

Village of Bellwood
BELLWOOD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 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 May 18, 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, and Marty Walker. Also, present were Attorney Castaldo III, Debora Jenkins and Aric Swaney.

Pledge of Allegiance

The agenda for May 18, 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 Boston

Second: Trustee Holman

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

Department Head Reports

Economic Development

Peter Tsiolis

There are 3 items under new business being presented to the board:

The purchase of 243 Mannheim Rd. for \$175, 000 for redevelopment.

The sale of 251 Mannheim Rd. to a developer.

There is a change order related to the Bellwood Gateway Project; a sign on the West part of Bellwood Gateway North building due to the weight of the sign.

The Bellwood Gateway building upstairs is complete, and completion of the commercial areas is in process. There is a website with the application process.

The property at 25th and Madison St. has been sold, and the new owners will be erecting an industrial building.

Finance Director/Comptroller

Willie Norfleet

Utility Billing for March \$635,267 Collected \$599,778.

Year-to-Date Billing is \$1,869,798.

Receivables for Refuse, Water and Sewer \$1,369,611.

Year-to-date as of March - Water turn-on fees 0 and New Ownership fees 51 .

Receivables for March Collected \$5,685,674 - Year- to-Date \$17,542,648.

Invoices for April are \$2,648,440 million and we have the cashflow to pay.

As of the end of March, the general fund collected \$4.8 million. Spend \$5.7 million dollars.

Water and Sewer Billing Collected \$1.5 million dollars Expended \$1.6 million dollars.

Interest collected in April \$101,000.

Interest year to date is \$399,000.

Police Department

Chief Allen

There are five new officers into the academy as of May 1st.

There were two meetings with the new dispatch center .

The two new squad cars that will be on the street.

Cop on a Rooftop went well. \$4,650 dollars was raised.

Attended and had a table at the Triton job fair.

Detective Sieminski started in Investigations on May 1st. Master Sargent Gonzalez started in the Patrol Division, first shift.

Gearing up for the summer for foot patrol.

Two of the old squad vehicles will be gotten rid of in a bidding process.

There were some accidents on the Eisenhower this weekend . It was a fatality at one. We aided even though it was not in our jurisdiction. Mayor Harvey relayed that EAP is available to any of the police and firefighters if needed.

Fire Department

Chief Harris

There were 438 calls for emergency services. There were 4 structure fires. Two in Maywood, one in Hillside and one in Bellwood.

Eleven car seats were installed. They also went to Roosevelt Middle School and did a car seat drive for the Early Childhood Collaboration. Seven smoke detectors were installed.

Last Saturday was a CPR class. The next class is on July 18th.

Received a second new ambulance. Applying for an Opioid grant through the state which will be used to buy two new monitors for the ambulances.

We have a mutual aid agreement with several of the surrounding communities.

Public Works

Marty Walker

There will be a request for approval for a new water service truck. The old needs replacement due to the cost of repairs.

The Fuel Pump Replacement Project is almost complete. The old tanks have been removed . The new tanks are installed. Just waiting on the fire marshal's approval. Contamination has been removed.

Requesting approval for a new Woodchipper.

Clean-up week went well. The next one is in September.

The Water Main Replacement project has started on 47th Ave and Bohland. Then it will move to the three and four hundred blocks of Marshall.

Building Commissioner

James Stock

The bridges are out on Harrison at 31st and 33rd street. Discussed the situation with MWRD(Metropolitan Water Reclamation District). The plan is to be completed by the end of July.

Bellwood Gateway general contractor has not made an appointment yet to reschedule the inspection.

There are 3 hearings with the planning commission.

One is for a new development on Mannheim for conditional use and some variances.

Human Resources

Debora Jenkins

Shred day is June 6, 2026 from 9am to 11am , sponsored with Kari Steele MWRD. There is no limit on bags.

Clean and Green day is Saturday June 27, 2026 9am to 11:45am. Volunteers are needed.

Homeland Security

Chief Schwartz

The monthly report is as follows:

Planned events -1

Special Detail-1

Emergency calls – 1

There were 23 sessions. Total Manhours – 662.

We now have 12 people. We started with 6. K. Ellison is the first to complete his training on the new system.

Plans are to have an open house in June.

Attorney Castaldo III

No report.

Mayor Harvey

Thanks to everyone who supported the Mother's Day Event on May 9th at the Drake Hotel. We had about 350 participants. We may have to get a larger location next year. The event went well. Everyone enjoyed it.

There is a Town Hall meeting at 6:00pm at the Village with Rep. LaShawn Ford.

Neighborhood Watch meeting is this Thursday with Chief Schwartz regarding Narcan.

We are looking for several different options for the teen zone location.

There will be a drive-by birthday parade on Wednesday at 5:30 for Ms. Jenkins. She will be 100 years old.

There will be a Village Board meeting on Wednesday at 6:00pm.

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

No public comment.

Motion to close the floor for public comment.

Motion: Trustee Delgado

Second: Trustee Nightengale

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

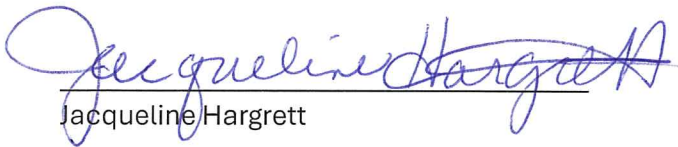
Ayes: 6 Trustees Ciavattone, Boston, Holman, Delgado, Nightengale, Robinson

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Mayor Harvey adjourned the meeting at 3:59pm .



Jacqueline Hargrett