

**VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE  
REGULAR SESSION  
JANUARY 24, 2023 (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 and asked for a motion to allow Trustee Lannert to attend by phone. Trustee Pesch made a motion to allow Trustee Lannert to attend the Village meeting by phone per Ordinance #810. Trustee Wiseman seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Passed**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**Present:** Trustee Aaron Lannert (by phone), Trustee Leroy Wiseman, Trustee Ross Pesch

**Absent:** Trustee Judith Wight, Trustee Sandra Cooper, Trustee Martin Schuettler

**Also in Attendance:** Attorney Lane Alster; Matthew Raible, Village Zoning Officer; Steve Wilson, Village Public Works; Theresa Johanson, Village Treasurer; Susan Pesch, Village Clerk; William Snow, Village Resident; Tim Menefee, Village Business Owner; Terry Elston, Village Resident

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

- A.** Trustee Wiseman made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes held on January 10, 2023. Trustee Pesch seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Passed**

- B.** Trustee Wiseman made a motion to approve the Bills for January 24, 2023. Trustee Pesch seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Passed**

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**IV. PRESENTATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

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

Mr. Snow asked the Board if the speed limit signs were being enforced. Mayor Merriman responded that the new Peoria County Deputy would be writing tickets.

Mr. Menefee inquired about the timeline for the Ordinance Court to resume. Attorney Alster stated that court would resume in February.

**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.

Mayor Merriman stated that it was brought to his attention that people from Bellevue called and complained about how the Board conducted the caucus. He would like it to go into the minutes that all of the people involved in the election were at the meetings, and the caucus scheduling was mentioned. Everyone was present that particular night. The caucus was listed in the newspaper as it should have been by certified publication and also posted on the front Village Hall door. The Village did nothing wrong. For the ones that thought it was necessary to call and complain, next time when they have a problem, they should contact the Mayor or the Village Attorney with their questions, instead of trying to make the Village look bad by going to another authority. Mr. Elston inquired about people running that do not go to the caucus, should they go to the Village and get the packets directly. Mayor Merriman stated in the past, they were to get packets from the Village Clerk. Others received their packets second hand from a Village Trustee. Mayor Merriman stated that he went to the Election Commission to inquire about the candidate packets and the appropriate way for individuals to receive election documents. The lady behind the counter did not know. Mayor Merriman explained to the lady that he wanted to make sure that the Village was doing it correctly. Attorney Alster said that anyone can pick up a packet from the Election Commission, State of Illinois, or at the Village. It does not matter where the packet is picked up. However, the correct documents must be submitted to the Village Clerk. Mr. Elston asked if the Village could set their own rule for packet pick-up. Attorney Alster responded that the law is set by the State. Trustee Lannert commented that documents can also be printed online.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

- A.** Trustee Wiseman moved to approve the line of credit increase to \$10,000 for the Better Banks visa account for Steve and the line of credit increase to \$1,000 for the office visa account. Trustee Pesch seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

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- B.** Trustee Pesch moved to adopt the Regular Meeting Schedule. Trustee Wiseman seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

- C.** Trustee Pesch moved to approve the Ordinance Approving Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement. Trustee Wiseman seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

- D.** Trustee Pesch moved to approve the Zoning Officer's Hourly Wage to \$15.00 Beginning 02-01-2023. Trustee Wiseman seconded the motion. Mayor Merriman commented that the Board agreed on \$13.00 per hour at the last meeting. Trustee Lannert stated that it was discussed but nothing further. Mrs. Pesch informed Board members that the minutes from the last meeting reflected that Trustee Lannert asked to go ahead and increase it to \$15.00 per hour. Attorney Alster had stated at the last meeting that the Board could not increase it to \$15.00 because it was on the agenda at the rate of \$13.00 for Board approval. It would be added to the agenda for 01-24-2023. Trustee Pesch commented if the \$15.00 rate was approved now, the Village could budget moving forward instead of raising it the next year. Mayor Merriman stated that they could approve \$13.00 and cap it at \$15.00. Attorney Alster said that the Board would still need to add the agenda item. Trustee Lannert commented that minimum wage went to \$13.00 this year, \$14.00 in 2024 and \$15.00 in 2025.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

**VII. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A.** Next Village of Bellevue Meeting – February 14, 2023

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Merriman asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Pesch moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Wiseman seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Passed**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:23 p.m.**