

Bellaire Village Council
Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2023
6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order:** President Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. **Roll Call Attendance:**

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

Absent: Trustee Bryan Hardy

Staff Present: Cathy Odom, Treasurer, Nicole Essad & Bill Drollinger, Chief of Police, Bradley Keiser, DPW Supervisor (6:35 pm).

Also Present: None

3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

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

4. **Conflict of Interest:** None presented.

5. **Public Comment:** None presented.

6. **Old Business:**

a) **Budget Discussion:** Council was presented with the latest financial statement and a discussion occurred. President Bennett noted that we have discussed revenue and with the budget cuts we made to the last budget, the only expenses left to review would be wages, health benefits, staff and/or pension. Trustee Boyd noted that we discussed revenues at length. Trustee Ciganick noted that as we move forward this year, we have to watch everything we spend. We need to make sure we don't create any additional expense. There was a lengthy discussion about the budget and the amount of fund balance in the general fund. Included in this discussion was the purchase of a new police department vehicle. It was noted the purpose of these meetings was to discuss how to maintain the budget without completely depleting the fund balance. The health insurance policy, co-pays and rates were discussed. The discussion then led to finding ways to increase revenues. Possible revenue from marijuana facilities was discussed. There are three types of facilities, grow, distribution and retail sales. Each of these types have different revenue options, how much the municipality might make depends on which type is allowed. Staff can look into the law and contact other municipalities that have allowed them to determine revenue that was generated from them. Trustee Ciganick asked if there were any assets that we are not using that we could sell, noting that nothing came to mind. Mr. Keiser said if we get the CDS grant for the waterline extension, we could possibly sell the boring machine that the water department purchased. This, however, doesn't affect the general fund. Sharing expenses with other municipalities was mentioned. Chief Drollinger noted that the police department already does some of this with the County and with the fire department. Short-term rentals were also discussed.

7. **New Business:** None presented.

9. **Discussion Items:** None presented.

10. Department/Committee Reports:

- a) **Committee Reports:** None presented.
- b) **Clerk/Zoning Administrator:** Nothing presented.
- c) **Treasurer/Deputy Clerk:** Nothing presented.
- d) **Department of Public Works:** Nothing presented.
- e) **Police Department:** Nothing presented.
- f) **Planning Commission:** Nothing presented.

11. **Closing Member/Public Comment:** Nothing presented.

12. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Compiled by Cathy Odom
Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____