Village of Bellwood

BELLWOOD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 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 September 14, 2026 at 3:30pm.

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, James Stock, Chief Schwartz, and Charles Hodges. Also, present were Attorney Castaldo Jr., Commander Keith Chilson, and Arnie Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance

The agenda for September 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting was approved as follows:
Motion: Trustee Delgado
Second: Trustee Nightengale
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 Boston
Ayes: 6 Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Delgado, Nightengale, Robinson
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried.

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 – Regular Report
Nothing from the Ad Hoc committee.

Department Head Reports

Economic Development

Peter Tsiolis

There are the following items on the Consent Agenda:
Petitioning for ITEP grant for construction of a 25th Ave bridge going over west and east side traffic over the Prairie Path.
Engineering agreement for single family homes number 29 and 30.
Letter of Intent to build out an American style restaurant in the Gateway North Building on St. Charles Rd.
Two lots will be paved to accommodate parking for the Gateway location.
A change order for the Gateway project, which has been reviewed by staff.
Amendment to the tobacco ordinance regarding nicotine products trademarks.
Demolition of 2501 St Charles Rd to make way for a commercial tenant.
Demolition in the 5000 block of St. Charles Rd to make way for a new development.

Finance Director/Comptroller

Willie Norfleet

Utility Billing for July $681,801 - Collected $ $610,658 Year-to-Date Billing is $4.4 million.
Receivables for Refuse, Water and Sewer are $1.4 million.
Year-to-date as of July - Water turn-on fees 43 and New Ownership fees 140.
Receivables for July Collected $2.6 million - Year- to-Date $37.2 million.
As of the end of July , the general fund collected $18.4 million. Spend $ 17.5 million dollars.
Water and Sewer Billing Collected $3.6 million dollars. Expended $4.2 million.
Interest in July was $111,000. Interest in August was $113,000.

Public Works

Arnie Brown

Two bids were received for the Decommission Project for Well #5. The lowest bidder, Municipal Well and Pump, came in at $212,537.50.
Purchase of a new Brush Chipper is requested to be purchased through the Source Well Cooperative Program.
Fall cleanup for the Village of Bellwood will begin September 21st to September 26th on the regular pick-up day.

Police Department

Commander Keith Chilson

The four new officers are doing well in the FTO program.
CIS dispatch is being worked on to get it fixed.
New hiring orientation is on October 3rd for the fire department.
One person was arrested with a charge of homicide.
Next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is September 17th with a guest from the CEDA program.

Fire Department

Chief Harris

There were 482 calls for emergency services. There were 2 structure fires, in Maywood and one in Melrose Park.
New dispatch center with Cook County will start by the end of the year.
10 smoke detectors were installed.
5 car seats were installed.
There will be a CPR class on Saturday September 19th.
A report on training was given.

Village Engineer

Charles Hodges

A Water Main and Lead Service Line Replacement Project report was given which included Marshall Ave, Bohland, and 47th Ave. Residents continue to be contacted in advance.

Bioretention Project will begin on September 28th in the 400 block of Hyde Park Ave to prevent flooding.

Building Commissioner

James Stock

There are 4 items on the Consent Agenda regarding conditional uses. It includes an industrial zoning district text amendment, 1023 Cernan Drive, 3100 St. Charles Rd. and a gas station at Washinton and Mannheim Rd.

New construction has begun at 346 23rd Ave and 610 23rdAve.

Homeland Security

Chief Schwartz

The monthly report for August is as follows:

For Planned events -Special Detail-Emergency calls the Total Manhours were 997.5. Six hundred and twenty-seven of the hours were during the Taste of Bellwood.

Attorney Castaldo

There is a Voluntary Agreement Supplemental Insurance Program with New York Life Insurance Company for employees.

Mayor Harvey

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Bridging the Gap Parade and the free Resource Fair.

Bellwood Gateway Project will be about 72% occupied by the end of the month.

Joe Eads Annual Car show will be Sunday September 20th from 10am to 4pm, on St. Charles Rd. and 27th in Bellwood. Free food will be provided.

The Tour of Proviso bike ride will be on Saturday October 3rd. It was created during the 2020 covid year by Mayor Harvey, Mayor Katrina Thompson, and Trustee Miquel Jones. The bike ride will start at the Melrose Park Village Hall 1000 25th Ave.

New Business

None

Unfinished Business

None

Public Comment

Motion to open the floor for public comment.

Motion: Trustee Ciavattone

Second: Trustee Holman

Ayes:	6	Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Delgado, Nightengale, Robinson
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	0	

Public Comment

Katherine Walker – 240 49th Ave
Ms. Walker spoke regarding a neighbor she states has turned his yard into a junk yard. She said it is affecting her property and area with flies, rodents, smell, and mold. She called the building department, and someone did come out to address the situation. She also said there are potholes in the streets that need repairing on 48th and 49th. In addition, she wanted to know if there would be trees planted to replace the trees that were removed because they were damaged. She also stated that a neighbor is feeding cats at a church parking lot that are destroying property in the area.

Paulette – 200 block of 49th Ave
She is a neighbor of Katherine Walker and agrees that their neighbor has a very junky yard that is negatively affecting the area, causing rats. She also spoke about the placement of a chair in the neighbor's yard that faces her bathroom. She called the Village and the chair was removed.

After adjournment, the residents were referred directly to Mr. Stock from the Building Department.

Motion to close the floor for public comment.
Motion: Trustee Delgado
Second: Trustee Ciavattone
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 Holman
Second: Trustee Boston
Ayes: 6 Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Delgado, Nightengale, Robinson
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

Mayor Harvey adjourned the meeting at 4:12 pm .

Jacqueline Hargrett