

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
2nd Floor - Board Room**

The Village of Bellwood conducted a Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 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 6:03 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 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 The Boys & Girls Club/Youth Club of West Cook participants.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the June 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Agenda. Trustee Gloria moved, seconded by Trustee Delgado to approve the board meeting agenda. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously to approve the June 12, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular Board meeting on May 15, 2024. Trustee Delgado 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 – Presented certificates to ten youth that participated in the Sustainability Program on April 17th and completed the crossword puzzle. Ed Sheehan WCCYC educated 36 youth on Sustainability.
- Bellwood’s first female firefighter, Michelle Miller was sworn in by Commissioner Gay Chase. Michelle brings with her 18 years of fire fighter and paramedic experience. She has been with the Village of Bellwood for 10 months.
- Forest Park Commissioner Michelle Regovin, on behalf of the Village of Forest Park presented a portrait representing Juneteenth to the Village of Bellwood and acknowledged the collaboration between communities.

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 May 2024.

Water main breaks – 2, Sewer mains jetted – 1, Street lights repaired – 4, street signs replaced – 26, sidewalk inspections – 28, Potholes filled throughout the village – 96, Tree maintenance continues all year weather permitting.

We are recommending the following items on the consent agenda:

- Item C – Approves the lowest bid for the village hall remodeling project.
- Item D – Approves the lowest bidder for the purchase of streetlights poles
- Item E – Approves the lowest bidder for the purchase of a new sound system.
- Item F – Approves the IDOT resolution for highway maintenance
- Item G, H, I – Approves engineering agreements for respected projects.

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 J – Approves the engineering agreement for the residential housing project.
- Item K – Approves an agreement for the testing of construction materials.
- Item L – Approves an agreement for the removal of underground storage tanks.
- Item O – Approves a consulting agreement for energy efficiency for the Bellwood Gateway Project.
- Item N – Approves several agreements for 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 May 1 – May 31, 2024, had 86 patrons. The Building Department approved 165 permits in May and 150 permits were picked up by the applicant by the end of the month.

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item M – Approves the recommendation for the Zoning Board for zoning relief for property commonly referred to as 3902 Madison.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

The Neighborhood Watch Scholarship Board met this month, and we had 4 returning and 3 new students.

We have nothing appearing on the agenda.

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

We have not items appearing on the Consent Agenda.

D. Finance Committee

Trustee Nightengale reported the following:

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda.

- Item A – Approves the issuance of General Refunding Bonds.
- Item B – Approves a loan for interim financing for the Bellwood Gateway Project.

I would like a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$3,883,686.69 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.

Ordinance 24-13

- A. An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the Village of Bellwood, Cook County, Illinois, in One or More Series and in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$20,000,000 and Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on the Bonds.

Ordinance 24-14

- B. An Ordinance Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Interim Financing Purposes of the Village of Bellwood, Cook County, Illinois.

Resolution 24-39

- C. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Iron Horse Construction Services, Inc.

- Resolution 24-40**
- D. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Production Distribution Companies, Inc
- Resolution 24-41**
- E. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Sound Incorporated.
- Resolution 24-42**
- F. Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code.
- Resolution 24-43**
- G. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Edwin Hancock Engineering Company.
- Resolution 24-44**
- H. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Edwin Hancock Engineering Company.
- Resolution 24-45**
- I. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Edwin Hancock Engineering Company.
- Resolution 24-46**
- J. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and GSG Consultants, Inc.
- Resolution 24-47**
- K. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Pioneer Engineering & Environmental Services, LLC.
- Resolution 24-48**
- L. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Pioneer Engineering & Environmental Services, LLC.
- Ordinance 24-15**
- M. An Ordinance Granting a Variance for the Property Located at and Commonly Referred to as 3902 Madison, Bellwood, Illinois 60104.
- Ordinance 24-16**
- N. An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Agreement with the Bellwood Municipal Housing Corporation, the Execution and Delivery of Additional Agreements related to the Bellwood Gateway Project and Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Village Funds for Purposes related to the Bellwood Gateway Project.
- Resolution 24-49**
- O. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Cyclone Group, P.C.

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 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:

- Thank everyone that helped us with House Bill 1377. The Speaker Chris Welch, Toni Preckwinkle, and Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi all jumped in to help with this new bill. It allows a 50% tax break on new homes built in the community. It has to be municipal owned property, a home built on that property. The resident/purchaser must live in the property, and they'll get a 50% tax break for 8 years and a 33% tax break for the remaining 2 years.
- June 19th we will be having a flag raising starting at 10am.
- Quik Trip is having their 1-year anniversary celebration on Thursday, June 13th from 3-7pm. We are so proud that Quik Trip made Bellwood their first home in Northern Illinois urban setting.

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 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 Delgado 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.

Adjournment:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Trustee Ciavattone 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 6:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janel Moreland
Village Clerk