

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 19, 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, April 19, 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**

Fire Chief Douglas Dombek presented the swearing in of Derrick Blair – Probationary Fire Fighter of 4 months, was sworn in by Fire & Police Commissioner Reginald Stewart with attendance by Gay Chase. Derrick Blair served two terms in the Army.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the April 19, 2023, board meeting agenda. Trustee Holman moved, seconded by Trustee Delgado to approve the board meeting agenda. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last Special Board meeting (March 15, 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 was 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 March 2023. Sewer mains jetted-6, street light pole replaced-1, street light head replaced-1, traffic light repaired-1, street signs replaced-2, sidewalk inspections-28, potholes filled throughout the village-1008. Tree maintenance-54; stumps removed-4, trees trimmed-3.

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

- Item D – Approves the annual contract for grass cutting and maintenance.

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 and the Quik Trip project located at 1040 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Quik Trip has requested temporary occupancy to begin training and stocking the store. Ribbon cutting is currently set for May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Permits for remodeling of Aldi supermarket located at 400 Mannheim Road are being finalized and plan to start working this month. We are waiting for contractors to complete their registration process. Aldi is also expecting an additional permit submittal for replacement of the parking lot.
- There have been two permits applications submitted for the new Dunkin Donuts on 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue. One each for the building and engineering/landscaping.
- Revisions for the building plans were received and we will be reviewing them.

- A permit for the demolition of the existing building has been submitted but we have not received the details needed. Dunkin Donuts will be relocating across the street to 445 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- The village is in constant communication with several developers and contractors about development.

We have no items on the consent agenda.

C. Quality of Life

Trustee Holman reported the following:

- From the committee of Quality of Life, Bellwood Community Resource Center monthly activity from March 1 - March 31, 2023, had one hundred nineteen patrons.
- The Building Department reviewed one hundred and twenty-six applications and issued fifty-one permits.

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

- Item A – Endorses the Greenest Region Compact providing the guidelines goals for a greener environment.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

- We invite citizens tomorrow at 7pm community policing.

We are recommending the following items from the consent agenda.

- Item B – Approval for the PACE Bus.
- Item C – Approves the updated litigation report.

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

We have no items on the consent agenda.

D. Finance Committee

Trustee Nightengale reported the following:

- I would like a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$2,070,823.87 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 23-20**

- A. A Resolution Endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact.

**Resolution 23-21**

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

**Resolution 23-22**

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

**Resolution 23-23**

- D. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Beary Landscaping, Inc.

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

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 Ciavattone, 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	

### 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. Neighborhood Watch Meeting is tomorrow. The topic is Trends in Public Safety. Presentations from the Fire & Police Department about what's going on in our communities and world.
- ii. The Village of Bellwood is involved in the Road to 2050 Green Space equitability and resilient community. It is put together with different organizations and leaders in our community. Where are we going in the future. We will have a community engagement public meeting on May 22, 2023 at 6pm at Roosevelt Middle School 2500 Oak Street. We want the public's interest to help us figure out where we're going when it comes to green space and compost to continue to improve our environment. Tonita LeShore and Amy Crump are on that committee.
- iii. We will be having a home weatherization program this year, outreach meeting April 27, 2023, from 9am-3pm. We have a home energy program that you can apply to, and the application process is ongoing. The applications are located on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in front of room 206. It's an income-based program for home energy and weatherization.
- iv. Thanks to Speaker Welch on April 15<sup>th</sup> partnered with the Village of Bellwood for shred day. The cars were lined up almost to Mannheim Road. We're going to do this every year. Thanks to all the department heads for coming out.

### 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 Library Director –**

The Bellwood Public Library provided services to 2,558 people in March.

We are within a month of completing the library renovation which started in August 2022.

Happy to announce the recent election results have two returning library trustees – Constance Riales and Dorothy Clark-Smith and one new trustee, Felicia Chase, who will be sworn in next month.

Mayor Harvey asked for a motion to close the floor for Public Comment. Trustee Delgado made a motion and Trustee Nightengale seconded to close the floor for public comment.

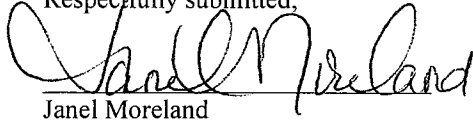
All Trustees were in favor of closing the floor. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Harvey declared the floor for public comment closed.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Trustee Holman moved, seconded by Trustee Boston, 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 6:18p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janel Moreland". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Janel Moreland  
Village Clerk