

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 17, 2024 – 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, April 17, 2024.

**Roll Call**

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

**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 April 17, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Agenda. Trustee Robinson moved, seconded by Trustee Delgado to approve the board meeting agenda. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously to approve the April 17, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting (March 20, 2024). Trustee Holman moved, seconded by Trustee Boston, 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:**

Grass Roots Organization – Pat Joseph and Jocelyn Gougisha. Both ladies are over 40-years residents within the Village of Bellwood. They are the two founding members of Grass Roots Org. They share the mission of Grass Roots and what they've done, doing and plans for the future. They acknowledge Debora Jenkins for her assistance on the Pan African Flag Raising Ceremony.

**Committee Reports**

A. Public Works Department

Trustee Ciavattone reported the following:

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

- Sewer mains jetted – 2, Street lights repaired – 1, traffic lights repaired - 3, street signs replaced – 3, sidewalk inspections – 10, Tree trimming continues all year weather permitting.

We are recommending the following items on the consent agenda:

- Item A – Approves the contract for removal of asbestos for the properties being demolished by the Village of Bellwood.
- Items I – Approves the contract for landscaping services for the upcoming summer.

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

B. Community Development

Trustee Boston reported the following:

There are a few things to report from the Community Development:

- In celebration of its 60th year, the Illinois Prairie Path is having an annual Trail Clean Up on Saturday, April 27 at 9am. We are in need of volunteers, so please call Debora.
- On Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> we are having a Green Technology Listening Session. This is in collaboration with Broadview, Bellwood, and Maywood along with Urban Efficiency Group to talk about the green landscape technology.
- On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am, we are having a tree planting. That will be an event in need of volunteers. Supporting the village in partnership with the open land in the 3800 & 4000 block of Jackson.

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item B – Contracts for a financial analysis for the TIF Districts.
- Item E – Adopts the annual report for the TIF Districts.
- Item G – Creates the Bellwood Housing Corporation in order to manage the residential development on St. Charles.
- Item H – Approves a Class 6B Real Estate Tax Incentive for property commonly referred to 34 Davis Drive.

C. Quality of Life

Trustee Holman reported the following:

- The committee of Quality of Life, Bellwood Community Resource Center monthly activity from March 1 – March 31, 2024, had 69 patrons.
- The Building Department approved 88 permits in March and 103 permits were picked up by the applicant by the end of the month.

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item F – Approves an intergovernmental agreement with Cook County.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

The last report with the scholarship we had 8 – 5 return and 3 new one. The deadline was the 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item D – Approves the certification and assurance for the PACE Bus Program Renews an agreement for computer services.

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item C – Approves an intergovernmental agreement with School District 88 for a School Resource Officer.

D. Finance Committee

Mayor Harvey reported the following in the absence of Trustee Nightengale:

We have no items appearing on the Consent Agenda.

I would like a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$1,729,638.04 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:

Ayes:	5	Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Robinson, and Delgado
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	1	Trustee Nightengale

Ad Hoc Committees: Nothing to report.

**Resolution 24-21**

- A. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Change Order to the Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and the Green Demolition Contractors, Inc.

**Resolution 24-22**

- B. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and the C.H. Johnson Consulting, Inc.

**Resolution 24-23**

- C. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and School District 88.

**Resolution 24-24**

- D. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Providing for Certifications and Assurances as Required by the PACE Vehicle Program Agreement.

**Resolution 24-25**

- E. A Resolution Adopting the Findings of the Annual Tax Increment Financing Reports for Year Ending December 31, 2022.

**Resolution 24-26**

- F. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and the County of Cook, Bureau of Asset Management

**Ordinance 24-08**

- G. An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of a Not-for-Profit Corporation as an Instrumentality of the Village of Bellwood to be used for the Purpose of Financing the Construction, Acquisition, Rehabilitation, Equipping and Operation of a Housing Project within the Village and related matters in Connection Therewith.

**Resolution 24-27**

- H. A Resolution Approving a Class 6B Real Estate Tax Incentive for the Property Commonly Referred to as 34 Davis Drive, Bellwood, Cook County, Illinois 60104.

**Resolution 24-28**

- I. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the Village annually engages a company to perform grass cutting and landscape maintenance in support of various village programs including but not limited to the senior grass cutting program.

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:	5	Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Robinson, and Delgado
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	1	Trustee Nightengale

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:	5	Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Robinson, and Delgado
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	1	Trustee Nightengale

**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:

- Thanks to the staff, Cynthia, Taushonia, Debora and Tonita for helping with the Mother's Day Breakfast that will be coming up soon. We have sold out of tickets and that is the hard work of Cynthia Banks. She is planning a really great shindig. We have sold over 340 tickets. We have different churches and organizations attending. There's going to be a lot of singing, churching and good food.
- Clean up week is the first week of May on your garbage day. You can put out anything, no construction/ remodeling items.
- Tomorrow from 11am-2pm, we have a Veterans event across the street at 3101 Washington Blvd. Stevenson Park. You don't have to be a veteran to come and get information.
- Shred Day, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday from 10am-1pm. Thanks to Speaker Welch for partnering with us every year.
- Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be here.
- We are starting our Summer Youth Program for 14-16 years old look for a job. We're still accepting applications even though the deadline is over.

- Neighborhood Watch Meeting, Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> “Care over Cost” – Katy Ridling from Equal Action Campaign will be giving a presentation on insurance.
- Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, C4 Asset Mapping Meeting (Cross Community Climate Collaboration). Sustainability for the future.

**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.

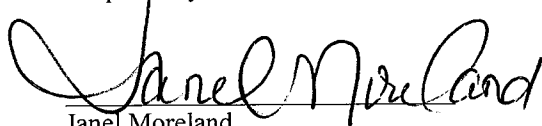
There was no public comment.

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

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Trustee Delgado 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 6:26p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janel Moreland  
Village Clerk