

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 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, September 21, 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: None

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the (September 21, 2022), board meeting agenda. Trustee Robinson moved, seconded by Trustee Delgado 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 (August 17, 2022). 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. 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 for the month of August 2022. We water main breaks - one, street light head replaced - one, street light repair – two, street signs replaced – six, sidewalk inspections twenty-two, potholes filled throughout the village forty, trees trimmed two, forty hangers, two trees removed, and six tree stumps removed.

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

- i. Item B – Approves a contract for the lowest responsible bidder for the St. Charles Road Street Improvement Project.
- ii. 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.

Burger King located at 220 Mannheim Road was closed due to short staff and other management issues. It has been reopened.

Work continues on: Quik Trip Project located at 1040 25th Avenue. The Seniors Building Project at 540 25th Avenue. The detention pond located at Washington & 25th Avenue. The old St. Simeon

Church at 3621 Butterfield Road. The restaurant Jazz Café 243 Mannheim Road. The Village Free Press did an article on the Mural on the building.

The Village has been in communication with several developers. We are recommending the following items on the consent agenda.

- i. Item C – Approves the development agreement with Aldis.

C. Quality of Life

Trustee Holman reported the following:

From the committee of Quality of Life, the Bellwood Community Resource Center monthly activity from August 1-August 31, 2022, was one hundred thirty five patrons. From the Building Department – Reviewed three hundred and forty-nine in August and issued ninety-eight permits. We have no items appearing on the consent agenda.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

We have no report and no items appearing on the consent agenda.

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

- i. Item A – Approves the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Part-Time Police and Records Clerk.

D. Finance Committee

Trustee Nightengale reported the following:

- i. I would like a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$2,458,778.28 when funds become available.
- ii. There are no items appearing 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	

Ad Hoc Committees: Nothing to report.

Resolution 22-57

- A. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Bellwood and Local Union No. 700, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters; (Part-Time Police Officers and Records Clerks Unit).

Resolution 22-58

- B. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract by and between the Village of Bellwood and J.A. Johnson Paving Company the Lowest Responsible Bidder.

Resolution 22-59

- C. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Development Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Aldi, Inc.

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

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. 4th Annual Tour de Proviso Bike Ride on October 1st. Bellwood, Broadview, Maywood, Melrose Park, Riverside, River Forest, Oak Park will host its 3rd annual bike ride. This started during covid when people couldn't get out to exercise. If you want to participate contact Taushonia White-Taylor in the Mayor's Office. Riverside is sponsoring this year. We are up to three hundred participants. We will start in Riverside. It's a 5k ride taking a tour through Brookfield Zoo.
- ii. Currently advertising for the 2023 calendar for ads. Last year we had the biggest calendar in the history of putting out calendars.
- iii. Partnering with District 88 and Bellwood hosting Hispanic Fest on October 15th at Roosevelt Middle School.
- iv. Early Voting starts here at the village of Bellwood from October 24th – November 7th hours are 9am-5pm every day and Sundays 10am-4pm.
- v. Neighborhood Watch Meeting last month we had Oak Street Health come out and CEO Shannon Jones from Woodlake Hospital. Next meeting on October 20th. It's going to be about Bell Reform and Safe T Act. In January they're going to change everything and let criminals run rapid and not put them in jail and let them ram shack everything. Speaker of the House and State of Illinois will be here to explain what the Safe T Act and Bell Reform are all about.
- vi. Breast Cancer balloon release at Memorial Park partnering with the Surviving Warriors, Village of Bellwood and Memorial Park.

New Business:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Public Comment:

Amy Crump, Bellwood Public Library Director – Gave the monthly report for the Bellwood Public Library (see attached report).

Mary Lewis – I want to address public works. The flooding on the corner of oak and Englewood, I want to know what happened to the concrete coverts they put out there four years ago and they sat there for one year and no one did anything. The came and marked the street in front of the church like they were going to do something but never put them in. That was there to help alleviate some of the water, right? **Mayor** – I don't know what you're talking about. **Mary Lewis** – I'm trying to figure out what did they do with them because we flood on that corner. I have pictures and it needs to be repaved on Oak and Englewood. We get all the overflow on that corner from flooding, and I call all the time. What happened to the concrete coverts? **Mayor** – that is a question that you can discuss with Marty Walker after the meeting, and he can answer all your questions.

Madeline McGhee – A few days ago you spoke about the Aldi's. A few months ago, there was no renovation going on, now since Aldi has been talking about moving out of different areas. Now, Bellwood is trying to retain Aldi in our neighborhood. What type of incentive is Bellwood giving Aldi to stay in our neighborhood? **Mayor** – first, we should try to keep them, so we're gonna do anything possible to keep them. We have money set aside in the village. Aldi project is well over a million dollars and we're going to

give them 18-20%. **Madeline McGhee** – This just happened a month ago. **Mayor** – No, you're just getting the results. We've been discussing with Aldi for the last three or four years, but they just agreed to enter into an agreement with us. **Madeline McGhee** – Okay because I've talked about Aldi for a while, renovating and you said we were not going to do anything with Aldi, this was coming from you and peter in your office. **Mayor** – So, I'm going to give you the credit. Thank you. Since you kept talking about it, we went out there and did a solid and agreed to help them renovate. **Madeline McGhee** – Is this coming out of taxpayers' money, where is the money coming from? **Aric Swaney** – There was a Mannheim business tax about five years ago but there was still money left and it can only be used for Mannheim Road. It's not coming from property taxes.

Connie Riales – Inviting you all to our first free Farmers Market at Memorial Park, brought to you by the Best of Proviso Township and Dream Academy. It's from 10am-1pm while food lasts. It's free. We get the food from an African American farmer. We'll have vendors. **Mayor** – Someone called me and said they're doing a prayer in the park as well. They'll be close to the tennis courts. Where will you all be? **Connie Riales** – by the concession stand. It works out great so you can get fed spiritually and in your belly.

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 6:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janel Moreland
Village Clerk