

**Bellaire Village Council
Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2026**

1) **Call to Order:** President Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2) **Roll Call Attendance:**

Present: President Dan Bennett, Council Trustee Patrick Boyd, Ben Dominguez-Benner, Stacy Maza, Helen Schuckel, Eldon McPherson, Andrew Turner

Absent: none

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

Staff Absent: none

3) **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as amended with addition of new business items G. Public Safety Budget Amendment, and H. Drollinger Weapon Purchase.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Schuckel, to approve the agenda with additions of G and H. 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 Boyd, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

6) **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** Christy Wilson was present to ask about the pine tree downtown and what has been decided about replacing it.

7) **Unfinished Business:**

a. **County Update:** Janet Koch was present to give an update on the county and their Public Safety Center. Terry VanAlstine was also present to give an update on the county and that the health department is going to give their annual report at the Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for July 2nd.

b. **DDA Update:** Shelly Dayton was present to give an update on the DDA. They recently finished the artwork project and are working on getting the banners up. The volunteers taking care of the downtown flowers are doing a great job. The next event is Christmas in July and the board has been discussing the possibility of a new event for New Years of a “Ducky Drop”.

c. **Planning Commission Applications:** No new applications have been received for the open position on the Planning Commission. Concerns with a married couple sitting on the board together were discussed prior to the vote.

Motion by Eldon, seconded by Maza, to accept Margie Boyd to the Planning Commission.

Motion carried by voice vote. Boyd Abstain.

8) **New Business:**

a. **Resolution #16 of 2026- Trustee Appointment:** A resolution to appoint Benjamin Dominguez-Benner to the open trustee position with a term to expire November 2026.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Turner, for a roll call vote on Resolution #16 of 2025. Yes: Boyd, Turner, Maza, McPherson, Schuckel, Bennett. No: none. Resolution duly adopted.

b. **Consumers Energy Easement Request:** Included in the members’ packets was an easement request to provide electrical services to 210 2nd Street.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson, to approve the request. Motion carried by voice vote.

- c. **Chapter 108 Traffic Control Review:** With the removal of Grove Street from the Public Safety Center project, section 108-5 of the ordinance needs to be amended where it references Grove Street.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Maza, to change it from “Grove Street” to “Hickory Lane”. Motion carried by voice vote.

- d. **Committee Organization:** With a new member sitting on the board, the committee structure was discussed and decided to keep the committee organization as it is with Trustee Drollinger’s open positions to be filled by Trustee Dominguez-Benner. The committee organization will be addressed again at the regular December meeting.

No action was taken.

- e. **DPW Applicant Review:** Included in the member packets is an application received from Michael Weisberg for the open DPW position. The DPW Director is seeking approval to hire this applicant pending his final approval after a second interview.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson, to approve Aaron to hire Mr. Weisberg, as long as the second interview goes good, at the starting pay wage according to our pay scale. Motion carried by voice vote.

- f. **Parks Committee Recommendation: Friends of Richardi Park Rental:** The parks committee is recommending to council to waive all future park rental fees for the Friends of Richardi Park Group and their fundraising efforts for our park.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Turner, to waive all future park rental fees for the Friends of Richardi Group. Motion carried by voice vote.

- g. **Public Safety Budget Amendment:** The public safety committee is recommending amending the public safety budget to increase the capital outlay to \$25,000 to cover the cost of purchasing a new police vehicle and installing the additional equipment.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Maza, to approve the Public Safety budget amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

It was further discussed that Bill Drollinger can install the additional equipment at a cheaper price than competitors who quoted \$3,500. He would request that in lieu of payment, he receives credit towards his water bills of \$2,000.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson, to approve Chief Drollinger to do the installation under contract. Motion carried by voice vote.

- h. **Drollinger Weapon Purchase:** Chief Drollinger would like to purchase his service weapon as is allowed by policy #14. Fair market value has been determined to be \$250.00.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson, to allow Chief Drollinger to purchase his service weapon upon retirement. Motion carried by voice vote.

9) Discussion Items: None presented.

10) Department/Committee Reports:

- a. **Committee Reports:** President Bennett spoke about the grass complaints and that he would like the Administration and Personnel committee meet asap to discuss a part time grass moving position. He also mentioned that the dog bags at the park will sit empty for over a week.
- b. **Clerk/Zoning Administrator:** Angela St. Pierre provided a written report.
- c. **Treasurer/Deputy Clerk:** Nora Stead provided a written report.
- d. **Department of Public Works:** Aaron Kirt stated that their department has been cutting grass the best they can with the rain. He stated that typically they try to cut the cemetery 5-6 times a year. They have been working on the playground at Richardi Park. The water service tap-in for the Forest Home Township property off M-88 happened today. Staff has been working on cleaning

up damage from the storm. Trustee Turner asked about the backflow testing and where we are on that. Mr. Kirt stated that the residents who have not completed the testing will be contacted of the lack of proper testing.

e. **Police Department:** Bill Drollinger provided a written report.

f. **Planning Commission:** The next scheduled meeting is July 14th.

11) Closing Member/Public Comment:

12) Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Compiled by Angela St. Pierre

Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____