

**Village of Bellevue  
Regular Session  
August 22, 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:** Mayor Dean Merriman, Trustee Aaron Lannert, Trustee Sandra Cooper, Trustee Paul Eichhorn, Trustee Judith Wight, Trustee Leroy Wiseman, Trustee Ross Pesch

**Absent:**

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

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

- A.** Trustee Pesch moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes and Executive Session Minutes held on August 08, 2023. Trustee Lannert seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Passed

- B.** Trustee Lannert moved to approve the Bills for August 22, 2023. Trustee Eichhorn seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6  
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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**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.

Mrs. Johanson informed Board members that the annual MFT audit this week went well. There was a slight issue but everything went through until next calendar year.

Mr. Wilson informed Board members that there is a tree at 325 Bellevue Ave. that needs to be taken down. It is more on the line of the property of the Village. It will cost the Village \$3,000 to take down. Attorney Alster commented that it would be negligent for the Village not to take it down. Mr. Wilson stated that the amount includes tree and stump removal.

Mr. Wilson informed Board members that MFT has not been approved for 2023 and he would need to contact Mohr & Kerr.

Trustee Lannert inquired about the future plans of the home across from the Village Hall. The home could be leased for residential property. Mayor Merriman responded that the Village is tax exempt and should not get into rental property. Trustee Lannert stated that the Village could make money by renting the property. Attorney Alster commented that municipalities do not generally get into rental property. Mayor Merriman said that the Village purchased the property because it is attached to the maintenance building. Trustee Wight commented that the Village needs to do something with it. Mayor Merriman asked what it would cost to fix up because it does not have heat or air. Mr. Wilson stated that it would be approximately \$30,000 to fix up. Trustee Pesch asked how much it would cost to take down. Mr. Wilson commented that it might cost \$10,000 to demolish the home.

Trustee Wight stated that she has asked four times to have committees, a carnival, and a gathering for Steve and Matt added to the agenda. Planning cannot be done overnight. She explained to Mayor Merriman that he had told her at the last meeting that it would be included on the agenda.

Trustee Wight stated that someone reached out to her in regards to the AT & T power grid. Residents were told to call the Village. The box is dead and rusted. Mr. Wilson stated that he would check into it. Trustee Wight stated that kids play around the box and could get hurt.

Trustee Wight informed the Board members that she would like to see more communication between all Trustees and the Mayor.

Mrs. Pesch stated that she had a discussion with Attorney Alster in regards to agenda items. Attorney Alster informed her that Mayor Merriman would give her agenda items for each meeting.

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Mr. Wilson informed Board members that he called a few places in regards to a new roof for 414 S. Main St. Only one business came to give an estimate. Kreiling Roofing gave an estimate of \$26,000 to shingle the roof. He stated that a tin roof would be cheaper if they did the work. Trustee Pesch asked what the cost would be in-house for the tin roof and the labor. The roof would come with a warranty if Kreiling did the work. Mr. Wilson stated that if they did the work, they would need to remove the shingles to replace the metal roofing. Attorney Alster commented that the materials would be warrantied, but if Steve and Matt do the work, there is no warranty. Trustee Pesch asked how long it would take Steve and Matt to complete the work. Mr. Wilson commented that it would take 2-3 weeks. Mr. Wilson stated that the flooring was scheduled for late September.

Attorney Alster made a statement to let the record reflect that Trustee Pesch left at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Wilson informed Board members that a dispensary had inquired about property in the Village. There was discussion between Board members in regards to the financial benefits for the Village. Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Pesch stated that 2-3 individuals have inquired about dispensaries in the Village within the last 6 months. Mayor Merriman asked for a show of hands if interested in listening to the individual. Mayor Merriman stated that he would ask the individual that is inquiring about a dispensary to attend the next meeting and discuss their information.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

- A.** Trustee Pesch moved to approve the TIF Annual Reports. Trustee Lannert seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6  
                              Nays: 0  
                              Motion Passed

- B.** Trustee Lannert moved to approve the tin roof repairs for 414 S. Main St. Trustee Wight seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 5  
                              Nays: 1  
                              Motion Passed

**VII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A.** Discussion of Appropriation Worksheet-Attorney Alster reviewed the worksheet with the Board members.

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- B.** Discussion of New Hire for Maintenance Position-Mayor Merriman stated that this item was removed.
- C.** Discussion to Change Mayor Pro-Tem-Mayor Merriman stated that this item was removed.
- D.** Next Village of Bellevue Meeting - September 12, 2023

Board members went into Executive Session @ 7:35 p.m.

**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 7:46 p.m.