

MINUTES OF REGULAR VILLAGE OF BELLEVILLE BOARD MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013 AT
7:00 P.M. VILLAGE HALL - 24 WEST MAIN STREET

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order by Village President Howard Ward at 7:00 PM.
2. Roll call by Clerk – Trustees present were: Tyler Kattre, Ben O’Brien, Howard Ward, Gary Ziegler, Daniel Rung, and Deb Kazmar. Excused: Bonnie Wilcox
3. Visitors: Michael Parkin, Brad Peterson-Post Messenger Recorder, Teresa Pelton, and Mary Gehin
4. The Clerk stated that the meeting has been noticed as required by law.
5. Visitors Who Would Like to Speak Now – No discussion.
6. Visitors Who Would Like to Speak On an Agenda Item – No discussion.
7. **Consent Agenda:** *Trustee Ziegler made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Trustee Kazmar. Motion carried.*
 - a. Approval of Minutes - December 17, 2012
 - b. Approval of Bills for December 2012
8. Committee Reports – No discussion.
9. President’s Report – President Ward said that the DNR Stewardship grant is in jeopardy because of hunting regulations.
10. Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer’s Report – There is a someone interested in providing ice rescue training; Little will contact emergency services and department heads on that.
11. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Lake / Pedestrian Bridge Projects Update & Issues** – No action as of yet on the bridge repair.
 - b. **Approvals of Hiring Process for Police Department Officers** – So far, 42 applications have been received. No action.
12. **New Business:**
 - a. **Request to Rescind Motion from December 3, 2012, Regarding Part-Time Police Officers** – Asking part timers to reapply. No action needed.
 - b. **Natural Heritage Land Trust Parcels Acquisition: Stewardship Grant Issue / Hunting Access** – Little said the DNR sees allowing archery hunting and trapping only on Stewardship-acquired land as prohibiting gun hunting; therefore, the grant

could not be made unless the Village's hunting ordinance is changed. Options included turning down the land gift; amending the ordinance to allow gun hunting or fighting the DNR to get an exemption. Chief Eichelkraut expressed great concern for pedestrian safety. Some options discussed were allowing shotgun-only hunting or prohibiting discharge of any rifle larger than .22 caliber rim fire. Permit-only hunting would be another option. *Trustee Kattre made a motion to direct President Ward and April Little to proceed with the Stewardship grant process, and to allow shotgun-only hunting and prohibit discharge of any gun shooting a single-projectile and in addition to require hunters to obtain a Village permit; seconded by Trustee Ziegler. Motion carried.* Finance and Personnel Committee will suggest a permit fee.

- c. **Discussion of Clerk of Courts Office Location** – Mary Gehin needs an office for herself and the court clerk to get them out of the police station. Separation of court and police functions is not required by state law; however, the Village's current arrangement has passed state certification. There is no storage for the judge's confidential materials. Court clerk works four hours a day currently. Teresa Pelton was supportive of the judge's recommendations. The Village Board had no objections heard to converting the building inspector's office to the court office, and deconstructing a small office near the vault for building inspection / Plan Commission staff. Public Works will help with labor.

13. Other Business:

- a. Future meeting dates were noted.
- b. Questions and Items for Referral - Pellitteri customer services are smoothing out.

14. **Adjournment** – *Trustee Ziegler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Kazmar. Motion passed unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned by President Ward at 7:45 PM.

By April Little, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes were approved by the Belleville Board of Trustees on January 21, 2013.