

**Bellaire Village Council
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2026**

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 Patrick Boyd, Stacy Maza, Eldon McPherson, Helen Schuckel, and Andrew Turner.

Absent: none

Staff Present: Bill Drollinger, Chief of Police; Aaron Kirt, DPW Director; Nora Stead, Treasurer; Angela St. Pierre, Clerk

3). Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as amended with the additions of new business items I) Lakeview Cemetery Rates, and J) Chief Drollinger Resignation.

Motion by Schuckel, seconded by McPherson, 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 presented.

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

6). Public Comment on Agenda Items: None Presented.

7). Unfinished Business

a) County Update: Leslie Meyers was present to give an update on the chain of lakes and recent flooding. It is an estimated 6.7 million dollar price tag on dam repairs for the Bellaire dam. Terry VanAlstine was present to give an update on the County. There is a meeting tomorrow (May 7th) to approve the construction budget for the Public Safety Center which is estimated to cost ~27 million dollars.

b) DDA Update: Shelly Dayton was present to give an update on the DDA. Their recent meeting did not have a quorum so they were not able to take action. They were selected as finalist and are going to give a pitch at the “Put Your Town on the Map” competition.

8). New Business

a) Resolution #11 of 2026: Grand Victorian On-Premises Tasting Room Permit: The applicant is seeking to make their own wine and serve on their property located at 402 N Bridge Street. The Planning Commission met and approved their Special Use Permit.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson, for a roll call vote on Resolution #11 of 2026. Yes: Boyd, McPherson, Maza, Schuckel, Turner, Bennett. No: None. Resolution passed.

b) Resolution #12 of 2026: Bee Well On-Premises Tasting Room Permit: The applicant is seeking to serve as a satellite tasting room for a brewery at 116 N Bridge. They are currently licensed for wine and cider. Karlie from Bee Well was present to represent the company and answer any questions. Trustee Turner motion to postpone due to the lack of 20 days for review.

Motion by Turner to postpone.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson, to hold a special meeting on May 21st 6:00 PM to address Bee Well’s licensing. Yes: Boyd, McPherson, Maza, Schuckel, Bennett. No: Turner. Motion carried.

- c) **Resolution #13 of 2026: DDA Budget Amendment:** Downtown Development Authority budget amendments for the MACC grant and legal fees.

Motion by McPherson, seconded by Turner, for a roll call vote on Resolution #13 of 2026. Yes: McPherson, Turner, Boyd, Maza, Schuckel, Bennett. No: None. Resolution passed.

- d) **Craven Park Campground Rules and Rates Policy #6:** The Parks Committee is recommending updating the policy by adding the dump fee for non-campers at \$10.00.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Boyd, to accept policy #6 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

- e) **Review Credit Card Policy #12:** The policy has not been updated since 2006 and changes are necessary. There have been concerns with recent credit card usage between departments and suggested to have a separate credit card for each department head. It was determined to send to the Administration and Personnel committee for review.

No action was taken.

- f) **Trustee Resignation:** Trustee Trish Drollinger resigned effective April 26th. Her term was set to expire November 20, 2026.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Turner, to regretfully accept her resignation. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Boyd, to post it and follow the same process as the last vacancy when Trustee Hardy resigned. Motion carried by voice vote.

- g) **Planning Commission Member Resignation:** Donald Seman from the Planning Commission has resigned. His term was set to expire November 30th, 2027.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Turner, to accept his resignation and post the position. Motion carried by voice vote.

- h) **Public Works Recommendations:**

- **Water and Sewer Ordinance Update:** The Public Works committee met and is recommending amending the water and sewer ordinances to add a fee and to add language for accessing properties for maintenance of meters.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Maza, to send Chapter 91 Sewer, and Chapter 123 Water to legal counsel for review and revisions regarding general access to property and assessing a fee to non-compliant property access. Motion carried by voice vote.

- **Boring Rig:** The Public Works committee met and is recommending selling the boring rig without competitive bidding as it is being underutilized and that money could be used more efficiently. The company that the boring rig was purchased from is offering \$135,000 to buy it back.

Motion by McPherson, seconded by Boyd, to sell the boring rig without competitive bidding. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by McPherson, seconded by Turner, to allow Aaron to sign the bill of sale. Motion carried by voice vote.

- i) **Lakeview Cemetery Rates:** The cemetery burial rates have increased with Mortensen Funeral Homes. The council needs to officially adopt the changes. The cemetery committee met and is recommending approval of the increased rates.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Schuckel, to accept the updated rates for Lakeview cemetery. Motion carried by voice vote.

- j) **Chief Drollinger Resignation:** Chief Drollinger presented his resignation with his last day of employment July 12, 2026.

Motion by Schuckel, seconded by Turner, to accept Bill's resignation with regrets. Motion carried by voice vote.

9). Discussion Items: None

10). Department/Committee Reports:

a) Committee Reports:

- **Public Works Committee:** Presented in the member packets was a letter addressed to a resident regarding the committees decision on penalty removal for the president to sign.
- **Parks Committee:** Trustee Boyd spoke about the recent parks committee meeting and their approval to purchase trees for Richardi Park as was allowed by the budget. The playground equipment is here and a plan has been developed of which equipment to remove and where to place the new equipment. The non-profit group Friend of Richardi will be helping with the playground project.

b) **Clerk/Zoning Administrator:** Angela St. Pierre stated to the Public Works committee members that the ESRI subscription that was discussed at the recent meeting should not need to be renewed as she was able to get the data transferred.

c) **Treasurer/Deputy Clerk:** Nora Stead provided a written report.

d) **Department of Public Works:** Aaron Kirt stated that the blue flags placed around town are part of the asset mapping of the water system and to please leave the flags where they are. DPW staff will remove them once they are no longer needed. The campground electrical pedestals have been updated. The street sweeper is planned to be rented next week and Broad Street is planned to be painted after the street sweeper has cleaned the road.

e) **Police Department:** Bill Drollinger provided a written event report. Their department was busy helping with the dam and flooding. The Shorts anniversary party went well with no issues and the officer position has been sent to MCOLES for posting.

f) **Planning Commission:** None Presented.

11. Closing Member/Public Comment:

- a) **Terry VanAlstine** commented that there will be a group of people placing flags at the Lakeview Cemetery May 21st at 3:30 PM for Memorial Day and anyone who wants to help is welcome to come.
- b) **Kelcy Goss** commented about a recent high-water bill and is requesting consideration for a payment plan. The council discussed adding this request to the May 21st special meeting.

12. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Compiled by Angela St. Pierre.

Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____