

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 16, 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, August 16, 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.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the August 16, 2023, 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 August 16, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last Board meeting (July 19, 2023). 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:**

Fire & Police Commissioner Gay Chase swore in Captain John Reitz as the new Fire Chief, Fire Fighter Nicholas Amato as Captain, and Fire Fighter Mario Golden as Lieutenant. Each of them had a chance to address the board, the public, and introduce their families.

**Committee Reports**

**A. Public Works Department**

Trustee Ciavattone reported the following:

- Public works continues to perform their daily requirements for the month of July 2023. Water main breaks -4, Sewer mains jetted -4. The water meter replacement program is still ongoing. Street light pole replaced-1, street light head replaced-12, streetlights repaired -5, street signs replaced-4, sidewalk inspections-22, potholes filled throughout the village-110. Tree maintenance- trees removed-12.

We have no items appearing on the consent agenda.

- Always remember our first responders, medical personnel, military personnel, active duty, veterans, and volunteers. Gave the meaning of Memorial Day.

**B. Community Development**

Trustee Boston reported the following:

We have several items to report on from the Community Development Committee.

- On August 11<sup>th</sup> the Addison Creek Reservoir Ribbon Cutting kick off construction of the Addison creek channel to protect six communities: Bellwood, Broadview, Melrose Park, Northlake, Stone Park, and Westchester. The one hundred ninety-five-million-gallon reservoir will reduce overbank flooding to approximately 2200 properties and the flood reduction insurance will happen when the army Corp engineers come out and we have no control over that. I'm very much looking forward to my basement never flooding again.
- Bargain in the Box at 333 Mannheim Road is open for business please visit there.
- Aldi Superstore reconstruction is completed. I understand is really nice please visit there also.
- Congratulations on another successful Taste of Bellwood.

We have three items appearing on the consent agenda:

- Item A – Adopts the annual TIF Report.
- Item B & C - Approves the professional services for the next phase of the single-family homes.

C. Quality of Life

Trustee Holman reported the following:

- The committee of Quality of Life, Bellwood Community Resource Center monthly activity from July 1 – June 31, 2023, had 95 patrons including myself.
- The Building Department approved 125 permits in the month of July.

We have no items appearing on the consent agenda.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

We are accepting donations for the Bellwood Neighborhood Watch Scholarship Board year-round.

We are recommending the following items from the consent agenda.

- Items D & E – Approves the settlement of pending litigations.

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

We have no items appearing on the consent agenda.

D. Finance Committee

Trustee Nightengale reported the following:

- I would like a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$1,428,057.52 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 23-39**

- A. A Resolution Adopting the Findings of the Annual Tax Increment Financing Reports for Year Ending December 31, 2021.

**Resolution 23-40**

- B. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Nicholas R. DeLuca, Architects.

**Resolution 23-41**

- C. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and GSG Consultants, Inc. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Civic Systems, LLC.

**Resolution 23-42**

- D. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Release and Settlement Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Arryion Thompson.

**Resolution 23-43**

- E. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Release and Settlement Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Gregory C. Middleton.

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to place the items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Boston 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 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. Thanks to everyone in this room, visitors, guests, and departments for making the Taste a success. Special thanks to Cynthia Eubanks, Taushonia White on a tremendous job they did all year round. Cynthia has to deal with me when she comes to my office and says there's no more vendor space and I say we're going to make some space. Gay Chase and Tonita Leshore for helping organizing. Marty Walker and Arnie Brown worked triple time to help make that event go well. Our police department did a fantastic job, especially when the deck was stacked against us. We were checking Facebook for the last couple of weeks. People were going to try and come to spoil our event, it wasn't new because on that day they went to the Bud Billiken Parade, United Center to try and spoil those events. It was trending on Facebook for a while. We were ready. We had over 1000 youth in our community. Our police department was able to deal with the youth. No one got hurt and was able to go home that night and come back the next day. 99% of the residents, volunteers, visitors, and vendors had a good time and they thanked us on the way out. We had at least 50,000 people that came through our community. We had politicians and pastors from all over the Chicagoland area. They were impressed and said it was one of the best kept secrets because they didn't know Bellwood existed. Thanks to Gay Chase for bringing judges out that will be running in the upcoming election. They walked through the crowds and talked to people. I thank the Trustees that worked hard and for putting up with radical Allen. Peter Tsiolis and his family came out, and Mike Castaldo. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and we're going to continue to make this event a safe and positive event as we can.
- ii. Tomorrow, Neighborhood Watch Meeting at 7pm will be a townhall meeting with Congressman Danny Davis. He will talk about what's going on throughout the state of Illinois and what he's doing to help us out.
- iii. Saturday, District 88 is having a back-to-school bash at memorial park, 12pm. The village of Bellwood will have a table there.
- iv. MWRD detention pond has finally been put online, which is good news. The army corp will be performing their tasks and redrawing the flood map is not accurate. The water reclamation and their engineers are going to take over the project and they're going to draw the flood maps themselves. There are some other Addison Creek improvements that need to be done. They were at the Taste of Bellwood giving out information. Check out their website.

#### New Business:

None.

#### Unfinished Business:

None.

**Public Comment:**

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

**Resident Roy Canada** – I’ve been a resident here for 46 years. Out of those 46 years I’ve heard some good news tonight. Congratulations Trustee Boston for giving the information tonight. Now, we’ll know if we’re in the flood zone or not and hopefully my flood insurance will go down. I’ve been praying for it, and it was looking like I was going to be in a casket before it happened.

Mr. Mayor, I was told the Bellwood Fest was a success. There will be complainers in whatever you do. My daughter had a booth (Tasty Tizers) she provided chicken balls and pork chops. She said she does very well, but can they have an entrance for them to replenish. My grandson was bringing fresh food in and he ran into an AO Security guard that gave my grandson a hard time and threatened to tow his car. I was told that several people complained about this particular person. You all need to have a certain entrance for people to come in and replenish. I just want you to be aware because they need to recognize the vendors. We understand they can’t stay and park but let them come in a separate way. You have more and more people coming and they gotta have food for them.

**Amy Crump Bellwood Director gave the library report –**

Before I start the report from the Bellwood Library, I’m going to ask for your indulgence because I was dared to do something, and I don’t turn down dares. Hi, my name is Barbie. Just a little silliness. Attached is the Directors Report to the Village for August 2023.

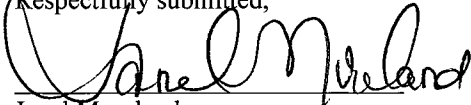
**Mayor Harvey** – While we’re in public comment, I want to thank Homeland Security for the fine job they did at the Taste of Bellwood. Our condolences to the department officer Decker with the Homeland Security Department passed away a couple of days ago.

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 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 6:42p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janel Moreland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janel" and last name "Moreland" clearly distinguishable.

Janel Moreland  
Village Clerk