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Bellaire Village Council
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 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, Benjamin Dominguez-Benner, Stacy Maza, Eldon McPherson, Helen Schuckel, Andrew Turner
   Absent:
   Staff Present: Jesse Fisher, 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 addition of new business items F. Pam Singer Grant Opportunity, and G. Data Center Cost Sharing.
   Motion by Schuckel, seconded by Boyd, 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 as presented.
   Motion by Boyd, seconded by Maza, 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:** Terry VanAlstine arrived late to the meeting and provided the County update after new business item G. He stated that the Public Safety Center parking lot will be coming soon and that they will break ground in the spring on the building.
   b. **DDA Update:** Shelly Dayton was present to give an update on the DDA. The artwork has been taken down and they have applied for a MACC grant for 2027. They have raised $4,750 towards the new Duck Drop event on New Years Eve. The DDA is requesting Broad Street from M-88 to the food pantry be closed off for this event.

   Motion by Boyd, seconded by Schuckel, to approve the DDA's request to close Broad Street on New Year's Eve. Motion carried by voice vote.

   c. **Glacial Hills Agreement Request:** Member Boyd was able to speak on behalf of the agreement and the requested changes adding term limits for board members.

   Motion by Boyd, seconded by Turner, to accept the changes to part three of the Glacial Hills intergovernmental agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.

   d. **Chapter 32- Discharge of Firearms, Bows, Crossbows Update:** Officer Fisher is requesting to table this agenda item until more staff is obtained for the police department for the enforcement of any possible changes. Member Turner requested an estimated cost for a culling for when we reconvene this discussion.

   No action was taken.
8) **New Business:**
   a. **Resolution #19 of 2026: Consumers Energy Streetlight Removal Request-PSC:** A formal resolution allowing the Village Clerk to sign the agreement for removing the streetlight as was approved at the October 7th meeting.

   Motion by Boyd, seconded by Turner, for a roll call vote on Resolution #19 of 2026. Yes- Boyd, Turner, Dominguez-Benner, Maza, McPherson, Schuckel, Bennett. No- None. Resolution adopted.

b. **Planning Commission Reappointment- Daniel Wilson:** Mr. Wilson has agreed to reappoint to the Planning Commission with a term to expire November 20, 2029.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson, to reappoint Daniel Wilson with a term to expire November 20, 2029. Motion carried by voice vote.

c. **Public Works Recommendations**

- **208 Allcott Irrigation Bill:** The Public Works Committee met and discussed the irrigation account and the lack of billing for five (5) years. The committee is recommending allowing the property owner five (5) years to pay back the $5,479.93 bill penalty free.

Motion by Public Works Committee, seconded by Turner, to allow the property owner of 208 Allcott to pay off the $5,479.93 bill penalty free if paid by October 10th, 2031. Yes- Dominguez-Benner, Maza, McPherson, Schuckel, Turner. No- Bennett, Boyd. Motion carried.

- **116 South Division Irrigation Bill and Meter Replacement:** The Public Works Committee met and discussed the irrigation account and lack of obtaining a reading for two (2) years. The committee is recommending allowing the property owner two (2) years to pay back the $44,322.70 bill penalty free.

Motion by Public Works Committee, seconded by Turner, to allow the property owner of 116 South Division to pay off the $44,322.70 bill penalty free if paid by October 10th, 2028. Motion carried by voice vote.

d. **2017 Asset Management Plan: Maintenance Schedule Review:** Requested to be added by Member McPherson. The 2017 plan was discussed on how to utilize it for planning to replace assets such as sand filters, lift stations, and other treatment plan operations.

No action was taken.

e. **Additional Compensation:** Per the employee handbook, employees employed from 1-9 years are eligible to receive $100 additional compensation and employees employed for 10+ years are eligible to receive $200 additional compensation paid in December.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Boyd, to approve the additional compensation of all eligible employees. Motion carried by voice vote.

f. **Pam Singer Grand Opportunity:** Pam Singer and Terry Starr were present to speak on behalf of a "Safe Routes to School" grant opportunity that they would likely be requesting in the next following months for the Village Council to approve a resolution on perpetual maintenance on any sidewalk/walking path enhancements done from this grant.

No action was taken.

g. **Data Center Cost Sharing:** Clerk St. Pierre reported that she recently attended a meeting with Forest Home Township, Helena Township, and Kearney Township regarding data centers and regulating them. The townships are suggesting splitting the costs for an attorney to come to their next meeting to explain regulations on data centers and how to move forward with regulation processes. She reported that she does not feel this combined attorney meeting would benefit the village and if the council desires to regulate data centers then the Villages zoning ordinance could be easily amended to regulate any future data centers.

No action was taken.

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

10) **Department/Committee Reports:**

a. **Committee Reports:** None presented

b. **Clerk/Zoning Administrator:** Angela St. Pierre provided a written report.
c. **Treasurer/Deputy Clerk:** Nora Stead provided a written report. She also reported that roughly 90% of property taxes have been collected and that 272 votes were received regarding which playground equipment package should be purchased next.
d. **Department of Public Works:** Aaron Kirt reported that SURF Internet is hopefully done digging in the village, there was a 6" water main break up on the Terrace, salt and sand was mixed for the winter, and that a DPW employee took his water test and should receive results in the next 45 days.
e. **Police Department:** Jesse Fisher reported that the new police vehicle will be here mid-November and that the old vehicle will be auctioned off. He was questioned about unregistered vehicles and a boat parked in public parking spots regularly.
f. **Planning Commission:** None presented.

11) Closing Member/Public Comment:

a. **Dan Bennett** commented on the need to increase employee wages to entice applicants to the open positions.
b. **Patrick Boyd** commented thanking Dan Bennett on his efforts as Village President. He also thanked Stacy Maza for her time on the board. He welcomed new trustee Jessica VanderHart, and congratulated Eldon McPherson and Benjamin Dominguez-Benner on their re-election.
c. **Andrew Turner** commented that Patrick Boyd's seat will be vacant and that Stacy Maza could be appointed again.
d. **Terry VanAlstine** commented on a Capital Improvement Plan that would help with the Asset Management Plan that was discussed during the meeting. It was explained that the village does have a Capital Improvement Plan and will be utilized moving forward.

12) Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Compiled by Angela St. Pierre
Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____