## **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Bellevue Mayor Pro-Tem 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 6:04 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem 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: Mayor Merriman, 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; Tim Menefee, Village Business Owner

#### **III. ACTION ITEMS**

**A.** Trustee Wight moved to approve the Regular and Closed Session Minutes held on November 22, 2022. Trustee Lannert seconded the motion.

### Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Passed

**B.** Trustee Wiseman moved to approve the Bills for December 13, 2022. Trustee Pesch seconded the motion.

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

#### **IV. PRESENTATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

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

A Village resident informed the Board members that her package was stolen off of her front step. She stated that there was evidence on her camera footage. The Peoria County Deputy responded to the call and told the resident that he would tell the Bellevue Officer. Trustee Lannert asked the resident if she followed up with the Sheriff's Department. If not, to call Peoria County Deputy Cogdal. The resident stated that she received her package later. Trustee Lannert stated that there should be a police report. She could also contact Sheriff Watkins. Mrs. Pesch commented to always ask for a case number. This number can be used when following up in regards to any incident.

Mr. Menefee informed Board members that St. Jude is always looking for donations. With the \$5,000 appropriations for charitable contributions, he asked Board members to consider contributing to St. Jude. St. Jude has an organization called St. Jude Rides. It is a group of motorcycle enthusiasts who raise money all year long. They make a sizable contribution to St. Jude. The Village could donate to this organization. Mr. Menefee explained that Jill Libert put together information for Board members to review. She is with the St. Jude Rides. Trustee Wight stated that the money could be split between the St. Jude Ride and the St. Jude Hospital. Mr. Menefee said that any way to help, would be appreciated. The \$5,000 would get distributed. Childhood cancer is a struggle for parents. Trustee Lannert stated to add it to the first meeting in January for approval.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem 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 414 test results for asbestos came back positive. The asbestos is mainly in the flooring of the kitchen. New flooring can be installed over the existing flooring. This work would depend on what is decided by Bellevue. The Village of Bellevue was charged \$1,800.00 to test for asbestos.

Trustee Wight stated that she and Trustee Cooper were unaware about the Caucus Meeting. Attorney Alster explained that it was posted on the front door at the Village Hall on November 8, 2022. Information was also discussed with Board members at the previous Board meetings.

Trustee Cooper asked Mrs. Pesch if she was going to be at the Village Hall on December 19, 2022 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Pesch commented that she would be available on this date for individuals to drop off packets. Attorney Alster informed Board members that it is a rule to list the independent candidates in order by whoever drops packets off.

Trustee Wiseman commented that trucks that deliver packages will ring the doorbell. He had someone drop off a package. The package was not addressed to him.

Attorney Alster informed the Board members that he would be driving around on December 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Christmas Lights contest.

Mr. Wilson stated that the price on the handicap accessible door at 414 S. Main was around \$12,000. Attorney Alster said that the Board members could not make a motion to vote on this until the next Board meeting. He asked Mrs. Pesch to add it to the agenda for the next meeting in January.

Mrs. Pesch stated that she spoke with Mayor Merriman in regards to inquiring about a laptop during the Board meeting. Attorney Alster commented that money has already been appropriated. He explained to Mrs. Pesch that the laptop could not be more than \$1,000.

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**A.** Trustee Pesch moved to approve to Cancel the December 27, 2022 Meeting. Trustee Lannert seconded the motion.

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

**B.** Trustee Pesch moved to approve the Pre-Approval to Pay Bills for December 27, 2022. Trustee Wiseman seconded the motion.

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

C. Trustee Cooper moved to approve to Employ Susan Pesch as the Office Manager at an hourly wage of \$18.00 for a maximum 7 hours per week to begin December 01, 2022 and maximum of 20 hours per week to begin July 01, 2023. Trustee Wight seconded the motion.

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

D. Trustee Lannert moved to authorize Mayor Merriman to execute the Peoria County Sheriff/Village Intergovernmental Agreement for the Police Services. Trustee Wight seconded the motion. Trustee Lannert stated that the Village needs this contract. Trustee Cooper commented that it is important for the Village of Bellevue to have police protection.

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

**E.** Trustee Lannert moved to approve the Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022 and Ending June 30, 2023.

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

\*Item not on the agenda Trustee Lannert moved to approve the Maintenance Appropriation for 2023. Trustee Wight seconded the motion.

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

### **VII. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. 2023 Road Projects-Mr. Wilson reviewed estimates for 2023. Each Board member was given a detailed document. Trustee Lannert asked for a show of hands for Mr. Wilson to put the projects out for bid. Board members agreed for Mr. Wilson to begin the bid process.
- B. Next Village of Bellevue Meeting January 10, 2023

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Pesch moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Lannert seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Passed

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:37 p.m.