

**Village of Bellevue
Regular Session
September 12, 2023**

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; Matthew Raible, Village Zoning Officer; Theresa Johanson, Village Treasurer; Susan Pesch, Village Clerk; Deputy Winder, Peoria County Sheriff's Department

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A.** Trustee Lannert moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes and Executive Session Minutes held on August 22, 2023. Trustee Wight seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed

- B.** Trustee Wiseman moved to approve the Bills for September 12, 2023. Trustee Lannert 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.

Trustee Lannert inquired about the Middle Rd. status. Attorney Alster informed the Board members that the owner of the property needs to be served papers. They have not been able to serve him. Board members discussed getting a Private Process Server. The owner is in violation of the Ordinance.

Trustee Lannert asked if there could be a Deputy for daily school dismissal @ 2:30 p.m. Deputy Winder stated that he starts his shift at 2:45 p.m. but could sign on early.

Trustee Wight inquired about the police reports. Mrs. Pesch commented that the reports are in a binder for Board members.

Trustee Wight stated that the issue with speeding on Closen Rd. continues. Deputy Winder said that he would check into it.

Trustee Pesch asked about the status of the carport on Anna Ave. Mayor Merriman said that the carport has been taken down. Attorney Alster stated that the ticket had not been filed. The other ticket was filed. The retaining wall was almost completed. Mr. Raible stated that he would send a letter in regards to the grass.

Trustee Lannert asked about the status of the homeowner with the retention pond. Attorney Alster informed Board members that the homeowner has not been served yet. There are pending fines. Mr. Krupps is trying to organize a meeting to discuss the HOA. The homeowner fines will accumulate. Court will issue a solid fine.

Trustee Wight commented that the new hall is costing a lot of money. Trustee Pesch said that they have saved a lot of money by having most of the work done by Steve and Matt. Mayor Merriman stated that the new building will be handicap accessible and beneficial to the community. The new hall will be more spacious for meetings.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A.** Trustee Lannert moved to approve the Ordinance Making the Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 Ending June 30, 2024. Trustee Pesch seconded the motion. Attorney Alster informed Board members that the appropriation documents were sent in the mail. Amounts were based on the previous worksheet that was discussed. Trustee Cooper stated that she was not happy with the charitable contributions removed from the appropriations. Mayor Merriman commented that since he has been on the Board, it was the first-time money was given. Attorney Alster commented that charitable contributions are for public purpose.

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Money should be donated to taxing bodies. We have miscellaneous expenses. Charitable contributions could come out of miscellaneous. Board members discussed the recent donations. Trustee Pesch stated that the Board needs to come together and create more revenue. They could review permit, liquor, and gaming fees. New businesses would benefit the Village.

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

- B.** Trustee Wight moved to approve to employ Mike Mosher for the maintenance position. Trustee Eichhorn seconded the motion. Mayor Merriman informed Board members that he wanted to hire Steve's nephew for the maintenance position. Board members discussed the expectations for the position. Mayor Merriman stated that Mr. Mosher is aware that he has a 6-month probationary period and would need to get a CDL License. Mr. Mosher's employment would be terminated if the requirements were not fulfilled. Mayor Merriman informed Board members that Mr. Mosher has already assisted with the curbs and cement finishing.

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

VII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A.** Open House 414 S. Main St./Party-Mayor Merriman stated that he discussed an Open House with Steve. They would like an Open House at the new Village Hall once it is completed. Originally a party was discussed. Open House would potentially be in the spring. Mayor Merriman said that he does not recall that a carnival was ever discussed. Trustee Lannert stated that the previous carnival took almost 2 years for planning. Mayor Merriman said that they could keep the gathering simple.
- B.** New Hire - Maintenance Position
- C.** Committees-Mayor Merriman stated that Trustee Wight has inquired about committees. He commented that Mr. Raible could use help with planning and zoning. Trustee Wight could assist with a clean-up committee. Attorney Alster commented about following the Open Meetings Act with meetings and avoiding violations. Special Meetings would need to be posted 48 hours in advance. Trustee Wiseman stated that he is happy with the way the Board meetings are being held. Everyone is doing a good job.
- D.** Next Village of Bellevue Meeting - September 26, 2023

Board Members moved into Executive Session @ 6:46 p.m.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice Vote: All Ayes

Motion Passed

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:56 p.m.