

**Village of Bellevue**  
**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

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**Meetings are recorded**

The Village Council, of the Village of Bellevue, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Chairman Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Johnson, executed roll call.

**Present:** Chairman, Terry Johnson

**Trustees:** Aaron Lannert, Leroy Wiseman, Martin Schuettler, Dean Merriman, Francis Heskett

**Also, Present:** Zoning Officer, Matt Raible  
Village Attorney, Lane Alster  
Peoria County Officer, Zach Ferguson

**Absent:** Trustee, Chad Murphy  
Village Clerk, Jennifer Wilson  
Superintendent, Steve Wilson

**Chairman Johnson, declared a Quorum present.**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, were presented. Motion Trustee Schuettler, second Trustee Wiseman, that the Council approve Minutes as presented.

**Motion carried via voce vote**

Motion Trustee Lannert, second Trustee Schuettler, bills as presented be paid and the payrolls and transfers be approved.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** Lannert, Schuettler, Wiseman, Merriman, Heskett

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Murphy

**Chairman Johnson declared motion carried.**

Chairman Johnson spoke of next agenda ternary - Amending Ordinance No. 446, (An Ordinance to regulate the sale of alcoholic liquor)

**Chairman Johnson-** Discussed that the Village of Bellevue, should not issue a liquor license to Denny Merriman, property located at 6005 W. Plank Rd., at this time. Until, Mr. Merriman, finishes work on property, land maintenance. Upon, finishing filling in hole, making property safe. Chairman Johnson, declared he would like Mr. Merriman, Jr., to sign a release, from the Village of Bellevue. Declaring that the Village is not liable for hole hazards or repair. Chairman Johnson, conversed with Mr. Merriman, that two owners now have not managed to fix viewable problems on property. The Village is wanting work completed on property. Chairman Johnson, was unaware that Mr. Merriman had not received release, from his Attorney. Chairman Johnson, asked Mr. Merriman, if he was okay with complying.

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**Speaker-** Denny Merriman Sr.- Stated no. Mr. Merriman Sr., conversed that he felt that the Village is already dangling a carrot in front of them. That Bellevue, help create problem when they annexed neighboring property, into the Village of Bellevue. He stated that existing retention pond on neighboring property, was not correctly done.

**Speaker-** Employee, Zoning Officer, Matt Raible- Stated that business was built in Peoria County at time. Superintendent, Steve Wilson, has checked on water retention, after annexation and water retention plans were executed. Plans required were created by Engineer and retention pond upheld criteria required.

**Speaker-** Denny Merriman Sr.- Stated he would like a copy of engineering plans, for neighbor's retention pond. Mr. Merriman, Sr., stated neighbor would help with water drainage and Village should too. Would like the Village to help with problem? Mr. Merriman, stated he thought the Village, should issue license before work is done.

**Chairman Johnson-** Declared to Mr. Merriman, Sr., that he could contact neighbor of retention pond and request Engineered plans for retention pond.

**Speaker-** Denny Merriman, Jr.- Advise Board Members, that he grew up in Bellevue, and if he says he will complete the project and improve property, he will do just that. His word on property improvements could be trusted.

**Village Attorney-** Lane Alster- Advised Board Members, they could take request, by Mr. Merriman, Jr., for liquor license, to a vote.

**Chairman Johnson-** Advised the Board Members, that he feels the work should be done first and Mr. Merriman, Jr., should sign release. Chairman Johnson informed that video gambling and package liquor sales, do not meet criteria by state laws. Chairman Johnson stated after hole is filled in on Mr. Merriman, Jr., property the Village would issue a regular tavern license, to meet criteria for video gaming.

#### **Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** Lannert, Schuettler, Wiseman, Heskett

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Merriman

**Absent:** Murphy

**Chairman Johnson declared motion carried.**

**Chairman Johnson-** Informed Board Members, he thought Board Members, should vote on Steve Wilsons, restaurant liquor license, at the same time as Mr. Merriman, Jr. Chairman Johnson, asked Board Members, if they agreed to issue Mr. Wilson, his license too. Location 5620 Plank Rd.

#### **Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** Lannert, Schuettler, Wiseman, Merriman, Heskett

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Murphy

**Chairman Johnson declared motion carried.**

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**Speaker-** Peoria Police Officer, Ferguson- Informed Members, that several fires have been set in the woods. Inquired about who is owner of wooded areas. Clarified, that ATV's will be attended to if need be.

**Speaker-** Sr. Pastor, White Rose Church, David Gruber- Would like to Blacktop parking lot, on east side of church, Main St. Talked to Superintendent, Wilson, and knows of swell to drain as needed. Would like to get work done soon. Asked if it was okay with the Village, to proceed? City Coal, did previous work on west side parking lot. City Coal, will be company that does work for churches east side parking lot blacktopping. Members agreed, if drainage is handled appropriately they do not have objection to use of Village, property.

**Roll Call Vote was:**

**Ayes:** Lannert, Schuettler, Wiseman, Merriman, Heskett

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Murphy

**Chairman Johnson declared motion carried.**

**Speaker-** Resident, Shawn Hanson- Enlighted Board Members, of his long time being a resident on Closen Rd. Mr. Hanson informed Members, that he has always made sure to keep his residence maintained. Resident was not pleased with receiving a violation, on his boat. Resident was embarrassed to have friends over due to appearance of neighbor's yard. Resident stated he had no problem correcting the violation. Resident thought there was bigger issues in Bellevue.

**Chairman Johnson, and Zoning Officer,** Matt Raible- Informed Mr. Hanson that Bellevue is working diligently to correct violations in the Village. Zoning Officer, Matt, is new and working hard to catch up on zoning issues. Problems are being addressed currently at this time.

**Speaker-** White Rose Church Member, Judy White- Conveyed information on Food Bank, at White Rose Church. They had 36 boxes, 76 people feed, in the Bellevue and Norwood area. Would like to know if the Village would like to be a supporter, of food Bank?

Chairman Johnson- Stated that a donation would be on next Agenda.

Motion Trustee Lannert, second Trustee Schuettler, to close the meeting

**Ayes:** Lannert, Schuettler, Wiseman, Merriman, Heskett

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Murphy

Chairman Johnson, announced, that there being no further business the Council meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Jennifer Wilson, Village Clerk