

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
2nd Floor - Board Room**

The Village of Bellwood conducted a Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 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 6:04 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 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 May 15, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Agenda. Trustee Delgado moved, seconded by Trustee Nightengale to approve the board meeting agenda. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously to approve the May 15, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting (April 17, 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:

West Cook County Youth Cook along with Tonita LeShore and Debora Jenkins – Presented certificates to seven youth that participated in the Sustainability Program on April 17th and completed the crossword puzzle. Mr. Wenton Jones from Urban Efficiency, Ed Sheehan, and Steven Barnick with WCCYC educated 36 youth on Sustainability.

Committee Reports

A. Public Works Department

Trustee Ciavattone reported the following:

I have several items to report from the Public Works for the month of April 2024.

- Fire hydrant flushing is ongoing throughout the village.
- Sewer mains jetted – 2, Street lights repaired – 4, street signs replaced – 12, sidewalk inspections – 21, Potholes filled throughout the village – 843, Tree trimming continues all year weather permitting.

We are recommending the following items on the consent agenda:

- Item A – Approves the intergovernmental agreement with Cook County for a grant.
- Item C – Approves the lowest responsible bidder for the 2024 sidewalk replacement program.
- Item D – Approves the lowest bidder for the alley reconstruction project.
- Item G – Approves the purchase of a street sweeper and a sewer cleaning machine through a joint purchasing cooperative.
- Item I – Approves the lowest responsible bidder for the 2024 water main replacement project.

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:

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item B – Approves the purchase and sale of 2615 Grant Avenue.

- Item K – Approves the agreement for the redevelopment of the St. Charles Properties.
- Item L – Approves the transfer of the property in related agreement to Bellwood Housing Corporation.
- Item M – Approves a Class 6B Real Estate Tax Incentive for property commonly referred to 2615 Grant Avenue.
- Item N – Approves the contract for testing of certain aspects of construction of the buildings as part of the Bellwood Gateway Project.

C. Quality of Life

Trustee Holman reported the following:

- The committee of Quality of Life, Bellwood Community Resource Center monthly activity from April 1 – April 30, 2024, had 93 patrons.
- The Building Department approved 145 permits in April and 131 permits were picked up by the applicant by the end of the month.

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item H – Approves an agreement for collection of data pertaining to the sprinkler system RPZs as required by IEPA.
- Item J - Approves zoning relief pertaining to the Bellwood Gateway Development.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

We are recommending 2 items on the Consent Agenda:

- Item E – Approves the proclamation for National Safe Boating.
- Item F – Approves a settlement.

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item O – Grants an easement to ComEd.

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 \$1,549,998.95 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:	6	Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Robinson, Delgado, and Nightengale
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	0	

Ad Hoc Committees: Nothing to report.

Resolution 24-29

- A. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Ordinance 24-09

- B. An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Purchase and Sale of Real Estate commonly referred to as 2615 Grant Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois 60104.

Resolution 24-30

- C. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract by and between the Village of Bellwood and M&J Asphalt Paving Company, Inc. the Lowest Responsible Bidder.

- D. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract by and between the Village of Bellwood and M&J Asphalt Paving Company, Inc. the Lowest Responsible Bidder.
- E. A **Proclamation** Recognizing National Safe Boating Week
- F. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Contract and Release by and between the Village of Bellwood and David Martin.
- G. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Brown Equipment Company (Joint Purchasing Cooperative – Sourcewell).
- H. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and BSI Online Backflow Solutions, Inc.
- I. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Calumet City Plumbing Co., Inc. The Lowest Responsible Bidder.
- J. An Ordinance Granting the Approval of a Map Amendment, a Text Amendment, Approval of Vacation of Village Right-of-Way, Approval of Plats Subdivision for Consolidation, and Approval of Various Conditional Uses, including a Planned Development, with Exceptions, for the Properties to be Commonly Known as 2711, 2712, and 2719 St. Charles Rd., Bellwood, IL 60104.
- K. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the Design-Build Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC for the Bellwood Gateway Project.
- L. An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving the Execution and Delivery of Agreements with the Bellwood Municipal Housing Corporation and other Parties relating to the Housing Project and related matters in connection therewith.
- M. A Resolution Approving a Class 6B Real Estate Tax Incentive for the Property Commonly Referred to as 2615 Grant Avenue, Bellwood, Cook County, Illinois 60104.
- N. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Quast Consulting & Testing, Inc.
- O. An Ordinance Granting an Easement to Commonwealth Edison Company.

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

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Holman, 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	

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 Mother's Day Breakfast was a nice event. There were about 350 mothers in attendance. Thanks to Cynthia Eubanks for all her hard work.
- May 4th Tree Planting Event. Thanks to the volunteers that came out.
- The Prairie Path Clean Up was on April 27th. Thanks to all who came out to volunteer for that.
- Tomorrow Neighborhood Watch meeting. We will have Social Security Office to talk about SS, Medicare, and career opportunities.
- Clean up week was a huge success May 6-10. This is the most we picked up in years.

New Business:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Public Comment:

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

Trustee Delgado made a motion and Trustee Ciavattone 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.

Anthony Gatewood – Regarding Ferrara Pan Candy Co. warehouse at 2300 Maywood Drive. The noise has not ceased. I know there's an ordinance for the businesses in Bellwood, but it doesn't seem like it pertains to Ferrara Pan. **Mayor** – The ordinance pertains to all businesses, but you have to reach a threshold and they haven't met the threshold. **Gatewood** – What do you owe to the residents, myself included where there's noise throughout the night and they don't finish until 3:30am? You and I have had private discussions about this before. They were supposed to stop working at midnight and that didn't happen. **Mayor** – We'll talk to them again, but they have rights as well. **Gatewood** – What do you do for the residents who put you in office mayor? **Mayor** – we try to accommodate everybody and all their rights. Would you like us to do, close them down and say they can't operate anymore? **Gatewood** – no, I would like for them to operate in a timely fashion, not 3:30am. **Mayor** – We have other businesses that operate those same hours. How would you propose that we tell one business y'all can't do it but we tell the other businesses they can? **Gatewood** – There are specifics as it pertains to Ferrara Pan to residential areas. **Mayor** – there are other businesses in residential areas as well. I'm going to do everything LEGALLY possible to solve the problem. **Gatewood** – Can we have a meeting with their personnel and the residents, and you facilitate it. **Mayor** – I don't know if they want to sit down with the residents, but you can come see me and we'll try but they don't have to sit down and meet. **Gatewood** – What would happen as a resident if someone played music all night? **Mayor** – If someone called and complained it has to reach the threshold. **Gatewood** – I'm here to complain. What is the threshold? **Mayor** – We have someone come out and measure the decibel? **Gatewood** – What is the decibel on paper? **Mayor** – Come and see me and I'll get it to you. **Gatewood** – Is it a possibility that the village can enact parking on the Gold Coast (900-1000 block of Adams). Delivery, garbage, emergency vehicles can't get down the blocks because of parking on both sides of the street. Is there something we can do to make it equitable for everyone? **Mayor** – You have to give me a definition of equitable? **Gatewood** – Can it be one side parking on those streets? **Mayor** – We can try. Here's the problem. Like you're standing here, once we implement it there will be 5 other residents saying it's not fair. We have alternate parking and that will take care of it.

Stephanie & Mother Lidesia – 3900 block of Monroe. There's been a bunch of issues with certain residents that live there. I know we do alternate parking; I know it's a free road and I know there's a rule that a pickup truck can't be there past 12am or you'll get a ticket. There's a specific resident on that block that owns about 3-4 cars. They put out all their pickup trucks during the day and moves them right before midnight so no one can park in front of their houses. They do this on purpose and it's not just an issue for us but the entire block. I've gotten messages from the neighbors saying that I parked too close to their truck and that's never happened. My mom is worried because we've found our vehicle tires tampered. My

brother-in-law comes to visit us every other day and he's in a wheelchair, so we need a spot that's not too far from the house. We don't see a lot of police activity over there. Some don't have village stickers. We don't know what we can do to help this situation. What do you suggest we can do? Can we see more cop activity? **Mayor** – Cop activity is possible. They're allowed to have visitors that can park on the street. Talk with Chief Allen after the meeting.

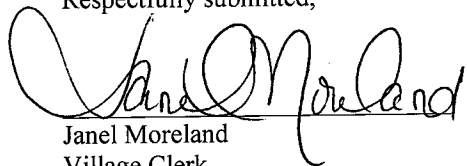
Shannette Dunbar – 409 Bohland Ave. This is in regard to beautification of the neighborhood and my 65-year-old and other trees that were cut down on the block. What is the village planning to do about the trees they've cut down throughout the village? Mayor – We have a tree program. We get donations and there's a list of trees to be replaced. Dunbar – How long is that list? Superintendent Marty Walker – We get donations and when we don't the village will purchase trees to be planted. Dunbar – What kind of organizations do you get? Tonita LeShore – Open Lands. We'll be getting another round of trees in September. Dunbar – There were some trees that were diseased and cut down. That whole end of the block is naked, and I was wondering what the village was doing about it.

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to close the floor for Public Comment.
Trustee Ciavattone 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 6:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janel Moreland
Village Clerk