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Bellaire Village Council
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 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, and Andrew Turner.
Absent:	Helen Schuckel
Staff Present:	Jesse Fisher, Chief of Police; Angela St. Pierre, Clerk
Staff Absent:	Aaron Kirt, DPW Director; Nora Stead, Treasurer

3). Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as amended with the removal of new business item c) DPW Applicant Recommendation, as the recommended applicant had withdrawn from consideration.
Motion by Boyd, 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 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: None Presented.

7). Unfinished Business

a) **County Update:** Terry VanAlstine was present to give an update on the County. He gave an update of the RAVE emergency notification system for public use. Frank Hersha is now the Building Department Official.

b) **DDA Update:** Shelly Dayton was present to give an update on the DDA. The banners and artwork are finished, and they need help to frame the artwork. There is a meet-and-greet scheduled for June 30th. A group of volunteers are helping to water the flowers downtown. They recently gave a pitch at the "Put Your Town on the Map" competition but did not win due to competition stipulations that were not made clear when applying.

- **Tammy DeWulf Appointment:** The DDA is recommending to council to appoint Tammy DeWulf to the open DDA position with a term to expire February 14, 2027.
Motion by Maza, seconded by McPherson, to appoint Tammy DeWulf to the DDA. Motion carried by voice vote.

c) **Policy #12 Credit Card Policy:** Reviewed by the Administration and Personnel Committee, a draft policy with changes was provided for consideration. Also for consideration is allowing the DPW a separate card with a credit limit of $4,000.
Motion by Turner, seconded by Boyd to approve the draft policy with amendments and to allow DPW to apply for a separate credit card with a limit of $4,000. Motion carried by voice vote.

8). New Business

a) **METRO Act Surf Internet:** Surf internet is seeking approval for access to the road right of way for the possible installation and maintenance of telecommunication facilities. It was made clear that the application is

not technically completed as the fee has not been collected yet, but approval may be granted pending receipt of the fee payment.
Motion by Boyd, seconded by Turner, to approve it pending payment. Motion carried by voice vote.

b) **Flock Camera Bellaire Highway:** Flock Safety has partnered with Antrim County Sherrif's Office for installing Flock cameras and they are seeking approval to install equipment on Bellaire Highway within the right-of-way.
Motion by Turner, seconded by Boyd, to deny the request to place a Flock camera off of Bellaire Highway. Yes: Turner, Boyd, Bennett, McPherson. No: Maza. Motion carried.

c) **~~DPW Applicant Recommendation:~~** Removed from agenda.

d) **Trustee Applications:** The vacant position was posted after the last regular meeting and only one application was received for the vacant position by Benjamin Dominguez-Benner.
Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson, to approve Ben's application to be appointed to the council for the remainder of the term. Motion carried by voice vote.

e) **Planning Commission Applications:** The vacant position was posted after the last regular meeting and only one application was received for the vacant position by Margie Boyd. Concern was raised regarding appointing Ms. Boyd to the Planning Commission when her spouse is sitting on that board already. Trustee Boyd offered to step off of the Planning Commission board to allow Margie to sit if it was a concern. Concern regarding the limited timeline that the position has been posted was raised and suggested the council wait until the next regular meeting before selecting the candidate to fill the position.
Motion by Turner, seconded by Bennett, to continue receiving accepting applications until the next scheduled regular meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. Trustee Boyd abstained due to personal connection to the applicant.

f) **2007 Ford F150 DPW Truck Sale:** DPW Supervisor is requesting approval to sell a DPW truck that is used as a "parts truck" and if sold that money could go towards something more useful.
Motion by Turner, seconded by Boyd, to approve the sale of the DPW truck without competitive bidding. Motion carried by voice vote.

g) **Forest Home Township Tap-In Fee:** Terry Smith, Forest Home Township Supervisor, was present on behalf of Forest Home Township. Forest Home Township is requesting that the water tap-in fee for their property called "The Meadows" off of Bellaire Highway be waived. The meadows is a municipal park that would be used by the community and would have minimal usage.
Motion by Boyd, seconded by Turner, to approve installing their water meter and tap for cost of labor and materials. Motion carried by voice vote.

h) **Resolution #14 of 2026 Millage Rates:** An annual resolution to set the millage rates. Antrim County staff were present and suggested tabling this item as there was a mistake made with the County Millage rates and the new rates to be approved by them would affect the Village rates.
Postponed until next scheduled meeting.

i) **Resolution #15 of 2025 DDA Budget Amendment:** The DDA amended their budget to move $2,400 from their "digital sign" section to "locked filing cabinet" section to cover the costs to purchase a fireproof cabinet for DDA documents.
Motion by Boyd, seconded by Turner, for a roll call vote on Resolution #15 of 2026. Yes: Boyd, Turner, Maza, McPherson, Bennett. Resolution adopted.

j) **Rules of Procedure Review:** Requested to be added to the agenda to review section 5.E. and conflicting timelines stated in other sections in the rules of procedure.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson, to strike section 5.E. and replace with "Non-Agenda Items: All items added the night of the meeting can be postponed by a motion and a second. Yes: Boyd, McPherson, Maza, Bennett. No: Turner.

k) Public Safety Center Sidewalk: Antrim County is requesting approval of removing a section of existing sidewalk south of Broad Street and installing new sidewalk on the north side of Broad Street for the Public Safety Center.
Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson, to approve the Counties' request. Motion carried by voice vote.

9). Discussion Items: None

10). Department/Committee Reports:

a) ***Committee Reports:*** Trustee Boyd stated that the Friends of Richardi Park Group has applied for grants for the Richardi Park project.
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:*** None Presented.
e) ***Police Department****:* Jesse Fisher provided a written report. He also stated that he and Bill are looking into clearing out what they can from the evidence room before Bill's retirement and that he has been looking into a new police vehicle.
f) ***Planning Commission:*** None Presented.

11. Closing Member/Public Comment:

a) President Bennett commented on Michigan being top 10 for loosing employees due to low wages and that he thinks the council needs to look at the wages. Chief Fisher commented on that stating that the village is one of the lower paid in the area.

12. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

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

Approved: ________________________________

Date: ____________________________________