

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
2nd Floor - Board Room**

The Village of Bellwood conducted a Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 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 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 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 Mayor Harvey.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the December 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Agenda. Trustee Boston moved, seconded by Trustee Delgado to approve the board meeting agenda. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously to approve the December 18, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on November 20, 2024. Trustee Holman moved, seconded by Trustee Ciavattone, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Board meeting and approve the minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Presentation:

- None

Committee Reports

A. Public Works Department

Trustee Ciavattone reported the following:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May everyone have a safe and healthy New Year.

I have several items to report from the Public Works for the month of November 2024.

Water main breaks – 1, street light pole replace – 2, street light heads replaced – 2, sidewalk inspections – 14. Tree trimming continues throughout the village as long as weather permitting.

We have no items appearing on the Consent Agenda for tonight.

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:

Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

We have nothing new to report from the Community Development Committee.

We are recommending items on the consent agenda:

- Item E – Approves the agreement for the construction of the single-family residents at 514 & 520 24th Avenue.
- Item F – Approves change order for the Bellwood Gateway Project.

C. Quality of Life

Trustee Holman reported the following:

Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

The committee of Quality of Life, The Building Department approved 106 permits in November and 108 permits were picked up by the applicant by the end of the month. Bellwood Community Resource Center monthly activity from November 1 – November 3, 2024, was approximately 99 patrons.

We are recommending the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- Item I – Approves an agreement for cybersecurity.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

The scholarship board will meet for the second semester, and I'll report on that.

We are recommending one item for the Consent Agenda:

- Item C – Approves the 2025 meeting dates and times.
- Item D – Approves a business agreement.

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and be healthy.

We are recommending the following item from the consent agenda.

- Item G – Approves the disposition of certain police vehicles.
- Item H – Approves the settlement of a pending lawsuit.

D. Finance Committee

Trustee Nightengale reported the following:

I wish everyone a Happy Holidays.

From the consent agenda:

- Item A – Approves the Real Estate Tax Levy which shows a zero percent increase from the village.
- Item B - Abates certain bond payments.

I would like a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$9,766,725.39 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 24-23

- A. An Ordinance Levying Taxes for the Corporate Purposes and Special Funds for the Fiscal Period Commencing on the First Day of January 2025 and Ending on the Thirty-First Day of December 2025 for the Village of Bellwood and the Bellwood Public Library, Illinois – 2024 Real Estate Tax Levy

Ordinance 24-24

- B. An Ordinance Abating Taxes Levied for Levy Year 2024, 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 2015, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, and General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 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 24-71

- C. A Resolution Establishing Regular Board Meeting Dates and Times for Calendar Year 2025

Resolution 24-72

- D. Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.,

Resolution 24-73

- E. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Construction Agreements pertaining to the Development of 514 24th Avenue and 520 24th Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois

Resolution 24-74

- F. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing certain Change Orders to the Construction Contracts for the Bellwood Gateway Project.

Ordinance 24-25

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

Resolution 24-75

- H. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a General Release by and between the Village of Bellwood and Tracy Nesbitt

Resolution 24-76

- I. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Impact Network, LLC

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 Delgado, 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's working on the Gateway project. It's moving right along they are on schedule. This project is to start the downtown Bellwood project on St. Charles from 27th to 22nd Avenue.
- We are about to acquire some very important properties in the village of Bellwood that didn't belong to us but had a lot of taxes on them from the Cook County Landbank. That was approved at an earlier meeting. We will be taking over Gandy's on 22nd and St. Charles and developing that. Also, the old convenient store on Eastern and St. Charles. We made arrangements to purchase that property and will be seeing new development into that property as well. As well 200 block on Hyde Park has been vacant for years. It was a house fire back when I was a firefighter. The village will be purchasing that property and putting a house on it.

New Business:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Public Comment:

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

Trustee Ciavattone made a motion and Trustee Delgado 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 Phyllis Duncan at 524 Bohland Ave.** – I have some concerns; they brought the mayor's re-election sign to my home and the guy was putting it close to my house. I told him no, put it curbside and he said no because the mayor's opposition is going around taking his signs up off the curbside. I told him to put that sign by the curb, I want to see who's going to come in front of my house and get that sign. It's a little sign. Can you all get me a bigger sign? He gave me a baby sign. Mayor – Ms. Duncan, this is not the place to talk about signs. I'm gonna say no comment. I'm gonna act like I don't hear you talking.

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to close the floor for Public Comment.

Trustee Ciavattone made a motion and Trustee Boston seconded to close the floor for public comment.

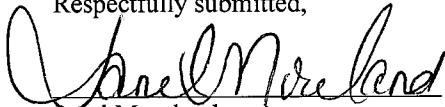
All Trustees were in favor of closing the floor. Upon a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Harvey declared the floor for public comment closed.

Adjournment:

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Trustee Delgado 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 6:11p.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" being more prominent than the last name "Moreland".

Janel Moreland
Village Clerk