

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2025 – 6:03 p.m.
2nd Floor - Board Room**

The Village of Bellwood conducted a Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 6:03 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 6:03 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 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 March 19, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Agenda. Trustee Nightengale moved, seconded by Trustee Boston, to approve the board meeting agenda. Upon voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously to approve March 19, 2025, Board Meeting Agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on February 19, 2025. 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 voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously to approve February 19, 2025, Board meeting minutes.

Presentation:

- None

Committee Reports

A. Public Works Department

Trustee Ciavattone reported the following:

I have several items to report on from the Public Works for the month of February 2025.

Water main breaks – 5, sewer main jetted - 2, street light pole replace – 4, streetlight head replaced -4, street light repair – 1, street sign replaced – 4, sidewalk inspections – 14, potholes filled throughout the village – 1417, Tree maintenance continues throughout the year weather permitting.

We are recommending the following items on the consent agenda:

- Item F – Approves an Intergovernmental Agreement with IDOT for traffic signal improvements.
- Item G – Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the Hydro Excavating Potholing of Water Service Lines Project.
- Item H – Awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder for traffic signal improvements.

Always remember our first responders, police, fire, medical personnel, active-duty military, veterans, homeland security, emergency management and volunteers.

The Emission Test station on Forest Preserve Drive at Harlem and Irving is now re-opened

B. Community Development

Trustee Boston reported the following:

I have nothing to report on from the Community Development Committee. As you all can see all of the wonderful things going on in the village, so I really don't have to report about that.

We are recommending items on the consent agenda:

- Item D – Approves an ordinance amending the enterprise zone.

C. Quality of Life

Trustee Holman reported the following:

The committee of Quality of Life, The Bellwood Community Resource Monthly Activity for January 2025 was 78 number of patrons. The Building Department approved 163 permit applications in February 2025 and 65 permits were picked up by the applicant by the end of the month.

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item I – Approves the Cook County Block Grant Application.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

We are recommending the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Item E – Approves the Audit Report.

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

We are recommending the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Item C – Approves the collective bargaining agreement with the police union.

D. Finance Committee

Trustee Nightengale reported the following:

I have two items on the consent agenda.

- Item A – Approves the 2025 Appropriation ordinance as provided for the public hearing.
- Item B – Approves the 2024 Supplemental Appropriation ordinance.

I would like a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$3,404,035.17 when funds become available.

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:

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

Ad Hoc Committees:

Nothing to report

Ordinance 25-03

- A. An Ordinance making Appropriations for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2025, and Ending December 31, 2025

Ordinance 25-04

- B. An Ordinance Approving Supplemental Appropriations for the Calendar Year Beginning January 1, 2024, and Ending December 31, 2024

Resolution 25-12

- C. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Bellwood and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, (Patrol Officers)

Ordinance 25-05

- D. An Ordinance Amending the Village of Bellwood's designating Ordinance and the Governing Intergovernmental Agreement of the West Regional Enterprise Zone relative to Limitations on Tax Abatements

Resolution 25-13

- E. A Resolution Adopting the Findings of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Year Ending December 31, 2023

Resolution 25-14

- F. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and the State of Illinois Department of Transportation

Resolution 25-15

- G. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract by and between the Village of Bellwood and Calumet City Plumbing & Heating, Inc. the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Resolution 25-16

- H. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract by and between the Village of Bellwood and MYS, Incorporated the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Resolution 25-17

- I. A Resolution Approving the 2025 Program Year Cook County Community Development Block Grant Application

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

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

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| 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 Delgado, seconded by Trustee Nightengale.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

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| 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:

- The Police Department has settled the contract with the FOP. This has been the fastest negotiation we've ever had within the last 15 years.
- Last week, myself, village of Broadview and Maywood, we took our youth to Washington DC. We do this at least once or twice a year to keep our young people involved, to let our young people know what it is to run a village and how they can become involved and become trustees, mayor, clerk, police and fire chief. We took about 10-15 kids to Washington. We took them to the African American Smithsonian Museum, and you cannot complete it in one day.
- March 8th, we had our 2nd annual chili cookoff with Top Flight NFP, surrounding towns participated. Village of Bellwood Fire Fighters took 1st place and 3rd place.

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.

- **Waring Lester Resident** – After the meeting last month Marty and Jim spent an hour with me. I asked about the permit process. The city of Bellwood processes about 80 a month and receives 300 a month. That's about 27.6% effective. If we do that it makes it more challenging for our neighbors in the community to uphold if we're not getting it done. It's good to hear that the numbers have improved this month.
- The trustee mentioned 5 water main breaks, one of them was outside my mother's door and I watched those guys work until 2am.

- **Marty and I also spoke about the busted sidewalk in front of my house and the challenges of getting my grandfather who is 95 years old, and you all had someone come the next morning and get that out of the way.**
- **Thanks for all the work you're doing in the community and are appreciated as well.**

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

Trustee Boston made a motion and Trustee Holman seconded to close the floor for public comment.

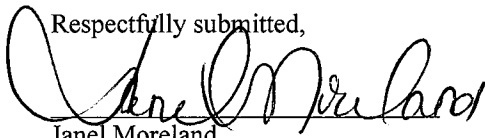
All Trustees were in favor of closing the floor. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Harvey declared the floor for public comment closed.

Adjournment:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Trustee Ciavattone 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 6:16p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Janel Moreland
Village Clerk