

**Bellaire Village Council
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 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:** N/A
 - Staff Present:** Cathy Odom, Treasurer, Nicole Essad, Clerk & Bill Drollinger, Chief of Police.
 - Also Present:** Terry VanAlstine, Christy Wilson & Tracy Mooney
3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the addition of the Pledge of Allegiance and changing old business item b, DDA, Board Member Resignation to Resignations.
Motion by Boyd, seconded by Schuckel, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. **Conflict of Interest:** None presented.
5. **Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was approved.
Motion by McPherson, 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:** Walt Bedell resigned as director of Veteran Affairs and the County will be looking to refill the position. Bob White was hired as the new mechanic at Antrim County Transportation. Hazardous waste is this week in Elk Rapids, August 14 in Bellaire, and September 11 in Mancelona. They will also be taking tires free of charge due to a grant they received. The County reduced the general fund millage and approved paying 1.5 million to the unfunded liability to get it paid down. They received information about the redistricting. The lawsuit about the election has been dismissed. They have not heard as of yet if there will be an appeal.
 - b) **DDA Update**
 - **Update:** President Bennett explained that the DDA approved the Unified Action Plan and that it is ready for the Council to review and accept if they approve. There was a lengthy discussion about the public restrooms with some members opposed to its construction at this time. There have been two resignations received, one from Louise Wenzel and another from Joe Short. President Bennett explained that due to this, Council may want to take a hard look at the direction of the DDA. Some communities have their Planning Commissions act as the DDA. He suggested that Council think about how they want to see the DDA move forward and this can be discussed at the next meeting.
 - **Board Member Resignations:** We received two DDA board member resignations, one from Louise Wenzel and one from Joe Short.
Motion by Hardy, seconded by Boyd, to accept the DDA Board resignations of Louise Wenzel and Joe Short. Motion carried by voice vote.

- c) **Resolution #18 of 2021, Unified Action Plan:** Clerk Essad explained that the Steering Committee has outlined three projects in the Plan, which include downtown restrooms, downtown Wi-Fi & Richardi Park improvements. Also in the Plan is an addendum, which outlines the roles each entity will play in each of the projects. Also included are letters of support from a number of people and organizations. The resolution will approve the Plan and roles for each entity. President Bennett reminded Council that the DDA cannot spend their funds on projects outside of the DDA District and Richardi Park is not included in their District.

Motion by McPherson, seconded by Drollinger, to approve Resolution #18 of 2021, the Unified Action Plan. Motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes: McPherson, Drollinger, Boyd, Ciganick, Hardy, Schuckel & Bennett. Nays: None.

8. New Business

- a) **Veteran Memorial Monument-Flowers:** Trustee Hardy explained that Mr. Griffith would like to see a couple of flower pots alongside the memorial in front of the community hall. He would also like to see it with a spotlight. Mr. Keiser looked into it and found that with the spotlight on the flag and the streetlight, there is plenty of light shining on the memorial.

Motion by Hardy, seconded by Boyd, to place two pots of flowers, one on each side of the Veteran Memorial in front of the community hall. Motion carried by voice vote.

- b) **Ordinance #ZO 1 of 2021, Zoning Ordinance Amendment:** The Planning Commission held a public hearing concerning a zoning ordinance amendment. The minutes of the public hearing are included in your packets. The amendment will allow for a private recreation and entertainment facility use in the manufacturing district. The Planning Commission is recommending that it be approved.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson, to approve Ordinance #ZO 1 of 2021, allowing private recreation or entertainment facilities as a permitted use in the manufacturing district. Motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Boyd, McPherson, Ciganick, Drollinger, Hardy, Schuckel & Bennett. Nays: None.

- c) **Crosswalk Addition Request:** The County Administrator has asked if we could put an additional cross walk on Broad St. by the parking lot by the food pantry to the sidewalk by the courthouse. Costs for the crosswalk and who will pay for it was discussed. If a curb cut is needed, there will be costs for a curb cut, signs and paint. Mr. VanAlstine noted that if the County requested it, then it should go before the Commissioners and he didn't know about the request, but he will look into it. Mr. VanAlstine suggested obtaining quotes for the cost of putting the crosswalk in and he can take it to the County Board where it can be discussed.

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:** Clerk Essad informed Council that the zoning office has issued 17 permits so far this year. She also noted that CAKE Cisma asked about coming back to treat the Purple Loosestrife. They have to access the location on Village property. Council approved this last year and they want to treat it again. There is no cost to the Village.
- c) **Treasurer/Deputy Clerk:** The Treasurer's office is getting ready for the tax season.
- d) **Department of Public Works:** None presented.

e) **Police Department:** Chief Drollinger explained he is in the process of getting the cadet ready to attend the academy.

f) **Planning Commission:** Nothing presented.

11. Closing Member/Public Comment:

- **Trustee Boyd:** Trustee Boyd updated Council on the trail from Bellaire to Central Lake. The committee has created a survey and identified a potential route which is within the State right-of-way. MDOT is aware of the route but it is not approved at this time. The potential route can be viewed on their website. The survey will be mailed to all Village of Bellaire, Forest Home Township, Central Lake Township and Central Lake Village residents. They have also asked if we can post it on our website and on our Facebook page. Possible resistance from properties this path will cross and how it will move forward with that resistance was discussed.
- **Terry VanAlstine:** Mr. VanAlstine thanked Council for moving forward with the restroom project downtown.

12. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Compiled by Cathy Odom
Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____