

**VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE  
REGULAR SESSION  
OCTOBER 11, 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 Sandra Cooper, Trustee Leroy Wiseman, Trustee Ross Pesch

**Absent:** Trustee Martin Schuettler

**Also in Attendance:** Mayor Dean Merriman; Attorney Lane Alster; Matthew Raible, Village Zoning Officer; Susan Pesch, Village Clerk; Theresa Johanson, Village Treasurer; William Snow, Village Resident; Peoria County Deputy Cogdal; Penny Silzer, Licensed Professional Geologist; David Woodson, Village Resident

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

- A.** Trustee Lannert moved to approve the Regular and Executive Session Minutes held on September 27, 2022. Trustee Wight seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Passed**

- B.** Trustee Wiseman moved to approve the Bills for October 11, 2022. Trustee Pesch seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**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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William Snow inquired about the walking trail and the signs posted. Matthew Raible stated that signs have been placed on the abandoned trail. Attorney Alster said that the all-terrain and motorized vehicles are illegal on the abandoned trail. The resident could only walk on the trail.

Penny Silzer, Geologist for Midwest Environmental Consulting & Remediation Services, Inc. presented the Board members with information in regards to a request for a Groundwater Use Restriction Ordinance in the Village. She gave Board members a model ordinance document from the IEPA. She discussed locations of the former gas stations. Ms. Silzer explained that several Municipalities have been adopting ordinances in regards to groundwater use. Board members discussed the potential to adopt such a policy and if it was actually needed within the Village of Bellevue. One of the locations is a residence and the others are commercial properties. Attorney Alster asked for the information to be sent for review.

David Woodson inquired about the zoning on his property. He stated that his property is not zoned commercial. Attorney Alster stated that his property is zoned commercial. Mayor Merriman commented that, at one time, the property could have been zoned residential. Board members discussed having Mr. Woodson filling out an application for re-zoning. Mayor Merriman said that he would check the past ordinances. Attorney Alster stated that he could not legally begin building on his property until receiving the appropriate permit. It will also take a certain number of days for the state statute for re-zoning the property. Board members discussed the cost of a permit with his property currently zoned commercial. If the property was zoned residential, it would have fewer restrictions and the permit cost would be less. Attorney Alster stated that he would also check into the ordinances.

**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.

Attorney Alster stated that the tax levy was increasing. It has been a slow progression. The Village would need to do a taxation hearing. Attorney Alster informed Board members that the Village will have 3 seats at the next election in April. He would get the necessary information needed in December.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

- A.** Trustee Wiseman moved to approve the Ordinance Making the Appropriations for The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022 Ending June 30, 2023. Trustee Lannert seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

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

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- B.** Trustee Wiseman moved to approve the Ordinance Employment Agreement for Steve Wilson. Trustee Pesch seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

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

- C.** Trustee Pesch moved to approve the Ordinance Employment Agreement for Matthew Raible. Trustee Lannert seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

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

- D.** Item removed from the agenda-Purchase Property on Oak Vue Avenue-Tax ID #1711329001. Mayor Merriman stated that this item is removed from the agenda. Attorney Alster commented that the property owner accepted the offer. However, the language of the contract needs to be agreed upon with the property owner.

**VII. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A.** Peoria County Sheriff's Contract-Mayor Merriman discussed the increase in the Sheriff's contract. The increase would be an estimated \$145,000 per year. Board members discussed whether the Village would benefit from renewing the contract. Board members stated that they would like to speak with the Peoria County Sheriff in regards to the increase in the contract. The contract reflects having a Peoria County Deputy for 8 hours per day, 7 days per week. Mayor Merriman stated that he would check with the Sheriff about attending a meeting for the discussion.
- B.** Resident Zoning Questions – Building Ordinance
- C.** Resident Inquiry – Fines Waived-Mayor Merriman informed Board members that a Village resident wanted his \$500 fine waived from placing a building without a permit on his property. The resident had taken down the building and would like the fine waived. The majority of the Board members agreed not to waive the fine for the resident. Trustee Lannert refrained from any comment on this matter.
- D.** Next Meeting – October 25, 2022

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Passed**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 p.m.**