

**VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 25, 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 Sandra Cooper, Trustee Judith Wight, Trustee Leroy Wiseman, Trustee Ross Pesch

Absent: Trustee Martin Schuettler

Also in Attendance: Attorney Lane Alster; Steve Wilson, Village Public Works; Matthew Raible, Village Zoning Officer; Theresa Johanson, Village Treasurer; Susan Pesch, Village Clerk; Peoria County Deputy Winder

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A.** Trustee Lannert moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes held on April 11, 2023. Trustee Wight seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed**

- B.** Trustee Lannert moved to approve the Bills for April 25, 2023. Trustee Wight 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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Deputy Winder stated that it has been a busy two weeks. He apologized for blocking traffic one evening while he was on duty. The Peoria County Sheriff's Department had a situation at Bellevue Tap. North Pekin Police assisted with their canine service.

A Village Resident inquired about applying to sell fireworks in the Village of Bellevue. Mayor Merriman responded that the Village has an ordinance in regards to fireworks and they would not consider changing it.

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.

Mr. Wilson informed Board members that the Villas of Hollybrook would be starting phase two. Dollar General is scheduled to open the first of May. They would need to run on a generator for a month. Ameren cannot get a transformer yet. Mayor Merriman asked if this would be a Health Department issue. Mr. Wilson explained that it is more a noise concern. Mayor Merriman said that he would check it out with the noise. He does not want the Village to lose out of revenue because Ameren is unable to supply a transformer for the business. Mr. Wilson mentioned that they are stocking the store.

Trustee Lannert stated that Plank Rd. would be closing on April 26 and April 28 for the bridge repair. He asked Deputy Winder if they could monitor the traffic on Closen Rd. during this time. Deputy Winder said that he would not be on duty but would mention it to the Deputy working those particular dates.

Trustee Cooper stated that the issue continues with dogs running loose. She asked if zoning tickets could be given. Trustee Lannert stated that PCAPS has better fines. Mr. Raible asked if she could get pictures and be willing to go to court.

Trustee Wight asked Board members if a date was set for the Village cookout and commented that they need to set the date.

Trustee Wight asked if Ryan could be hired to mow in the Village. Mayor Merriman stated that the position listed is a maintenance position, not just mowing. He would need to carry an estimated \$5 million dollar liability insurance with his business in case something happened. A position was offered to him last year. Mr. Wilson stated that the Village needs an employee to do all of the maintenance work. They are not looking for someone to only mow lawns. He mentioned speaking to Ryan as well. The job was not what he wanted.

Mayor Merriman informed Board members that there was an incident at the last meeting. People need to respect one another.

Mayor Merriman stated that documents should not be given out to individuals until the Board approves these documents. Attorney Alster commented that draft minutes and bills are not for public record until they are approved by the Board. Emails with Village documents not approved should not be made public as well.

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Mayor Merriman stated that he was going to recommend Watts Copy System, Inc. for their new copier lease agreement. Mrs. Pesch informed Board members that she was very pleased with Watts Copy System. She stated getting information from two other companies. The representative from Watts was great with correspondence and thorough with explanations of a new lease agreement. Watts will install a new copier towards the end of June and move it to the new building if necessary.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Trustee Lannert moved to approve the Copier Agreement. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion.

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

VII. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Copier Information
- B. Next Village of Bellevue Meeting – May 9, 2023

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Trustee Pesch made a motion to go into Executive Session to review previous Executive Session Minutes. Trustee Lannert seconded the motion.

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

Entered Executive Session at 6:20

IX. 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 6:33 p.m.**