

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
2nd 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, June 15, 2022.

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:

Police Chief Jiminez Allen presented Police Officer Francisco Meraz #382 and Norcomm 911 Operator Stacy O’Connorr with an award for performing life saving measures on February 28, 2022, on an eight-year-old girl that was unresponsive. They instructed and administered CPR until the paramedics arrived on the scene. As of today, the little girl is alive and doing well. Jacqueline Mitchell, mother of the eight-year-old girl couldn’t attend but she sent her sincere appreciation.

Police Chief Jiminez Allen also presented Detective John Setlak #320/807, Detective Warren Hernandez #803 and Police Officer Corey Nagle #308, with an award for performing life saving measures on Latia Harvey’s father. They performed CPR for over 15 minutes. Latia Harvey was in attendance and read a letter expressing their sincere gratitude. Her father is alive and doing well.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the (June 15, 2022), board meeting agenda. Trustee Holman moved, seconded by Trustee Boston to approve the board meeting agenda. The result of the roll call vote is as follows:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last Board meeting (May 18, 2022). Trustee Robinson moved, seconded by Trustee Delgado to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Board meeting and approve the minutes as presented. The result of the roll call vote is as follows:

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

Committee Reports

A. Public Works Department

Trustee Ciavattone reported the following:

I have several items to report from the Public Works – May 2022. Sewer mains jetted two, Street light repair one, traffic light repairs two, sidewalk inspections twenty-two, tree maintenance continues weather permitting, and potholes filled throughout the village four hundred thirty-seven. We are recommending the following items for approval on the consent agenda:

- i. Item I – Approves the contract for the removal of dirt/spoils from the village construction yard.
- ii. Item K – Approves the purchase of equipment
- iii. Item L – Approves the purchase of street signs
- iv. Item M – Approves the contract regarding to the 2022 street resurfacing project.

- v. Item O – Approves the contract to televise the sewer system as required by statute
- vi. Item P – Approves the design and build of a salt dome.
- vii. 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.

Regarding the Duke Realty project located at 110 25th Avenue, the final inspection for Pures Food Offices was approved and the certificate of occupancy is being prepared so they may obtain a business license.

Regarding the new seniors building project relocated at 542 25th Avenue. Permits for the construction fence and demolishing to the old Walgreens have been issued and work has begun on the project. The groundbreaking is set for June 23rd.

Demolishing is completed on the Quik Trip located at 1040 25th Avenue. Permits for the development has been issued and side work has begun.

Permits have been issued and construction has begun on the new restaurant lounge to be located at 243 Mannheim Road.

Regarding the detention pond project, work has begun on the Washington Blvd. portion of the project with the right of way. Fencing in area around the pond to allow you to view it, massiveness. I'm hoping this gives a better understanding of why this project is taking so long. It's still projected complete in the summer/fall.

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

- i. Item C, D, E and F – Approves the contracts for purchase of properties from the cook county landbank authorities.
- ii. Item Q – Approves a redevelopment agreement providing for the sale of 2501 Madison for the development of parcel and a restaurant.

C. Quality of Life

Trustee Holman reported the following:

From the committee of quality of life, the Bellwood Community Resource Center monthly activity from May 2022 were seventy-two patrons. From the Building Department – Reviewed three hundred fifty-eight applications and issued one hundred fifty-nine permits.

We are recommending the following items from the consent agenda:

- i. Item H – Approves a text amendment to provide a restaurant for the B2 Zoning district.
- ii. Item J – Approves a variance on property referred to as 411 49th Avenue.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

We are recommending the following items on the consent agenda:

- i. Item B – Renewal of the PACE for Village Bus Service.

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

- i. Item A – Allows the sale of two vehicles from the emergency service department.
- ii. Item G - Approves the Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- iii. Item N – Approves the purchase of radar signage

D. Finance Committee

Trustee Nightengale reported the following:

- i. I would like to make a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$3,012,102.17 when funds become available.
- ii. No items on the consent agenda and nothing from the Ad Hoc Committee.

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	

There are no items appearing on the consent agenda and nothing from the ad hoc public safety committee.

Ad Hoc Committees: Nothing to report.

Ordinance 22-19

- A. An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposition of Personal Property of the Village of Bellwood.

Resolution 22-36

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

Ordinance 22-20

- C. An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of and Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Real Estate Commonly Referred to as 241 Bohland Avenue, 411 48th Avenue, 119 50th Avenue, 610 S. 23rd Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois 60104.

Ordinance 22-21

- D. An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of and Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Real Estate Commonly Referred to as 2402 & 2408 St. Charles Road, Bellwood, Illinois 60104.

Ordinance 22-22

- E. An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of and Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Real Estate Commonly Referred to as 3403 Monroe Street, Bellwood, Illinois 60104.

Ordinance 22-23

- F. An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of and Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Real Estate Commonly Referred to as 3407 Monroe Street, Bellwood, Illinois 60104.

Resolution 22-37

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

Ordinance 22-24

- H. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 156.057 of the Village of Bellwood Code of Ordinances; Allowance of Restaurants in the B2 Zoning District.

Resolution 22-38

- I. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Reynaga Bros. Construction.

Ordinance 22-25

- J. An Ordinance Granting a Variance for the property commonly referred to as 411 49th Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois 60104.

Resolution 22-39

- K. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc.

Resolution 22-40

- L. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Nafisco, Inc.

Resolution 22-41

- M. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement pertaining to Phase II of the 2022 Street Resurfacing Project.

Resolution 22-42

- N. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Traffic and Parking Control Co., Inc.

Resolution 22-43

- O. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and RJN Group, Inc.

Resolution 22-44

- P. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Greystone Construction.

Resolution 22-45

- Q. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement for the Property Commonly Referred to as 2501 Madison Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois.

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

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the Items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Holman, 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 report was removed from the Board Meeting Agenda at the request of Mayor Harvey.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Harvey reported the following:

- i. 25th and Washington Senior Complex Apartment project, the demolishing has begun. We expect it to be very quick. Groundbreaking June 23rd.
- ii. Three weeks ago, met with Ms. Kari Steele from Water Reclamation. The detention pond is almost complete. The detention pond will be completed within the next three-four months. People think once it's done the flood insurance will disappear off their homes. The Army Corp engineers have to come back out and redraw the flood map. Until that happens, residents will still have to pay flood insurance. They have their own timeline when they will be out. I also asked for a breakdown on how water reclamation engineers show us how much and what areas the pond will prevent flooding. We can't control how much water God sends so you still may have some flooding if the system can't handle the water. The detention pond does not hold water continuously. When rain and storm water goes into the storage system, that water goes into the creek, the creek rises it will pump out of the creek into the detention pond, lowering the water in the creek to allow water go do downstream. Once it decreases the pump will come back on and pump water out of the pond back into the creek to allow it to go downstream. I don't know how the pond will affect the west end of town.
- iii. We had a severe storm that came through Bellwood Monday around 7pm, it wasn't a tornado. It was a supercell/burst that came through during the storm. Winds reached up to 85 mph. We've had multiple trees down and properties damaged. A condo on 24th and Washington, the roof was taken off the building. That eighteen-unit condo has been uninhabitable. Red Cross is filing for places for people to stay. Multiple owners of the unit. Pablo owns about six units. He put his tenants in a hotel for two days. I hope they had rental insurance. We're working with the county to declare it an emergency area to ensure our residents get the best out of it.
- iv. Neighborhood Watch Meeting is here tomorrow in the court room. We will have Nicor Gas and Comed. Comed get an A for effort in getting the power turned back on to majority of the residents in Bellwood. There are about ten residents that still maybe without power. Our Police, Fire, Homeland Security and Public Works Dept. did a fantastic job. We also had help from Cook County to clean the streets. We've had plenty of donations for any residents that need help. Jolindra Mahoney helped. Ms. Harris who lives on Rice came to the village for help. She had no power and is on oxygen. Red Cross does not service in power outage unless you're part of an event. The Village gave her a generator for the night (eighteen hours).

- v. Juneteenth is approaching. There will be several celebrations going on in our township. Village of Broadview having a three-day event and the village of Bellwood will be participating in their event. We chose not to do an event because we want to partner with our communities. Forest Park is also having a parade on Saturday morning at 11am. They will also have a pool party in the afternoon.
- vi. The Village of Bellwood will be closed on June 20th in observation of Juneteenth.

New Business:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Public Comment:

Amy Crump Bellwood Public Library Director –Presented the Bellwood Library report for the month of May 2022 (see attached a copy of the report).

Brian, Bellwood, IL. – I have one comment and one question. My comment mayor is to you, that you showed your presence during that tragedy. That means a lot to a lot of people going through that. My question is for on Public Safety, Village is interested in disposing several vehicles in an auction. When is that auction and is it open to the public? If so, how can I find out more about it? **Mayor**, it is open to the public. It's on a website. We have to post it somewhere. We'll get you the website. They are BOEM vehicles. Chief Allen to get the website and give it to Brian. It's not a blind auction and you can go and bid on the vehicles as well.

Myra Tims – Thanks for bringing the scooters to Bellwood. As a parent and community person the children love it. They leave them everywhere but the enjoy them. The parking ordinance – I just want you all to consider not ticketing the residents but the vehicles that don't belong on the Bellwood streets. Those cars with out of state plate. In my home we have four vehicles. It's not fair to say we shouldn't park on one side or the other, but it seems like the residents are being punished more than the guests. **Mayor** – There's a lot of things that goes with opposite side parking. It makes it tough to plow the streets. If we don't require people to move their cars and it breaks down, it may sit there for three years because there's no requirements to move the car. Once it gets tight and it snow, it makes it hard for emergency response vehicles to get down the street. Twenty years ago, we walked the block and asked residents would you please park in the driveway or garage if you have one? We got cursed out. People say it's my f'ing property and I do what I choose. Some residents kinda told us to stay out of their business. Maybe we look into increasing the number of monthly calls for opposite side parking. **Myra Tims** – The ladies downstairs see me at least twice a week with my tickets. Mayor – Come in my office within the next couple of weeks and we'll sit down and talk about it.

Myra Tims – On 47th & St. Charles, the sign is too small (no left turn during school pick up hours) and it's difficult for buses to get down the street. **Mayor** – We'll make the sign bigger, but we have a group of parents that don't care and still turn down the street anyway. Marty, make the signs bigger and add two more signs.

Norma Perez – Lives on 25th and Glos by Thurgood Marshall School. There is no parking and only one driveway. There is no parking from here to corner, which takes up two to three parking spots. Maybe, you can open those spots. We get traffic from 25th and 26th. Can we park in the school lot from 2am-6am when we can't park on the streets? **Mayor** – that is school district 88 property you will have to ask the school district to park there. We will look into why the yellow is there, sometimes it's there for turn radius. Parking is a problem and part of the reason because we have kids living a home and have cars. Call in before 2am or midnight for wrong side parking.

Norma Perez – We have a big parkway. I need permit because I want to get a rolling fence so I can put cars in the back. That will illuminate two cars from the street. **Mayor** – Come in next week to my office, we will sit down with the building department about the rolling fence. We will make sure you get a permit a very reduced rate. **Norma Perez** – I will be there on Wednesday.

Adjournment:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Trustee Delgado moved, seconded by Trustee Boston to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Harvey declared the meeting adjourned, with no further business to come before this Board, this meeting stands adjourned at 6:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janel Moreland
Village Clerk