available.

We are recommending the following items from the consent agenda.

- Item A – Annual appropriation ordinance.
- Item B – Supplemental appropriation ordinance.

Trustee Ciavattone moved, seconded by Trustee Boston n 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.

**Ordinance 23-01**

- A. An Ordinance making Appropriations for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2023, and Ending December 31, 2023.

**Ordinance 23-02**

- B. An Ordinance Approving Supplemental Appropriations for the Calendar Year Beginning January 1, 2022, and Ending December 31, 2022.

**Resolution 23-14**

- C. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Motorola Solutions.

**Resolution 23-15**

- D. A Resolution Approving the 2023 Program Year Community Development Block Grant Application.

**Resolution 23-16**

- E. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Converged Digital Networks.

**Resolution 23-17**

- F. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Settlement Relating to Opioids Litigation by and between the Village of Bellwood and Defendant Pharmaceutical Companies.

**Resolution 23-18**

- G. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement and Release by and between the Village of Bellwood and George Soto, Margarita Soto, Ariana Soto and Jessica Soto on behalf of her Minor Children, I.S., R.F., and C.M.

**Resolution 23-19**

- H. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Contract and Release by and between the Village of Bellwood and Kevin Barnett.

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 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 report was removed from the Board Meeting Agenda at the request of Mayor Harvey.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Harvey reported the following:

- i. Today, myself and the fire department had the opportunity to visit Roosevelt Middle School for career day. I was impressed that they're so well behaved and mannerable.
- ii. Neighborhood Watch starts up again tomorrow. The topic is sex trafficking. I spoke about the 15 year in the Committee of Whole meeting.
- iii. Early voting starts March 20<sup>th</sup> Monday-Saturday from 9am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm ends April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am-5pm in the community room.
- iv. March 18<sup>th</sup> – We will have a get out to vote rally sponsored by the village of Bellwood. Karen Yarbrough from the clerk's office will talk about early voting and registering. We're doing this topic because local elections are the most important elections. They get the stuff done in your community and will truly affect your life more than the presidential election.
- v. We have a shred day from Speaker Welch on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Village of Bellwood. We have flyers in the lobby. Speaker does it every year in our community.
- vi. Easter is approaching and we are going to have at least 2-3 events. The Park District will be having their easter egg hunt on April 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>. Monroe Baptist new pastor is having an easter egg hunt at Apollo Park.
- vii. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, the old Menards building in Hillside, there's going to be a giant easter egg hunt put on by Wanda Sharp for over five hundred people not just for kids. They're trying to find a local car dealership to give away a car at that even from -5pm.
- viii. The Village of Bellwood partnered with Roosevelt Middle School to do a STEM program at the Teen Zone located at 26<sup>th</sup> and St. Charles. For the past twelve weeks the kids from Roosevelt Middle School has been meeting at the Teen Zone after school, four days a week doing a STEM project. I think they started with twelve kids and ended with seventeen. They want to continue to partnership and we're going to open it up to do more at the Teen Zone. Our schools, park district and village are partnering to do more for the kids in our community.
- ix. I had a wonderful time at the Bellwood Library. I got a sneak peek at the renovations that are going on. It's like a light switch went came on in the library. I only got to see the top because the bottom is still under construction.

**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 to open the floor. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Harvey declared the floor for public comment open.

**Amy Crump Bellwood Library Director** – The library Grand opening of the renovation is June 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. We invite you all to join us and see the top and bottom floor. In the month of February, the library provided services two thousand fifty-six people and issue sixty-three new library cards. That is over a 200% increase. Our visitors' numbers are back to pre-pandemic numbers. (See attached Amy Crump's report).

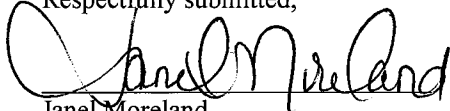
**Madeline McGhee** – I want to address the \$1.7+million in bills that is to be paid out when funds become available. Mr. Norfleet just said we have a surplus of money, so it sounds like the funds are there. Trustee makes that statement all the time “When funds become available.” The funds are available just pay it out. Also, I see construction on 25<sup>th</sup> & Warren. Can you give me an idea of what's going on at the old Shop & Save/Sav A Lot? **Mayor** – I have no idea what you're talking about or what's going on there. **McGhee** – I see permits and people going in and out and I want to know what's going on in my community. **Mayor** – Right after the meeting you can speak with Jim Stock. If you know what those permits are for can you let Ms. McGhee know?

Mayor Harvey asked for 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 to close the floor. Upon a voice vote, the motion 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 Ciavattone 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 6:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janel Moreland  
Village Clerk

**Director's Report to Village  
March 2023**

The Bellwood Library is nearing the completion of our renovation and the Grand Opening of the renovated library is scheduled for June 10 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

The Bellwood Library provided services to 2,056 people in February and issued 63 new library cards since the beginning of 2023. That's over a 200% increase from our monthly average. And our visitor numbers are back to pre-pandemic numbers.

In April 2023 library programs will continue to be online. Check out website [www.bellwoodlibrary.org](http://www.bellwoodlibrary.org) for dates and times and registration.