

**VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 28, 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.

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 Sandra Cooper, Trustee Leroy Wiseman, Trustee Ross Pesch

Absent: 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; Kristi Stephens, Norwood Primary Principal; Francis Heskett, Village Resident; Peoria County Deputy Winder; Tim Menefee, Village Business Owner

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A.** Trustee Wight moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes held on February 14, 2023. Trustee Pesch seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed**

- B.** Trustee Lannert moved to approve the Bills for February 28, 2023. Trustee Wiseman seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 5
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.

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Mr. Heskett informed Board members that there is a business truck that is driving fast down the streets in Bellevue. He does not slow down. Deputy Winder stated that he would check into it. It has not happened during his shift.

Ms. Stephens stated that she is the Principal at Norwood Primary District #63. Mrs. Lannert is an employee at the school and approached her about the needs of the school. Ms. Stephens passed out a flyer to each Board member. She reviewed the list of items needed at the school. Trustee Wight asked Ms. Stephens if the school needed extra snacks from the Food Pantry. Trustee Wight also asked about summer lunches for the students. Ms. Stephens stated that she would check into the dates and contact Trustee Wight. Ms. Stephens informed the Board members that both schools in the district are in need of washers and dryers. She is going to talk with the Norwood District #63 Superintendent in regards to setting this up for electricity. Mayor Merriman commented that she could let him know the next time a child needs shoes. Trustee Wight said that she would discuss boots with Pastor Shane. Ms. Stephens thanked the Board members for the opportunity to discuss the needs of the school. Mayor Merriman thanked Ms. Stephens for attending the meeting.

Mr. Menefee inquired about Ordinance Court and the issue on Starr Lane. There is a yard full of trash. Attorney Alster commented that the resident has been issued a notice to appear in court.

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 Cooper commented that there is a resident in Bellevue that has chickens and is selling eggs. Mayor Merriman responded that the resident was awarded a variance quite a few years ago. There was discussion between Board members in regards to residents owning chickens in the Village. The Ordinance had been changed in the past.

Board members discussed residents that walk their dogs without a leash. Mayor Merriman stated that individuals could contact Peoria Animal Control. The Village pays for this service.

Trustee Cooper informed Board members that she is hosting a Meet and Greet at Alpha Park Library on March 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Individuals that are running for Trustee can put together a flyer to pass out.

Trustee Wight stated that she had talked with Buddy at Raber's. She reviewed the pricing of items that were needed for the picnic. Mrs. Pesch suggested holding off on the picnic for a year. This would give the Village more time to plan and organize the picnic. Businesses could be notified and possibly donate money toward the picnic. Mayor Merriman asked for a show of hands to postpone the picnic until next year. It was unanimous to wait until August of 2024.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Hiring New Maintenance Employee on Hourly Basis.

*The Board did not vote on this item.

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- B.** Trustee Lannert moved to approve the \$500 Dryer Donation and \$500 Cash Donation to Norwood Primary School. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion Passed**

VII. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A.** Newsletter-Mayor Merriman stated that he would get the newsletter to PIP Printing.
- B.** New Maintenance Position-Mayor Merriman informed Board members that he would like to hire an individual for maintenance at \$23.00 per hour with their CDL license or an individual that is willing to get the CDL license. Mr. Wilson commented that it is a five-week class to obtain a CDL license. The Village could hire someone without and they could take the course during the winter months. Attorney Alster stated that the individual could negotiate a contract or agreement with the Village. Mayor Merriman said that he wanted to get a job posting in the paper. Language could reflect \$20.00 per hour for summer help with a 90-day probationary period.
- C.** Next Village of Bellevue Meeting – March 13, 2023

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

**Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:50 p.m.