

Village of Bellaire

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Eldon McPherson, Chairperson

Dan Bennett

Tricia Drollinger

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2025

12:00 PM

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by the call of the chair.

II. Roll Call - Attendance

Present: Dan Bennett, Tricia Drollinger, and Eldon McPherson

Absent:

Staff Present: Bradley Keiser, DPW Supervisor; Nora Stead, Treasurer

Public Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Drollinger to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes –January 10, 2023: The minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by McPherson approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. Conflict of Interest: None presented.

VI. Public Comment: None presented.

VII. Old Business: None.

VIII. New Business

Chairperson McPherson was asking about the current DPW employees logged hours for taking the State exam for the Wastewater Treatment Operation position. Bradley Keiser spoke on how one of the DPW employees has taken some lagoon classes which will count towards his hours for taking the State exam. All the DPW employees are logging hours for this exam. It takes an estimated five to six years to log enough hours to sit in this exam. Chairperson McPherson requested that these hours be updated at each council meeting to know how far each employee is from being able to sit in this exam.

- a. **Budget FY 2025-2026:** The committee reviewed the budget. Mr. Keiser stated that they had not spent as much as they thought concerning water. Some grants helped pay

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for potholing and the lead line inventory labor cost for our employees. There is a remainder of another grant to pay for the finishing of the inventory. The revenues outdid the expenditures by \$67,000. Provided in the members packets was a quote for well maintenance for several of the wells due to damage or malfunction. There are minimal changes to the sewer budget as there has been the large grant to cover most of the costs for the sewer projects. Grand Traverse Construction is ahead of the projected timeline for the sewer plant project. They had a planned winter shut down but have canceled it due to the ground not being frozen as expected. The expected finish time for the project is August. They are going to provide monthly updates to the Village Council. Mr. Keiser is hoping to get more grant money for the replacement of the lead lines as our community is one of the worst in Michigan in terms of lead lines. The budget for sewer was discussed further.

No action taken.

IX. Correspondence/Reports: None presented.

X. Member/Public Comment: None presented.

XI. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM to the call of the chair.

Minutes compiled by:
Angela St. Pierre, Clerk

Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____