

Village of Bellevue
Regular Board Meeting
January 13, 2015

Mayor Terry Johnson called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm

Board Present: Sandra Cooper, Aaron Lannert, George Schuettler, Francis Heskett, Bill Johnson, Chad Murphy.

Also Present: Attorney Lane Alster

Motion by Bill Johnson to accept minutes from December 09, 2014 board meeting second by George Schuettler- 5 ayes. Motion carried

Motion by Bill Johnson to pay bi-monthly expenses from December 23, 2014 second by Chad Murphy - 5 ayes. Motion carried

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Officer Hoffman : shows example of “file of life” to be placed on residents refrigerators for emergencies, possibly Limestone Fire Dept. may offer them. He also mentions a smell at HiWay and Main. Possible gas leak? Steve will check into this w/Ameren

Rich Stoneburner: nothing

Joe King: mentions that it is difficult to see when pulling out on Clousen from Bryon Ct. due to blind spot caused by bridge. Terry states the bridge is State Property. Steve Wilson and the board are in agreement that a stop sign would not be an effective solution to the problem. Joe also mentions a house in the 600 block of Byron that has been vacant for a number of years and could pose a safety hazard. Rich will contact the bank regarding this issue.

Steve Wilson: states he has spoken to Alex Heurmann regarding annexing, Terry voices concern that it may not be best for the village at this time. Steve also thinks David Crum should sign an easement for repairs to his property. Engineer and Attorney will work together to write easement. Steve shared a printout prepared by the Engineer and himself regarding repairs needed in the TIF District. Steve would like to see a print out of the entire village of needed repairs for future work to be done in the village. Francis Heskett makes motion to have Steve work with Engineer to draw up a print / second by Chad Murphy -5 ayes motion carried

Leroy Wiseman: mentions the large amount of abandoned properties within other areas as well as Bellevue.

Sandra Cooper: states that the website will be live Monday Jan 19th 2015. Also, that a notebook of rental properties has been compiled. Sandra asks does the board intend to enforce the ordinance requiring property owners to register their rental properties per ordinance #606. Terry states he doesn't feel it is necessary, all the information is on file at the court house or we can call the attorney to look up the property owner. No more discussion regarding this issue.

Aaron Lannert – nothing

George Schuettler – compliments Steve and Matt for snow removal

Francis Heskett – smell at David Crum's property on Plank Rd. Rich has spoken to William Hayes at the Health Dept. Terry suggested people continue to call the Health Dept.

Bill Johnson: asks about the Root beer Stand being for sale and if the TIF money (\$25000.00) would have to be paid back to the Village? Lane will check on this matter.

Chad Murphy – nothing

Lane Alstar – Informed the board that Mike Seghetti will be attending board meeting on Feb. 10, 2015 and asks that TIF matters be discussed at that time. Board is in agreement.

Terry Johnson: asks for a motion to reimburse Roger Slama his \$25.00 garbage pick-up fee due to the fact he takes trash that Terry picks up on Anna Hill. Bill Johnson makes motion / second by Chad Murphy – 5 ayes motion carried

Terry Johnson: asks for a **board member** to volunteer to be an emergency contact number for a disaster in the area and the hall would need to be opened. Board members state they do not have a key to open the hall in such an event. Terry asks board member "you don't have a key"? Steve states it would be very expensive to make keys without changing the lock cylinder. Chad Murphy and Steve Wilson will be the contact people.

Terry says CD at CEFCU at rate of .25% will need to be renewed or moved / Chad Murphy makes motion to leave CD at CEFCU second by Bill Johnson – 5 ayes motion carried

Terry said that Ginoli & Company feel the village should hire a CPA; due to the expense of a CPA the board feels this is not necessary for a small village such as Bellevue at this time. Terry will base his final opinion on what Mike Seghetti feels best for the village.

Terry Johnson points out to Sandra Cooper that he is the mayor and she is just the village clerk. He is in charge of the village employees; there will no longer be a cut off time of Friday before the meetings, the new cut off will be Tuesday before the board meeting. Sandra Cooper states that Fridays have been the cut off day, Terry said "that cut off was determined before he was appointed Mayor, and when you are Mayor you can do it however you want, he also stated that the previous Clerk (Carol Howard) did it on the meeting day". Sandra stated that Carol did not work a full time job, or put zoning officer report on a spread sheet. Terry told her "you only make work for yourself doing the spread sheet". Sandra states

she will no longer be doing the spread sheet. Terry also stated he has asked 3 times to place of picture of the Village Hall or Bellevue sign on main page of the website.

Franci Heskett motion to adjourn / second by Chad Murphy – 5 ayes motion carried

7:40 pm

Sandra Cooper, Village Clerk