

**Bellaire Village Council
Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2021**

1. **Call to Order:** President Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call Attendance:**

Present: President Dan Bennett, Council Trustees Dave Ciganick, Trish Drollinger, Bryan Hardy, Eldon McPherson, & Helen Schuckel.

Absent: Trustee Pat Boyd

Staff Present: Cathy Odom, Treasurer, Bill Drollinger, Chief of Police & Bradley Keiser, DPW Supervisor.

Also Present: Terry VanAlstine, Margie Boyd, Sue Ring, Jean & Don Seman.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the addition of new business item g, Resolution #24 of 2021, budget amendments.

Motion by Schuckel, seconded by Hardy, to approve the agenda with the addition of new business item g, Resolution #24 of 2021, budget amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. **Conflict of Interest:** Trustee Drollinger noted a conflict with new business item e, Police Officer Wage Scale.

5. **Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was approved.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Schuckel, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. **Public Comment:** None presented.

7. **Old Business**

a) **County Update:** Mr. VanAlstine stated that the County has several open employment positions if anyone is interested in applying. Mr. Vitale retired and they hired Mitchell Bart. They approved Dr. David May & Jennifer Held RN for the doctor and nurse at the jail. The County is taking bids for the Pete Wilkes Forest area to do a selective logging. They thinned the pines at Murphy Park. They also sold the Doerr Rd property in Mancelona to Heritage Sustainable Energy which deals with solar energy.

b) **DDA Update:** An update was not provided at this meeting.

c) **Downtown Restroom Update:** Mr. Keiser said he spoke with them about a delay in construction and they are now working on completing the roof. We would like to get the roof up and get it heated so the cement can be poured. There will be radiant heat through the restrooms and the front half under the pavilion will be set at a lesser temperature and act as a snow melt system.

d) **Ball Field Improvement Update:** Mr. Keiser informed Council that the fence will not go up until spring due to some posts that are backordered. DPW will put up some snow fence so people cannot drive on the fields.

8. New Business

- a) **Bellaire Historical Society Sign Request:** Jean Seman explained that this sign idea was already presented to Council but they now have a design and location for them. The signs will be placed in 5 locations in the Village. Three signs will be located on Mr. Short's property, which he has already approved. She said two will be by the community hall. They would like to place two on the community hall building, one on the Tiffany building and one on the old hardware building. The rest of the signs would be mounted on poles. One at Depot St., two at the park, maybe one inside the park, and then at the bridge. They would also like one at the Sheriffs House and one at the jail. The direction of the sign and how it will face to read it at the Sheriff's House was discussed. The signs will be 23 x 14 on aluminum with a matt finish. They will work with Mr. Keiser to determine the best way to mount them; the best location and the best direction for the face of the signs.

Motion by Hardy, seconded by Drollinger, to accept the signs as written and leave it up to the discretion of the DPW and Historical Society to figure out placement. Motion carried by voice vote.

- b) **Planning Commission Appointments:** The Planning Commission appointments for Mr. Seman and Mr. Dewey have expired. Both would like to be reappointed. President Bennett would like to reappoint them.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Hardy, to accept the reappointment of Don Seman and Butch Dewey to the Planning Commission with their new terms ending November 30, 2024. Motion carried by voice vote.

- c) **ZBA Appointments:** The ZBA appointments for Mr. Udell and Mr. Massey as the alternate have expired. Both would like to be reappointed to the same positions. President Bennett would like to reappoint them. There is also one opening due to Mrs. Stanish's resignation. The position has been posted, but at this time there has been no interest.

Motion by Hardy, seconded by McPherson, to accept the reappointment of Scott Udell and Robert Massey as the alternate to the ZBA with their new terms ending November 15, 2024. Motion carried by voice vote.

- d) **Act 99 Loan-Plow Outfitting:** This is the loan paperwork for the outfitting of the new plow truck. The truck is ready and can be picked up. If the loan documents are approved we can have it tomorrow. The resolution to approve will be Resolution #23 of 2021.

Motion by Hardy, seconded by Boyd, to approve Resolution #23 of 2021, the Act 99 loan for the outfitting of the new plow truck. Motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Hardy, Boyd, Ciganick, Drollinger, McPherson, Schuckel & Bennett. Nays: None.

- e) **Police Officer Wage Scale:** Trustee Ciganick has asked that this be on the agenda for review and discussion. He would like to make sure we are taking a proactive approach to avoid losing police officers to higher wages being offered elsewhere. He explained the report that was presented provided wage information of surrounding communities. Officers looking for work could travel for a more competitive wage. He is asking Council to give consideration this and suspects it will go to committee for review. President Bennett also presented a report providing information from Antrim County communities. He noted that one thing to review was taxable values from the different communities. He also noted that we should look at total compensation, which includes benefits. He suggested that this be sent to the Administration Committee for further review.

- f) **Shorts Anniversary Party:** This is on the agenda to inform Council that Short's has cancelled their anniversary party in 2022.
- g) **Resolution #24 of 2021, Budget Amendments:** This resolution includes the revenue and expense for the balance of the plow truck and also to amend the budget for the expense of the Police Academy.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Hardy, to approve Resolution #24 of 2021, budget amendments. Motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Boyd, Hardy, Ciganick, Drollinger, McPherson, Schuckel & Bennett. Nays: None.

9. Discussion Items: None presented.

10. Department/Committee Reports:

- a) **Committee Reports:** Committee minutes, for the committees that have met, were included in packets for review.
- b) **Clerk/Zoning Administrator:** Nothing presented.
- c) **Treasurer/Deputy Clerk:** Treasurer Odom informed Council that the Friends of the Veterans dropped off a calendar to solicit sales. The calendar includes a picture of the community hall on one of the months. If you would like one please see Ray Mills or Bryan Hardy who has some at his office. They are \$10.00.
- d) **Department of Public Works:** Mr. Keiser informed Council that the décor is up. We will help decorate the tree for the Chamber tree lighting. The EZ Rink is going up tomorrow. The new truck is ready for pick up. He informed Council that he was hit by a driver when plowing last week and explained the damage to the truck. We are currently waiting on the police report to send it in to the insurance company. He was able to complete some repairs to get the truck back on the road because it is the only sander we have at the moment. He also informed Council that Don Lash was grateful to be recognized by the Village for the work he did to clean up the area by his shop.
- e) **Police Department:** Broad St. by the bathhouse will be closed for the soup cook off this Saturday. Haley graduates from the Academy on December 10th. The police office has been moved upstairs and invited Council to see it after the meeting if they would like. He also informed Council that the Friends of the Veterans flag ceremony went well with no problems at the park.
- f) **Planning Commission:** Nothing presented.

11. Closing Member/Public Comment:

12. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Compiled by Cathy Odom
Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____