

Village of Bellwood
BELLWOOD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2026

The Village of Bellwood conducted a Committee of the Whole meeting in the Village Boardroom at 3200 Washington Blvd. Bellwood IL 60104-1984.

Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order and chaired by Mayor Harvey on July 13, 2026 at 3:32pm.

Roll Call

Roll call was initiated by Mayor Harvey and conducted by the Village Clerk Jacqueline Hargrett.

The following were present for the roll call: Mayor Harvey, Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Robinson, Delgado, and Nightengale. There is a quorum.

Also in attendance were the following department heads: Willie Norfleet, Chief Harris, Peter Tsiolis, Chief Allen, James Stock, Tonita LeShore, Charles Hodges, Chief Schwartz, and Marty Walker. Also, present were Attorney Castaldo Jr. and Aric Swaney.

Pledge of Allegiance

The agenda for July 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting was approved as follows:

Motion: Trustee Delgado

Second: Trustee Robinson

Ayes: 6 Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Delgado, Nightengale, Robinson

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried.

The approval of the minutes from the last Committee of the Whole meeting was as follows:

Motion: Trustee Holman

Second: Trustee Ciavattone

Ayes: 6 Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Delgado, Nightengale, Robinson

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried.

Presentations

None

Committee Reports

Trustee Ciavattone – Public Works – Regular Report

Trustee Boston – Community Development – Regular Report

Trustee Holman – Quality of Life- Regular Report

Trustee Robinson-Administration – Regular Report

Trustee Delgado – Public Safety- Regular Report

Trustee Nightengale – Finance –and Ad Hoc - Regular Report

Department Head Reports

Economic Development

Peter Tsiolis

There are several items on the Consent Agendas:

Item A – Studio 21 to finish the architectural designs for a diner at the Old Tower Inn.

Item C – Agreement with Nawkaw for touch-ups and painting at certain locations owned by the Village in the Bellwood Downtown Corridor.

Item E -Agreement with Angela Walker for the continuous selling of the Bellwood single family homes.

Item I – Continues the program to build single family homes in Bellwood.

Bellwood Gateway location is completed. People will be moving in shortly. The commercial area of the building is spoken for. Construction has started on the location in the South building for a restaurant. There will be a restaurant bar in the North Building.

The 5100 block of Saint Charles has been purchased through the Land Bank program. Redevelopment is anticipated.

Item H -We will be tapping into a fund that was initiated years ago from an extra penny collected to assist to update the storefronts of businesses on Mannheim Rd.

Finance Director/Comptroller

Willie Norfleet

Village of Melrose Park has increased our rate for water by 1.85%. However, we will not be increasing our rates.

Utility Billing for May \$656,000. Collected \$634,000.

Year-to-Date Billing is \$3,142,000.

Receivables for Refuse, Water and Sewer are \$1.3 million .

Year-to-date as of May - Water Turn-on fees 0 and New Ownership fees 96.

Receipts for May Collected \$2.7 million. Year- to-Date \$31,621,000.

Invoices for June are \$6,266,257 and we have the cashflow to pay.

As of Year-to-date of May, the general fund collected \$14.2 million. Spend \$ 12.5 million dollars.

Water and Sewer Billing Collected \$2.5 million. Expended \$2.4 million.

Interest collected in June \$106,765.

Interest year to date is \$612,623.

Police Department

Chief Allen

One officer in the FTO program – Officer Lucas

Four officers in the academy Officers Campbell, Daggett, Zachary, Miranda.

The Torch Run was on June 20th.

Foot patrol has started.

New exercise equipment was received. The officers are using it.

Preparations are being made for the Taste of Bellwood event.

The BEAT meeting is this Thursday.

The Command staff will be attending a drone presentation this Friday in LaGrange.

Fire Department

Chief Harris

There were 446 calls in June for emergency services. There were one structure fires in Broadview. Preparing for the Taste of Bellwood. They will be hosting the corn tent. A CPR class is on the 18th at 9:00am. There were 5 car seats installed in June. There were 9 smoke alarms installed last month.

Public Works

Marty Walker

Hydrant flushing will start July 20th. Residents will be notified by door hangers and block signage. Public works is requesting approval for a new Backhoe. The current one is a 2001. It needs to be replaced. The new one will be purchased through the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Program. Basement of the Village Hall clean-up will start this Saturday July 18th. Asking all department heads to have files looked at for shredding or keeping.

Engineer

Charles Hodges

From the Consent Agenda an Item is designing engineering services from Hancock Engineering for the Transit Project to improve ADA sidewalk crossings at the Metra station on the RTA Metra access to trains. There is a Water Main Replacement project 47th and Bohland and also on Marshall Ave. Pavement patching, sidewalk replacing are ongoing. Congress street Van Buren Street Resurfacing project is ongoing.

Building Commissioner

James Stock

One item on the new business agenda is for a variance on the property at 610 23rd Ave. Krispy Chicken at 440 25th Ave picked up their permits. Madison Creek – Bridge is being worked on to put in concrete blocks to keep the erosion from coming down as it rains. 333 Mannheim Road permits are ready for pick-up for the demolition of the building.

Human Resources

Tonita LeShore

Thanks to everyone for the successful Bellwood Clean and Green Day event.

Homeland Security

Chief Schwartz

The monthly report for June is as follows:

Planned Events -5

Special Details - 2

Mutual aid received – 1

Mutual aid rendered - 1

Total Manhours – 627.5

Geared up for the Taste of Bellwood. They are making sure all the equipment is ready and everyone knows their assignment.

Attorney Castaldo

An item under new business is a site post for EV charges at the Village Hall.

Mayor Harvey

Gearing up for the Taste of Bellwood with all the department heads.

Had the pleasure of speaking at the 25th Jubilee for the Syro-Malabar event. There were about 4,000 attendees. Syro-Malabar Cathedral has been in Bellwood since 2001, since they came from India . They have about 88,000 members in the US and about 4.6 million worldwide.

We are in the process of revamping the 311 Center and updating the Village of Bellwood and the facilities.

The 7th annual Tour of Proviso bike ride is in October. The ride will be on the Prairie Path .

The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Thursday. The presentation will be about AI.

New Business

None

Unfinished Business

None

Public Comment

Motion to open the floor for public comment.

Motion: Trustee Boston

Second: Trustee Delgado

Ayes: 6 Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Delgado, Nightengale, Robinson

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Public Comment

Major Harvey – Gateway buildings are fabulous. It is open for a tour. There is a building manager there every day.

Trustee Delgado – Thanks to the Mayor and James Stock for taking care of the upkeep issue at the 51st street and St. Charles location.

Motion to close the floor for public comment.

Motion: Trustee Delgado

Second: Trustee Boston

Ayes: 6 Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Delgado, Nightengale, Robinson

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

The floor is closed for public comment.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn.

Motion: Trustee Ciavattone

Second: Trustee Delgado

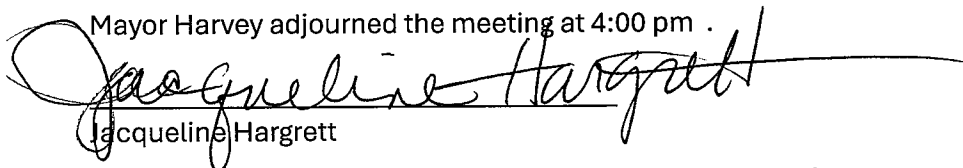
Ayes: 6 Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Delgado, Nightengale, Robinson

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Mayor Harvey adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm .



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