

MINUTES OF REGULAR VILLAGE OF BELLEVILLE BOARD MEETING
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 1, 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: 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.

Visitors: Michael Parkin, Richard Miller, Brad Peterson (Recorder), and Terry Kringle

3. The Clerk stated that the meeting has been noticed as required by law.
4. Visitors Who Would Like to Speak Now
5. Visitors Who Would Like to Speak On an Agenda Item – Terry Kringle: Intergovernmental Agreement, water rate increase and fire charges.
6. **Consent Agenda:** *Trustee Kazmar made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Rung. Motion carried.*
 - a. Approval of Minutes - March 18, 2013 Village Board Special Meeting
 - b. Approval of Bills for March 2013
7. Committee Reports – No discussion.
8. President's Report – No discussion.
9. **Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer's Report** – Distributed a report from the Village attorney regarding various issues related to possible platting of Baker's Woods and refinancing of Build America Bonds.

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. **Proposed Adoption of Intergovernmental Agreement with Town of Montrose** – Terry Kringle: the agreement is ready to be adopted; there was no discussion or objections at the last discussion with Montrose. Appendix A would be replaced with a color map and land use chart. There would be minor revisions only, as indicated. *Trustee Kattre made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Town of Montrose, with the current appendix to include updated map and land use description; seconded by Trustee O'Brien. Motion carried.*
- b. **Lake / Pedestrian Bridge Projects Update & Issues** -
 - i. **Lakefest 2013** – Next meeting is April 10 at 5:30 PM. JEM grant was submitted.
- c. **Hiring Process for Police Department Officers** – The candidate is undergoing final testing before final offer to hire.

- d. **Proposal for Land Donation in Downtown District** – Conference call was held with the DNR. They are not requiring an environmental phase 1 study to be done; however it might be necessary later. The Village is still trying to gather more information. Plan Commission will consider the issue at its April meeting.

11. **New Business:**

- a. **Parking along Federal Avenue** – President Ward has a meeting set up with Tom Jelle, Chief Eichelkraut and management at Federal Industries. They are trying to prevent icing up and flooding in the neighborhood caused by on-street parking. They will discuss how to prevent future problems. Tabled to next meeting.
- b. **Proposal for Fire Call Payments** – President Ward said the Fire Association has been talking about payment for runs and future purchase of a very expensive fire truck. He would like to know whether the Village Board is interested in investigating the issue further. Charges vary by departments (may be set by department, by vehicle, flat fee, water usage, highway accidents, etc.). EMS now charges for most calls; 2/3 of their budget is from run money. Other considerations: false alarms and controlled burns. There were 100+ fire runs last year. Home owners and auto insurance would help offset costs for the consumer. Trustee Kattre said there seemed no reason not to investigate the issue; no objections from Village Board members were heard.
- c. **Proposal for Water Rate Increase** – A draft simplified rate case with a three percent increase was presented. It would raise about an additional \$9345 per year. The question was raised whether it was necessary to raise rates if the utility ended in the black in 2012. Highway 92 will involve new water main work in 2016. There are also new phosphorus regulations coming that may raise costs. These will affect the sewer utility, not the stormwater utility. May consider a study of wastewater treatment plant rates, as there is a much greater need to raise revenue for that utility. Terry Kringle: the auditors always want a higher “profit” margin. He said his own bill for sewer went up 70 percent since about 2006. But sewer is the problem, so concentrate on that instead of water. Fund figures are already known so a study may not be needed. He said reaching 5000 in population is the point needed to not negatively impact ratepayers. Referred to Public Works Committee.
- d. **Proposed Updates for Policy Manual** – Policy change suggestions were primarily to clarify language related to holiday pay, vacation time, and on-call pay. *Trustee Ziegler made a motion to approve policy changes as presented; seconded by Trustee Kattre. Motion carried.*

12. **Adjourn to Closed Session** for Discussion of Police Committee Recommendations Regarding Hiring of Police Officers, per 19.85(1)(c) – Not held.

13. **Other Business:**

- a. Announcements – EMS open house is May 22; garage sale breakfast is May 4; fundraiser is April 13.
- b. Future meeting dates were noted.

- c. Questions and Items for Referral – Bronna Lehmann was appointed new library director, effective April 1. Tyler Kattre was thanked for service to Village Board.

14. **Adjournment** – *Trustee Kattre made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Kazmar. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by President Ward at 8:05 PM.*

By April Little, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes were approved by the Belleville Board of Trustees on April 16, 2013.