

**VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE  
REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 (TUESDAY)**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Village of Bellevue Mayor called the Village of Bellevue meeting to order at the Village Hall. He indicated that an audio tape recording was made of all discussions during the Regular Session.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Merriman asked for Roll Call Attendance to be taken by Mrs. Pesch.

**Present:** Trustee Aaron Lannert, Trustee Judith Wight, Trustee Martin Schuettler, Trustee Sandra Cooper, Trustee Leroy Wiseman, Trustee Ross Pesch

**Absent:** Attorney Lane Alster

**Also in Attendance:** Mayor Dean Merriman; Steve Wilson, Village Public Works; Matthew Raible, Village Zoning Officer; Susan Pesch, Village Clerk; Village Resident Betsy Vinson; Village Business Owner Tim Menefee; Deputy Sheriff Cogdal

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

- A.** Trustee Pesch moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes held on August 23, 2022. Trustee Wight seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Passed**

- B.** Trustee Lannert moved to approve the Bills for September 13, 2022. Trustee Schuettler seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

**IV. PRESENTATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Mayor Merriman thanked the visitors in attendance and gave them an opportunity to address the Village Board.

A Village resident asked Board members about the maximum height for fencing that he could place on his property. He also stated that he has a deck and ramp on his front porch.

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Mayor Merriman stated that he would need a permit for the replacement. The homeowner mentioned that other residents are stockpiling garbage and letting their weeds grow tall. Mayor Merriman stated that letters have been sent out about the issue. The Village has to start out with the letters. This is the process. Mr. Wilson commented that Mr. Raible gives the resident seven days and then will proceed to speak with Attorney Alster. Mayor Merriman said that the Village will proceed with clean-up. It will then go through the court system.

Village of Bellevue resident Betsey Vinson commented that she was attending the meeting to hear about Hamptons Crossing. Mayor Merriman stated that it was not on the agenda. Mrs. Vinson asked if the Village was holding off on doing anything in Hamptons Crossing. Mayor Merriman responded that the Village is waiting for the homeowner that owns the retention pond. Mrs. Vinson said that she guessed that the ball is in her court. Mrs. Vinson stated that Trustee Pesch and his wife live in the subdivision. She asked if any of the Board members have been over to see the retention pond. Mayor Merriman stated that he has seen the drainage ponds. Trustee Lanner responded that he has also seen the drainage issues. Mrs. Vinson commented that she has looked through her paperwork from when she purchased her home. There was not any evidence paperwork of the HOA. She stated being told specifically by her realtor that there was not the HOA in the Hamptons Crossing. She also did not receive paperwork at closing in regards to the HOA. Trustee Pesch commented that three homeowners could move forward in the Hamptons Crossing and form the HOA. Mrs. Vinson asked if the Village Attorney was present. Mayor Merriman commented that he was not present at the meeting. Mayor Merriman said that the Village has the option to do a special assessment and take care of the drainage issues in the Hamptons Crossing. This is something that would need to be an item to vote on.

Deputy Cogdal informed Board members that he is keeping an eye on the vacant homes in the Village. It is not a local thing in regards to the break-ins around Peoria County. He wanted to remind everyone that it will be getting darker soon in the evening. West Peoria was hit by several burglaries. Deputy Cogdal encouraged Board members to turn their lights on at night. He commented that people should contact him with any complaints. The Board members discussed the issue with individuals riding their side by sides in the Village and lawnmowers as well. Deputy Cogdal stated that he is patrolling regularly within the Village. At times, his vehicle lights might be turned off.

Mr. Menefee asked Board members if something could be done in regards to the amounts of garbage in the yard next to the Preacher's house. The garbage is overwhelming. He asked Board members if they could help in any way. Mayor Merriman stated that he would speak to Attorney Alster.

**V. NON-AGENDA BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND VILLAGE EMPLOYEES**

Mayor Merriman asked if there was any non-agenda business to be brought before the Board from either Village Trustees or the Village Employees.

Trustee Lannert stated that the school has researched a U-Turn sign by Hi Vue Lane. The Principal had inquired about the sign. Mayor Merriman stated that he would check into it.

Trustee Wight commented that the air conditioning is not working at the Food Pantry. Mayor Merriman stated that there is a maintenance clause in the agreement.

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Board members discussed homeowners in the Village that are not cutting their grass. Tickets are being issued.

Trustee Lannert asked Deputy Cogdal if he was aware of the situation of the resident passing the school bus. There was discussion at the last Board meeting. Deputy Cogdal responded that he was unaware of the situation and would look into it.

Trustee Wiseman informed Board members that a property owner on Oak View is willing to sell her home at a fair price. Mayor Merriman stated that the property backs up to a lot that the Village owns. Mr. Wilson stated that they could open it up and make it a park. Mayor Merriman said that it is something that the Village can look into. Trustee Wiseman commented that people are dumping brush and the homeowner is willing to discuss her options.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Merriman asked to move into Executive Session. Trustee Pesch made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Trustee Lannert seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

**Entered Executive Session at 6:48 p.m.**

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Trustee Wight moved to approve Theresa Johanson as the Village Treasurer. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

Item not on the Agenda.

Trustee Lannert moved to sell the property on Starr Lane for bids to start at \$6,000. Trustee Wiseman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

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**VII. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Wage Increase for Village Maintenance Employees-item not discussed.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Merriman asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Lannert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Pesch seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Passed**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 p.m.**