

**Bellaire Village Council
Meeting Minutes
September 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 Eldon McPherson, Trish Drollinger, Pat Boyd, Dave Ciganick, Helen Schuckel & Bryan Hardy.
 - Absent:** None
 - Staff Present:** Cathy Odom, Treasurer, Bill Drollinger, Chief of Police & Bradley Keiser, DPW Supervisor.
 - Also Present:** Jeannie Burns, Mary Smith, Linda Gallagher & Zach Piscopo.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the addition of new business item d, Friends of the Veterans Request & item e, Parks & Recreation Survey.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Schuckel, to approve the agenda with the addition of new business item d, Friends of the Veterans Request & item e, Parks & Recreation Survey. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. **Conflict of Interest:** None presented.
5. **Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was approved.

Motion by Schuckel, seconded by McPherson, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **Public Comment:** None presented.
7. **Old Business**
 - a) **DDA Update:** President Bennett informed Council that he met with Aspen, a company that will provide information on community wide Wi-Fi. He also met with the County as they are also doing some research for this service. The DDA is also looking at placing a map in the location of the new restrooms. Mr. Keiser said he has been talking with Doreen from the DDA about way finding signs for the entire community.
8. **New Business**
 - a) **Resolution #21 of 2021, Budget Amendment:** This will amend the budget to include the restroom project and the revenue received from the loan for the new snow plow truck.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Hardy, to approve Resolution #21 of 2021, a budget amendment for the public restrooms and the loan proceeds for the new plow truck. Motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Boyd, Hardy, Ciganick, Drollinger, McPherson, Schuckel & Bennett. Nays: None.
 - b) **Restrooms Update:** Mr. Keiser informed Council that building supplies have started coming into the DPW. The contractor was going to start the week before Rubber Duck and was asked to wait until after the festival so he put one job in front of ours and should be starting in the next week or two with the hope of being done before snow.
 - c) **Craven Park Ball Field Improvement Update:** Mr. Keiser informed Council that the power is now off, the concession stand is coming down tomorrow and Dura Edge will be coming in September 7 to take over the project. There was discussion of possible additional cost because they will be taking over sooner than expected. He was not given any additional cost information. We have a signed quote for the original cost of the project and there are no additional costs included.

- d) **Friends of the Veterans Request:** The Friends of the Veterans would like to put a box on the flag pole at Richardi Park. The box will hold pamphlets with information about the organization. It will be removed for the winter and put up for the summer months only.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Schuckel, to approve the Friends of the Veterans request for the pamphlet box on the flag pole at Richardi Park. Motion carried by voice vote.

- e) **Park & Recreation Survey:** We have to update our Parks & Recreation Plan by the end of 2022. A survey was written to gather feedback from residents. The Parks Committee has reviewed it, made a couple of changes and is recommending approval so it can be sent to the residents. Changes made were to specify that the Cedar River trails were at Craven Park and to include the name of the peninsula discussed in the survey as the Richardi Park River Peninsula.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Ciganick, to approve the amended Parks & recreation Plan Survey. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. Discussion Items:

- a) **Forest Home Township Master Plan:** The Forest Home Township has completed the draft of their Master Plan and it is ready for review and comment. It is required that municipalities send this out to other local units for input. It can be seen on their website at www.foresthometwp.com. Once the comment period is over, the township will schedule the required public hearing.

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:** Nothing presented.
- d) **Department of Public Works:** They are paving the northwest section of town. Waterline replacement has been completed in the area with roughly 30 waterlines being completed. Paving should be done tomorrow.
- e) **Police Department:** Haley began her classes at the academy.
- f) **Planning Commission:** Nothing presented.

11. Closing Member/Public Comment:

- **Linda Gallagher:** Ms. Gallagher would like Council to consider the use of virtual meetings for those residents that would like to attend meetings but do not want to be there in person. Mary Brown agrees and would like to see it virtually.
- **Jeannie Burns:** Ms. Burns asked why Broad St. is called the open space. It was explained that it is not the open space and was told that the parking lot area is considered the open space. She also asked why Broad St. by Hello Vino is allowed to be used as a patio. She noted that she believes there is not enough room for people to walk through and that it shouldn't be allowed. Mr. Keiser noted that the sidewalk is ADA compliant and due to the pandemic, she was given permission to put up her tables. Trustee Drollinger noted that the agreement allowing her to use the sidewalk expires October 31st and Council will consider the complaint when reviewing its renewal.

- **Zach Piscopo:** Mr. Piscopo commented on the offer from Short's to purchase the village owned property where the restrooms are going to be built. He also commented on the article in the newspaper about the proposed building concept for downtown. He wanted information about the process of amending the zoning ordinance. He said he is not in support of the proposed building concept stating that we are not Traverse City and it doesn't belong in the Village. Parking would be an issue if this 3-story building is allowed to be built. Mr. Piscopo would like to work on changing the zoning ordinance and asked if signatures are needed. Ms. Gallagher informed Council that she was told that this project is currently just a concept and that Mr. Short is not close to beginning this project. Trustees and staff explained the process by which the zoning ordinance can be amended. When the next Planning Commission meeting would be held was discussed.
- **Eldon McPherson:** Mr. McPherson asked about looking into Facebook Live for the next zoning meeting. Mr. Boyd stated that with Facebook Live you don't address the comments because comments have to be in person. Mr. McPherson said one way to get the community involved is to find have a program that could.

12. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Compiled by Cathy Odom
Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____