

**Bellaire Village Council
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 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 Bryan Hardy, Pat Boyd, & Eldon McPherson.

Absent: Trustees Dave Ciganick, Trish Drollinger & Helen Schuckel.

Staff Present: Cathy Odom, Treasurer, Nicole Essad & Bill Drollinger, Chief of Police.

Also Present: None

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

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Hardy, 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:** None presented.

7. **New Business**

a) **Budget Discussion:** Council had a discussion & verified their understanding of fund balance. They also discussed the possibility of lowering water/sewer rates. It was noted that there are required updates that are currently taking place and sewer rates were recently increased to help cover the cost of those upgrades. Until these projects are complete, it would be difficult to review that option. Once the projects are completed, Council can then review the rates for a potential reduction. The council discussed the development of the brochure for the police millage and the regulations surrounding its development and disbursement. The Council then discussed a couple of the revenue sources that were mentioned at the previous budget meeting. Marijuana sales were mentioned along with the pros & cons of allowing it in the Village. It was noted that the taxable value in the Village increased and will bring in additional revenue that was not expected. It was also noted that according to the audit, we didn't use as much fund balance as projected last year. New construction being built in the Village will also bring in additional tax revenue. Registration fees and taxing short-term rentals were also discussed. We would have to determine if the revenue generated from registration fees and from taxation would be worth the costs of implementation and enforcement. We currently do not regulate short-term rentals, but the Village can pursue that option. It was noted that we have started working on some of the additional revenue sources that were brought up, such as the police millage and grants. We can begin discussing expenditures at the next meeting.

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 6:41 P.M.

Compiled by Cathy Odom
Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____