

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2021 – 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 6:02 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Andre' Harvey, 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:

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the December 15, 2021, board meeting agenda. Trustee Holman 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. Trustee Boston moved, seconded by Trustee Nightengale to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Board meeting (November 17, 2021) 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. I have several items to report for November 2021. Water main breaks three, fire hydrant and sewer valve replacement one, streetlight poles replaced two, streetlight repair three, street sign replacement six, sidewalk inspections thirty-two, potholes filled throughout the village twenty-seven, tree removal five and tree trims forty-five.
- ii. We are recommending the following items for approval on the consent agenda
Item P – Approves the relocation of a water main.
- iii. Always support our first responders, military personnel, and active duty.

B. Community Development

Trustee Boston reported the following:

- i. There are several items to report from the Community Development Committee.
- ii. Slice Factory Pizza located at 504 Madison Road is now open for business.
- iii. Momma Roses Meat Market located at 1043 25th Avenue celebrated their grand opening a few weeks ago on November 22nd. We are recommending the following items to appear on the consent agenda.
- iv. JJ's Chicken and Fish located at 707 Bellwood Avenue will be opening its doors very soon.

- v. Work continues on the new restaurant located at 243 Mannheim Road, the Quick Trip Project located at 1040 25th Avenue, Duke Realty Project at 110 25th Avenue, Cement Mason's Health Project on Madison Avenue off of 25th Avenue, New single-family homes on St. Charles Road and many more developments happening here in Bellwood.
 - vi. Regarding the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Addison Creek and detention pond project located on Washington Blvd. & 25th Avenue, all the houses have been removed and work continues on schedule. MWRD have estimated a completion date of August 2022.
 - vii. Village is in communication with several developers and contractors about potential projects in Bellwood. We will provide additional information as they become viable.
- We are recommending the following items on the consent agenda for approval
- viii. Item G – Approves a long-term lease agreement for a billboard sign.
 - ix. Item H – Approves a Class 6b real estate tax incentive 2601 W. Grant Avenue.
 - x. Item I – Approves a Class 7a real estate tax incentive for 4013 Butterfield Road.

C. Quality of Life

Trustee Holman reported the following:

- i. The Building Department reviewed two hundred sixty-one applications in November and issued one hundred twenty-six permits.
- ii. The Bellwood Community Resource Center monthly activity for November 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021, the number of patrons were seventy.
We are recommending the following items from the consent agenda.
- iii. Item D – Approves zoning relief for 3044 49th Avenue
- iv. Item J – Approves an amendment to the village code allowing for changes to the requirements for presale inspections.
- v. Item K – Approves a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for a Prairie Path grant.
- vi. Item O – Zoning relief for 540 25th Avenue.
- vii. Item N – Grant zoning relief for 4501 Butterfield Road

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson was absent:

We have three items, and we are recommending the following items on the consent agenda.

- i. Item C- Approves the 2022 meeting dates.
- ii. Item E & F – Settlement lawsuit

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

We are recommending the following item for the consent agenda

- i. Item L – Approves the sale of the fire department vehicle

D. Finance Committee

Trustee Nightengale reported the following:

- i. I would like to make a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$6,425,323.39 when funds become available.
- ii. Item A – Approves the 2021 tax levy representing a zero increase to the village's portion of the tax bill.
- iii. Item B – Approves the abatement of bond payments
- iv. Item M – Forgives certain interfund loans

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the payment of bills. Trustee Ciavattone moved, seconded by Trustee Boston 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	

G. Ad Hoc Committees: Nothing to report.

Ordinance 21-38

- A. An Ordinance Levying Taxes for the Corporate Purposes and Special Funds for the Fiscal Period Commencing on the First Day of January 2021 and Ending on Page 3 of 4 Posted by 5:00 p.m. C.S.T. on December 13, 2021, the Thirty-First Day of December 2021 for the Village of Bellwood and the Bellwood Public Library, Illinois – 2021 Real Estate Tax Levy.

Ordinance 21-39

- B. An Ordinance Abating Taxes Levied for Levy Year 2021, by Ordinance Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellwood, Cook County, Illinois, Providing for the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B, and General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021 of the Village of Bellwood, and Providing for the Levy and Collection of a Direct Annual Tax for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on the Bonds.

Resolution 21-74

- C. A Resolution Establishing Regular Board Meeting Dates and Times for Calendar Year 2022.

Ordinance 21-40

- D. An Ordinance Granting a Variance for the Construction of a Second Story Enlargement for the Property Commonly Referred to as 344 49th Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois 60104.

Resolution 21-75

- E. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Settlement Relating to Opioids Litigation by and between the Village of Bellwood and Defendant Pharmaceutical Companies.

Resolution 21-76

- F. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement and General Release by and between the Village of Bellwood and Scott Guliano.

Ordinance 21-41

- G. An Ordinance Approving a Long-Term Lease Agreement for the Property Commonly Referred to as the Southeast Corner of Bellwood Avenue and Harrison Street, Bellwood, Illinois.

Resolution 21-77

- H. A Resolution Approving a Class 6B Real Estate Tax Incentive for the Property Commonly Referred to as 2601 W. Grant Avenue, Bellwood, Cook County, Illinois 60104.

Resolution 21-78

- I. A Resolution Approving a Cook County Class 7A Real Estate Tax Incentive for the Property Commonly referred to as 4013 Butterfield Road, Bellwood, Cook County, Illinois, 60104.

Ordinance 21-42

- J. An Ordinance Amending Title IX Chapter 101 of the Village of Bellwood Code of Ordinances.

Resolution 21-79

- K. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Village of Bellwood and Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

Ordinance 21-43

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

Ordinance 21-44

- M. n Ordinance Forgiving Certain Aged Interfund Loans and Allowing for the Non-Payment of Aged Debt.

Ordinance 21-45

- N. An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use for the Property Commonly Referred to as 4501 Butterfield Road, Bellwood, Illinois 60104.

Ordinance 21-46

- O. An Ordinance Granting the Approval of a Map Amendment, an Amendment to Ordinance 96-3, an Amendment to the Village's Comprehensive Plan, Approval of Various Conditional Uses Including a Planned Development, with Exceptions, for the Development of a Senior Residential Living Facility at Property Located at 540 25TH Avenue, Bellwood, IL 60104.

Resolution 21-80

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

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to place the items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Boston 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 Robinson.

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 Committee of Whole Meeting Agenda and the Board Meeting Agenda.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Harvey reported the following:

- i. December 10th – Delivered holiday baskets for our seniors at Prairie View Apts. & Senior Suites, almost 200 baskets.
- ii. December 11th – Kickoff event at Memorial Park District. Christmas in Proviso Event. A spin on Christmas in the Wards that has been going on for 25 years in Chicago. Started in Englewood by Larry Huggins for needy kids. Now has over 42 wards they have Christmas for. With the help of Bishop Porter of PLCCA, Senator Lightford and Speaker Welch, Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough, Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson, Bellwood, Maywood, Broadview, Hillside, Melrose Park and Forest Park mayors. They also had families there to receive gifts. Starting a new Christmas in Proviso Event for needy kids in Proviso Township. The Governor was going to come out, but he couldn't make the event, so Lt. Governor came out. The Governor from the Village of Bellwood gave a young man a computer that is going to college next year and his family is needy. A single mother with six kids was there. She received toys and gift cards to go shopping.
- iii. December 23rd – All needy families will come out to Proviso West High School and we're going to have Christmas in Proviso. Mr. Huggins donated \$2,000 of his own money to every community for our kids. Village of Bellwood sponsors donated \$11,000 to date from businesses in our community. We are at about \$14,000 in money that we are able to use for our kids in our community. Monday, the Village of Bellwood went shopping at Walmart and we spent over \$8,000. We have another shopping day this Friday to spend the additional \$4,000. To date we have about forty-five children that we shopped for.
- iv. December 18th - Dist. 88, they are supplying needy families with toys from 10am-2pm. They will be supplying needy kids in District 88 with toys.
- v. December 18th – Sharon Preston will be providing free toys and clothes from noon-2pm in the Park District parking lot.

- vi. December 18th - the Village of Bellwood will be giving out its holiday baskets and toys for kids in our community here at the village of Bellwood. We will be supplying food for needy families. World Deliverance Church, Bishop Dortch is partnering with us this year and they have an angel tree program. They will be supplying twenty-families with toys and gifts that they select. Our event starts at 10am and goes at least two hours. Marty Walker, Police & Fire Chief, Homeland Security have a tall task for them because they will be here working to make sure those events go well.

New Business:

None

Unfinished Business:

None.

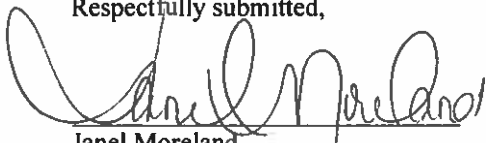
Public Comment:

Roy Canada – Why is the bill \$6, 425,323.39 in bills to be approved by the Trustees for this month? Normally we're at \$2million. Is that for all the lights you got up around here adding to the electric bill? **Mayor** – No sir, but Mr. Norfleet will answer your question after the meeting. The reservoir on Washington estimated date is August 2023 (he was corrected by Trustee Boston the date who said the completion date is August 2022). **Roy Canada** - You all have been working on this for a long time back when Sieg Davis was mayor. I'm paying a lot of money for flood insurance that's a cash cow. The houses torn down are they on Harrison? **Mayor** – I believe they're on 30th, 31st - the water reclamation purchased those houses. **Roy Canada** – The meeting with Larry Huggins and the people this weekend, was that publicized for the unknowns or just the people you all want to be there? **Mayor** – that is by the governor the families that are receiving things. **Roy Canada** – Why don't we know about it? That's not fair to us. **Mayor** – You gotta go to the governor's office and tell him that's not fair. It's for the needy families that the governor wanted to give gifts to. **Roy Canada** – How did the governor find out they were needy? **Mayor** – The school districts all over picked the families. **Roy Canada** – I'm really upset the way things are going around here. **Mayor** – Alright, I know.

Madeline MaGhee – I want to know why the bills are \$6 million dollars also because it's usually \$1 or \$2 million dollars. **Mayor** – Okay, don't worry.

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 carried unanimously. Mayor Harvey declared the meeting adjourned, with no further business to come before this Board, this meeting stands adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janel Moreland
Village Clerk