

Bellaire Village Council
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2023
7:00 PM

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, Pat Boyd, Eldon McPherson & Helen Schuckel.

Absent: Bryan Hardy

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

Also Present: Terry VanAlstine, Deanna Jerdee, Ron Damer, Margie Boyd & Shelly Dayton.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the addition of new business item g, Millage Rates and moving closed session from item g to item h.

Motion by Schuckel, seconded by Boyd, 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 as presented.

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

6. **Public Comment:** Deanna Jerdee from Paddle Antrim thanked the Board for considering the festival event and for their continued support of our partnership.

7. **Old Business**

a) **County Update:** Kearney Township and the County came to an agreement for unclaimed remains for their interment. Household hazardous waste is scheduled for Saturday July 22 at Bellaire High School. The playground equipment has been installed at Barnes Park. Reservations open on April 12th with camping allowed on May 26th and the Petoskey Stone Festival is on May 27. Friday from noon to 3:00 pm the Veteran's Affairs will have an open house at the office. Coffee Talks will be held the third Wednesday of every month at M-88 Morning Grind from 8:30 to 10:00 am. There is also a free veteran's dinner every third Thursday from 5-7 pm at South Torch Lake Township Fire Department in Alden. They are moving forward with the building façade project. The Health Department renovation which will house the road patrol and Sheriff's offices has been put out for bid. The old Bellaire Health Center is going to become a behavioral health center. EGLE put out some brine restrictions, road commission fought the timeline, and they now have a year for compliancy so that regulation details can be worked out. Eddy School Road is now working on the culverts, once complete they will begin the work on the road.

b) **DDA Update:** The Flip Flops & Flamingo and Spring Fling events went well. They do have directional signs ordered. The Culver Art Project is moving forward. They will be having a soft opening in June. A Meet & Greet event is coming up in May. They received an update about the County renovation project from Janet Koch.

- c) **Ball Field Update:** Brick sales are going well. It has raised approximately \$4,000 to date. They are also working on other fundraising projects. Lamina has decided not to donate the steel beams that will be used to install the scoreboards. Lamina said the cost would be \$4,700. We are looking into other sources. Trustee Drollinger suggested a fundraiser, which, depending on the size of the donation, would allow naming rights to the fields.
- d) **Police Millage:** The Village can place this on the November ballot and the deadline for the proposal and the ballot language is in August. We would have the only item on the ballot so the cost of the election would fall entirely on the Village. The attorney reviewed and approved the ballot language. The council reviewed the language correcting one typographical error. It was noted that the labor attorney suggested using the funds budgeted for his expense that he believed would not be used to help fund the election. That would help cover some of the cost. The council discussed costs and election dates to determine the best option for the Village.

Motion by McPherson, seconded by Ciganick, to proceed with putting the public safety millage proposal on the November ballot so we have a reflection of what we can do for our budget plus there will be no conflict with County public safety proposals. Motion carried by voice vote.

- e) **Hickory Lane Subrogation-Mediation Hearing:** The proposed settlement amount is \$14,500. Of this amount, the insurance company would receive \$4,930 and we would receive the balance of \$9,570. The attorney costs would be \$3,158.10 which the Village would pay. Overall, the Village would recoup a little over half of the cost.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson, to accept the proposed settlement of \$14,500. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. New Business

- a) **Paddle Antrim Festival:** The Paddle Antrim event is scheduled for September 14-16. Paddlers will arrive at Richardi Park between 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm on the 15th and will depart the next morning from the Ohio St. boat launch at 8:00 am.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Drollinger, to approve the request for the Paddle Antrim Festival event. Motion carried by voice vote.

- b) **DMK Waterline Extension Agreement:** The attorney drew up the agreement for Tractor Supply's waterline extension project. They will install the main, once complete, the Village will maintain, and it addresses any future tap-ins with the revenue going to Tractor Supply.

Motion by McPherson, seconded by Boyd, to approve the waterline extension agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.

- c) **Campground Rules-Appliances:** Council discussed the campground rule that states no household furniture or full-size appliances are allowed on any campsite. The rules need some clarification due to campers bringing in larger appliances. Mr. Keiser noted that one camper even changed their address to the campground. Different types of appliances and sizes were discussed. Trustee Ciganick suggested no appliances larger than tabletop size be allowed. Large propane tanks were also discussed.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Boyd, to amend the campground rules to read no household furniture, no appliances larger than tabletop size and no propane tanks larger than 30 lbs. will be allowed on any campsite. Motion carried by voice vote.

- d) **BSBL Contract:** It is time to renew the little league contract. The only changes to it are the dates reflecting the new year.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Ciganick, to approve the 2023 little league contract. Motion carried by voice vote.

- e) **Paid Leave Request:** Treasurer Odom informed Council that she had 41 hours of paid leave she was unable to take before they expired and asked if Council would allow her to carry them over to the new year.

Motion by Boyd seconded by Ciganick, to allow the Treasurer to carry over her paid leave hours. Motion carried by voice vote.

- f) **Water leak Credit-502 Richardi St.:** Last month you approved a credit for a water leak that didn't go into the sewer at 502 Richardi St. We are seeking approval from Council for an additional credit for the same reason. It is on the agenda again due to additional gallons calculated that were also from the leak and did not go into the sewer. The credit amount is \$225.62. It was explained that due to reading meters in the middle of the month, and the timeframe of the discovery of the leak, these additional gallons were caused from that leak.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Ciganick, to approve the credit for the water leak at 502 Richardi St. Motion carried by voice vote.

- g) **Resolution #16 of 2023, Millage Rates:** The resolution will set the millage rates for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The rates will be 10.6801 for the operational millage, 3.1375 for streets and 1.4800 for the general obligation bond.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson, to approve Resolution 16 of 2023, setting the millage rates for 2023-24. Motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Boyd, McPherson, Ciganick, Dollinger, Schuckel & Bennett.

- h) **Closed Session:** A closed session was called to update the Council on union negotiations.

Motion by Ciganick, seconded by Boyd, to move into closed session for purposes of discussing union negotiations with the labor attorney. Motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Ciganick, Boyd, Drollinger, McPherson, Schuckel & Bennett.

Closed session was called at 7:41 PM

Closed session ended at 8:30 PM

Motion by McPherson, seconded by Boyd, to rise from the closed session. Motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes: McPherson, Boyd, Ciganick, Drollinger, Schuckel & Bennett.

- 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:** The audit report is almost complete; we should hopefully receive the draft by the next meeting.
- d) **Department of Public Works:** Mr. Keiser presented a written report which was included in their packets.
- e) **Police Department:** Chief Drollinger informed the Council that the Short's event went well. He also noted that he received complaints about the fence at Short's Beer Garden. He said he asked people to at least let him finish his project. There was further discussion about addressing the complaints and about his project. He also updated Council on the zoning projects and permits that have been issued.
- f) **Planning Commission:** Nothing presented.

11. Closing Member/Public Comment:

- **Ron Damer:** Mr. Keiser presented a park survey that Mr. Damer had given him that had been completed years ago. He thought Council would find it interesting. Mr. Keiser also noted, at Mr. Damer's request, that the Area Seniors have locked in the Petoskey Steel Drum Band, and they will be playing at Richardi Park on July 17, 2023. He will be requesting some handicap parking and parking on both sides of M-88 for that evening. Chief Drollinger noted that he didn't see a problem with working that out for the evening.

12. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Compiled by Cathy Odom
Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____