

**VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 13, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - Board Room**

**Call to Order**

The Special Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellwood was called to order by Mayor Harvey at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023.

**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.

**Presentation: None**

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the (February 13, 2023), special board meeting agenda. Trustee Holman moved, seconded by Trustee Nightengale to approve the board meeting agenda. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last Board meeting (January 18, 2023). Trustee Delgado moved, seconded by Trustee Boston to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Board meeting and approve the minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**A. Public Works Department**

Trustee Ciavattone reported the following:

- I have several items to report from the Public Works for the month of January 2023. Water main breaks - five, fire hydrants repaired – one, sewer water mains jetted – four, streetlights pole replaced – one, street light repaired - ten, traffic lights repaired – two, street signs replaced – three, sidewalk inspections – seventeen, potholes filled throughout the village four hundred twenty-nine. Tree maintenance continues throughout the year, weather permitting. Trees trimmed – twenty-one.

We are recommending the following items on the consent agenda.

- i. Item G – Approves an agreement providing for allocating funds of the Harrison Street Project.
- ii. Item H – Approves an agreement for engineering services for the Harrison Street Project.
- iii. Item I – Approves the joint funding agreement with IDOT for the Harrison Street Project.

Always remember our first responders, medical personnel, military personnel, active duty, veterans, and volunteers.

**B. Community Development**

Trustee Boston reported the following:

I have nothing to report from the Community Development Committee.

We are recommending the following item on the consent agenda.

- i. Item B – Approves an agreement that provides for valuation of certain village properties.

**C. Quality of Life**

Trustee Holman reported the following:

- From the committee of Quality of Life, the Building Department reviewed one hundred sixty-three applications in January and issued forty-three permits.
- Bellwood Community Resource Center monthly activity from January 1<sup>st</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup>, we had ninety-one patrons.

We are recommending the following items from the consent agenda.

- i. Item A – To renew the health inspections with the county of public health.

- ii. Item F – Renews the agreement for the scooter program.

D. Administration

Trustee Robinson reported the following:

- We are going to make the scholarship for Triton. We have to make the scholarship program more visible. Second Saturday of next month, we're going to do the application approval.

We are recommending the following items on the consent agenda.

- i. Item C – Approves agreement of the C4 Program.
- ii. Item E – Approves a settlement of a lawsuit.

F. Public Safety

Trustee Delgado reported the following items appearing on the consent agenda.

We are recommending the following items from the consent agenda.

- i. Item D – Approves a purchase of computer equipment for the police department.

D. Finance Committee

Trustee Nightengale reported the following:

- i. I would like a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$2,226,840.83 when funds become available.

We have no items appearing on the consent agenda and nothing from the ad hoc committee.

Trustee Ciavattone moved, seconded by Trustee Robinson 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.

**Resolution 23-05**

- A. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and the County of Cook, Department of Public Health.

**Resolution 23-06**

- B. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Valbridge Property Advisors.

**Resolution 23-07**

- C. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Supporting Participation in the Cross-Community Climate Initiative.

**Resolution 23-08**

- D. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and CDS Office Technologies.

**Resolution 23-09**

- E. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement and Release by and between the Village of Bellwood and Eric Flagg.

**Resolution 23-10**

- F. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Addendum Extending an Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Bird Rides, Inc.

**Resolution 23-11**

- G. A Resolution Approving the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation to be entered into by the Village of Bellwood and the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") and for the Appropriation of Village Funds for the Purpose of Paying for the Local Agency Share to the Construction of the Improvements on Harrison Street under IDOT Project Number N47Q (963), State Job No. C-91-372-22, MFT Section No. 21-00148-00RS.

**Resolution 23-12**

- H. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement by and between the Village of Bellwood and Edwin Hancock Engineering, Co.

**Resolution 23-13**

- I. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Joint Funding Agreement for State-Let Construction Work by and between the Village of Bellwood and the State of Illinois Department of Transportation.

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to place the items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Boston moved, seconded by Trustee Nightengale.

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 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	

**Village Clerk's Report**

The Village Clerk report was removed from the Board Meeting Agenda at the request of Mayor Harvey.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Harvey reported the following:

- i. Happy Black History Month.
- ii. Last month had the opportunity to witness the Speaker of the House get sworn in on his second term.
- iii. February 25<sup>th</sup>, Village of Bellwood would be partnering with Roosevelt Middle School from 11am-2pm they will be doing a black history celebration.
- iv. February 26<sup>th</sup>, World Deliverance Church will be honoring some of our businesses at their location on 439 Bohland from 2-3pm.
- v. Last Friday, the village of Bellwood, Broadview, and Maywood collaborated with PLCCA and all of our police departments for a gun violence prevention and building closer relationships with our communities. It was held in Maywood.
- vi. The Fire Dept. had a presentation from a lady that brought a plaque #604 Fire Engine. Tianna Gooden calls on a regular basis for patient assist and wanted to show her appreciation.
- vii. They also received a letter from Naperville Fire Chief who grew up in Bellwood on the 200 block of 28<sup>th</sup>. Fire department helps his mom out. The fire chief wanted to leave a key for the fire department in case they need to gain access for well-being check because his mother is getting older. Chief Dombek and the department purchased the key lockbox and installed it on her home.
- viii. Last week, we honored two of our residents for turning 100 years old, Ms. Glenda lives on the 3800 block of St. Charles Place. Ms. Johnson lives on the 200 block of Eastern. She is Albert, previous crossing guard's mom. She's 100 years old and Ms. Hanna who lives on 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ix. Kudos to Fire and Police Commissioner Gay Chase who received a prestigious award from Operation Uplift last month in January. She is one person that has bent over backwards for the community.
- x. Thanks, Ms. LeShore, for the calendars. They are beautiful. Ms. Parker is on January and she passed away.
- xi. If you drive down Mannheim, you will see the new illuminating street signs. They're working on them. It took us six years to finally get approval from IDOT for the new street signs.
- xii. We had our Mardi Gras Seniors Dance. Well over 150/160 people from all over that attended. We're going to continue to do our events every year.

**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 Boston seconded to open the floor for public comment.

All Trustees were in favor to open the floor. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Harvey declared the floor for public comment open.

**Madeline** – I want to make a statement about the surplus of money we have in our account. Please work on getting a new sound system. It's draining to try and hear what everyone is saying.

I received a letter last week about the new meter system. It states that we will be responsible for some of the cost for what's happening with the meters if there's something wrong.

**Mayor Harvey** – Now when we go into people's home to inspect the meters, some people may not have a shut off valve and they have to put one in, so if you don't have that valve, they may have to put the valve in to install the new meter. If there's something that you have to install based on state code. All the work village of Bellwood would be doing is free of charge. If someone doesn't have the right size pipe installed in their home from doing work after the fact, then the resident maybe charged to correct that.

**Madeline** – We were told last year that it will be accurate. If I'm paying for a thousand gallons and not using the thousand gallons. How accurate will it be? If it's going to be accurate it needs to be the actual gallons that we're using. We're using a company outside of Bellwood in Calumet city. Why can't we use our own employees?

**Mayor Harvey** – I can't answer that question because I don't know but I do know that it is going to be more accurate than our current meters. You can go to Mr. Norfleet office, and he can explain how everything goes. Bidding on contracts and everything.

Mayor Harvey asked for a motion to close the floor for Public Comment. Trustee Ciavattone made a motion and Trustee Holman seconded to close the floor for public comment.

All Trustees were in favor to close the floor. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Harvey declared the floor for public comment closed.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Harvey requested a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Trustee Nightengale 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 4:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janel Moreland  
Village Clerk