Village of Bellwood

BELLWOOD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 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 October 12, 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, Chief Allen, James Stock, Chief Schwartz, Marty Walker, and Charles Hodges. Also, present was Attorney Castaldo Jr, Aric Swaney and Captain Koechle.

Pledge of Allegiance

The agenda for October 12, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting was approved as follows:
Motion: Trustee Robinson
Second: Trustee Delgado
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 Delgado
Second: Trustee Boston
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 – Regular Report
Nothing from the Ad Hoc Committee

Department Head Reports

Economic Development

Peter Tsiolis

Demolition will start on the 5100 block of St. Charles after the last two tenants vacate the property. The property will be available for redevelopment.
Demolition will start at 2501 and 2507 St. Charles Rd for redevelopment.
Two parking lots for Bellwood Gateway locations are being completed.
The South Bellwood Gateway building occupies Vari's restaurant and will have a coffee shop also.
The North Bellwood Gateway building will house a restaurant/bar.
A property on Mannheim is being developed for Starbucks.
The attempt to build a pedestrian bridge on 25th ave that goes across the Prairie Path is continuing. Dick Durbin 's office has given their assistance.
Mannheim Road vacant storefronts are being acquired and redeveloped. The new Starbucks is one example. It is a slow process because of the legalities involved.

Finance Director/Comptroller

Willie Norfleet

Property tax revenue has begun to come into the Village.
Utility Billing for August $670,000. Collected $719,000.
Year-to-Date Billing Collected $5,136,000.
Receivables for August Refuse are $392, 000 and Water and Sewer were $1,053,000 .
Year-to-date as of August - Water turn-on fees 71 and New Ownership fees 150.
Receivables for August Collected $2.8 million Year- to-Date $40,136,000.
Invoices for September are $2.5 million, and we have the cashflow to pay.
As of the end of August, the general fund collected $20.6 million. Spend $20.3 million.
Water and Sewer Billing Collected $4.1million. Expended $5.1 million.
Interest collected in September $112,702.
Interest year to date is $949,465.

Police Department

Chief Allen

The new officers are doing well in FTO.
One officer resigned to go to Skokie.
We are transferring from CIS dispatch to Cook County Dispatch service, the first of the year.
There were over 70 applications at Orientation on October 3rd and it went well.
Tour of Proviso went well with no incidents.
Participated in the Triton Career Fair on October 7th.
The last BEAT meeting will be this Thursday with the Village department heads.
Officer Lucas is doing well after being very persistent in being part of the Bellwood police department.

Fire Department

Captain Koechle

There were 424 calls for emergency services for the month of September. There was a fire in Melrose Park. One in Franklin Park and two in Bellwood.

Eight smoke detectors were installed.

Five car seats were installed.

There was a CPR class on Saturday September 19th. There will be a CPR class on November 21st.

It is Fire Safety month . There will be visits to the schools regarding fire safety. We will also be doing walkthroughs in commercial buildings to become familiar with them.

We will send a total of 6 fire fighters to the Nicor natural gas fire classes.

Delta Sigma Theta will host an Open House on November14th.

Public Works

Marty Walker

Phrase two of the street resurfacing programs is complete. Phrase three will begin in two weeks.

Well #5 abandonment has begun.

Clean up week went well. Many of the residents participated in this second phrase.

Tree and stump removals continue.

Leaf season is coming soon. We are asking that leaves not be blown into the street but put and set out in biodegradable bags.

Village Engineer

Charles Hodges

The Water Main project on 47th street, Bohland and Marshall continues. Completion date should be around November 24th.

Sidewalk Replacement program applications are due on October 15th.

Building Commissioner

James Stock

Issued permits for the new homes at 346 23rd and 610 23rd.

Several inspections have been completed on 739 25th ave, the Stone Mason's new building.

An update on the construction of the Starbucks on Mannheim and the Ryan Project at 840 25thave was given.

Homeland Security

Chief Schwartz

The monthly report is as follows:

Planned details - 2

Special details- 3

Emergency response – 1

Special assist to Public Works on Mannheim

Total Manhours – 797.5 .

Current Members – 16

Extras are needed for a movie filming tonight and tomorrow night, across from public works at 7:30pm.

Attorney Castaldo

Working on insurance renewals.

Additional Items on the Consent Agenda from the police department are Special Response Team Intergovernmental Agreement and Emergency Telephone System MOU.

Mayor Harvey

Thank you to everyone who attended the Hispanic Heritage Month Festival. It was one of the best events.
Tour of Proviso was genuinely nice. Thank you to everyone who came out. Thank you to the Mayor of Melrose Park for hosting the event. Village of Maywood won the Trophy.
Early voting starts October 19th at the Bellwood Village Hall Community Room.
Bellwood Gateway Units are about 80% occupied.
The Mayor of Maywood and his guest came to visit the Bellwood Gateway Community and made many positive comments.
Proof to show we can be successful in other than low-income housing in our community.
We want other than liquor stores in our community.

New Business

None

Unfinished Business

None

Public Comment

Motion to open 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

No public comment.

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

Mayor Harvey adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm .

Jacqueline Hargrett