

Village of Bellevue

Minutes for meeting and meetings are recorded

Location: 320 Main Street, Bellevue, IL. 61604

Date: 05/11/2021

Attendees: Open to Public - **Masks Required**

Time: 6:00 pm called to order

- I. **Roll call – Current Board members-Terry Johnson, Aaron Lannert, Marty Schuettler, Francis Heskett, Leroy Wiseman, Jenny Wilson**
- II. **Approval of minutes from last meeting 04.27.2021- Leroy Wiseman (motioned) Dean Merriman (2nd) All present in favor**
- III. **Approval of Bills 05.11.2021- Jenny Wilson (motioned) Dean Merriman (2nd) All present in favor**
- IV. **Old business** – 800 Ordinance regarding Steve Wilson & Matt Raible Employment Agreement-Ordinance 800 Steve Wilson 5/1/2021-4/30/2025 pay increase 3% each contract year, Leroy (M) Aaron (2nd) All Approved; Ordinance 801 Matthew Raible 5/1/2021-4/30/2025 pay increase \$1 contract year 5/1/2021 with 3% increase each additional contract year along with additional 1 week vacation (from 3 wks to 4wks), Aaron (M) Jenny (2nd) All Approved
- V. **Adjournment- Dean Merriman (motioned) Aaron Lannert (2nd) All present in favor**
- VI. **Terry Johnson no longer Mayor as of 5/11/2021; Dean Merriman is Mayor as of 5/11/2021; Crystal Murphy is no longer Village Clerk as of 5/11/2021; Staci Raker is the Village Clerk as of 5/11/2021**
- VII. **Swearing in of the newly elected officials-** Lane swearing in Village Clerk-Staci Raker; Staci swearing in Dean Merriman (mayor), trustees: Aaron Lannert, Sandra Cooper & Judith Wight
- VIII. **Roll Call of new board members-Aaron Lannert, Judy Wight, Sandi Cooper, Leroy Wiseman, Jenny Wilson**

IX. Discussion from Residents- Debbie references traffic and speeding issues on Main St, request more police patrol, Francis complains as well. Dean instructs to call police and complain. Dean references Peoria County Sheriff's office are down 19 duties.

X. Discussion from Board- Sandi complaint permits are too high, trustees stated VOB permits are lower than Peoria and VOB pays 3rd party organization for building inspections, last 4 years permits filed w/Peoria County Tax Assessor office, Lane & Jenny stated to do FOYA request for legal disclosure; Sandi refer Ordinance 316 still in effect pertaining to Permit Committee being appointed, Dean states committees would meet once a month, notice to public, open meeting act, post agenda and minutes to VOB website, Dean states no appointment yet for future discussion on committees, Dean mentions social media thread by 3 or more VOB members is violation of Open Meeting Act, Lane stated he can provide copy to members. Sandi mentions establishing park for children/community, Dean wants but no area within VOB with minimum 5 acres and no police to patrol. Steve stated playground equipment cost average \$200-\$300K.

Judy is looking into grant to be used in the VOB, references open lot by 474 bridge on Cloven that VOB owns and wants to put picnic tables for community to use, Lane mentions the liability and ADA issues. Judy will apply for grant through White Rose Food Pantry as it's in the VOB, Judy will check insurance provider and liability coverage based on Food Pantry distribution. Judy stated Pastor Shane requests communication come directly from Mayor and not community members. Aaron tells Dean that Pastor Shane wants one on one meeting with Mayor.

Dean thanks previous VOB members for their services and ask current VOB members their thoughts of the next 4 years.

Aaron want family friendly community, sidewalks and address issue of abandon VOB houses.

Judy and Sandy agree with Aaron remarks.

Judy wants elderly community volunteers, clean-up the neighborhood, and ask Staci to write more detailed VOB minutes.

Sandy says good new businesses are opening, elderly care and wants to move VOB meeting table so we don't have back to community, Dean mentioned moving to 414 Main St and suggested purchasing larger conference table for VOB members to face community during meetings.

Leroy and Jenny-nothing

Dean states yes for the annual animal clinic, Jenny will call TSC in East Peoria for set dates and ask if by appointment only. Dean says community garage sale will be Saturday, June 19, 2021, clean-up dates will be Summer: Tuesday & Wednesday, June 22-23, 2021 and Fall: Tuesday & Wednesday Sept 7-8, 2021. VOB Newsletter created, Staci and Jenny to let Dean know of changes. Dean says Zoning officer wage is below minimum wage and wants to bring wage up to State of IL minimum wage, open discussion on agenda at next meeting.

Dean appoints Martin Schuettler as VOB trustee to fill open seat. Judy asks Dean why and shouldn't be according to voting poll. Dean states Mayor can appoint member to open seat and VOB trustees then vote. Lane says Mayor doesn't have to appoint a member to open seat. Voting for Martin Schuettler as appointed VOB trustee, Trustee votes YES: Aaron, Leroy, Jenny and Trustee votes NO: Sandi & Judy; majority vote approval of Village Trustee – Aaron (M) Jenny (2nd)

XI. Swearing in of the newly elected official (Martin Schuettler)-

Village Clerk Staci swearing in Marty as Village Trustee. Lane will get Oath of Office form for Marty to sign at next meeting

XII. Open issues-799 Ordinance Regarding Nuisance As a Result of Failure to Maintain Property-

Lane spoke with new owners and will replace fence, Lane states VOB can't force owners to put up new fence, VOB Zoning Officer can issue nuisance ticket for noise, traffic, trespassing, etc. (No Ordinance 799)

XIII. Discussion on sign for Anna Ave regarding Death Child-

Lane states no issue, no liability for safety of children; Steve will get quote, estimates cost at \$125-\$150 per sign (2 signs). Open discussion on agenda at next meeting to purchase signs.

XIV. 414 main street regarding sewing class-

Lane states need change the lease, otherwise if VOB allows then liability will fall under VOB insurance coverage. Lane asks the expiration date of current lease. Open discussion on agenda at next meeting.

XV. Adjournment- Aaron (M) Jenny (2nd)