

MINUTES OF REGULAR VILLAGE OF BELLEVILLE BOARD MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012 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, Deb Kazmar and Bonnie Wilcox. Excused: Jim Schmitz

Also present: Luann Alme, Michelle Eichelkraut, Rachel Furman, Tom Vaughan, Eugenia May, Robin Moag-May, Sue Maurer, Eugene Maurer, Vicki Beirsdorf, Tim Beirsdorf, Scott Ringgenberg, Jean & Mike Tretow, Roger Larson, Tracy Lien, Pam Christen, Herb Blaser, Teresa Burchard, Bruce Anderson, Mary G. Gehin, Lauren E Bartels, Katie O'Dair, Diane Peter, R. H. Jacobs, Chris Swaziek, Jerry Ziegler, Don Sparby, Donald G Sparby, Connie Urfer, Peggy Eichelkraut, Nancy Butts, Barb Funseth, Richard Miller, Cindy O'Connor, Mari Peterson, Ray Lamboley, Beth Campbell, Charlie Campbell, Boots Freidig, Jeff Christensen, Glen Kazmar, Connie Mullen, Greg Hoffman, G. S. Donovan, Peter Miesbauer, D R. Austin, Terry Kringle, Michael Parkin, Jonathan Brauer, Ginna & Jim Schenk, Philomena Hanna, Carl Molter, James Mankowski, Molly Hultine, Teresa Pelton, Dennis & Linda Kahl, and Don Funseth.

3. The Clerk stated that the meeting has been noticed as required by law.
4. Visitors Who Would Like to Speak Now – Roger Larson, Brooklyn WI: Spoke of a police incident that happened to him in which he felt threatened after a police visit to his home.
5. Visitors Who Would Like to Speak On an Agenda Item
6. **Consent Agenda:** *Trustee Wilcox made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Kazmar. Motion carried.*
  - a. Approval of Minutes - May 21, 2012
  - b. Approval of Bills for May
  - c. Approval of Application for Operator's License for Barbara J. Kahl (Town Mart)
  - d. Approval of Application for Operator's License for Katrin M. Edwardson (Town Mart)
  - e. Approval of Application for Operator's License for Dawn M. Hellenbrand
  - f. Approval of Application for Operator's License for Hector Rodriguez (Town Mart)
7. Committee Reports – No discussion.
8. President's Report – No discussion.
9. **Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer's Report** – A copy of the new debt issuance policy is in the packet. Board of Review is June 11. Construction has begun at the old and new libraries. Polls are open tomorrow from 7 AM to 8 PM.

[Skipped to item 11A]

**10. Unfinished Business:**

- a. **Lake Restoration / West Lake Dredging / Pedestrian Bridge Projects Update & Issues** – Bridge bids are out and due June 14; Recommendation will come from Public Works Committee for decision at July 2 Village Board. Also expecting a July 2 DNR permit approval for the bridge. We are looking at setting up a multi-organization planning meeting for a lake grand opening. Looking at September 2 for the date. No word on Iron Works stormwater/shoreline repair – erosion is now a major problem and repair is needed. Final construction deadline was May 15 for Iron Works.

**11. New Business:**

- a. **Discussion of Police Services and Costs with the Dane County Sheriff's Office** – Dane County Sherriff David Mahoney gave a presentation slide show about the professional services they can provide to a municipality, including the benefits. He stated that these benefits include local control, local ordinance enforcement, and preservation of local identity.

Chief Deputy Jeff Hook stated that the Sherriff's office does not solicit their service and they are not present to drive the local police out of business. They work well with and rely on the Belleville police department and are not standing against them. They are able to work with county-border communities. They also offer 24-hour supervisory staff and assume personnel services. The community chooses its officers. Services could be contracted at the expiration of the current contract; they can help to negotiate any transition. The Sheriff's office could also absorb current officers as long as county standards are met.

Captain Richelle Anhalt discussed policing strategies and provision of statistical reports. Revenue brought in from local citations goes back to the community. She presented peak calls for service, which peak at 7 PM, and population/staffing comparisons. Anhalt presented information on their Community Deputy program, which includes safety camps, bike rodeos and elderly home checks. They do request office space. They make available investigative services at any time. Personnel costs: total hourly cost of one deputy is \$53.45 which includes insurance, longevity, training, clerical support and radio depreciation. Considerations include: maintenance of fleet vs. purchase vehicle through the county (these are not included in the hourly salary). There is an indirect-cost charge of 3.6 percent of total costs, which includes information technology, legal services, and human resources. For four deputies: annual cost would be \$431,600.80. They recommend three deputies for the Village of Belleville. Ideally it is between three and four deputies.

Mahoney reiterated the good working relationship with the Belleville police department, and maintenance of local control and identity.

They would be leery of keeping the same officers in the same community, to avoid debates on provision of services. They would be trained as Dane County deputies first, then they could serve in a contract position.

Greg Hoffman: He felt that the officers care about his family and they trust them, although the Sheriff's also do a fine job.

Jim Mankowski, part time officer: asked about longevity of contract deputies. Hook: they request a 3-5 year commitment, but they often serve the community longer. Generally, they become promoted within the department or if the community asks them to leave which is rare (no retraining costs passed along – no lapse in service). The deputies are chosen by the community or citizens board. The department posts the job internally. They ask the community how many candidates they want to interview. They must be approved by the department.

Hook: would probably allow the hiring of a clerk as a county LTE because of the part-time status.

Rachel Furman: How many officers have been absorbed? Hook: none so far, but that somewhat depends on what the community wants to do.

Mark Peterson, Exeter: loves the Sheriff's office, but works well with the Belleville police department as a parole officer.

County: Three deputies would work 6 days on/3 off, but it is the Village's choice how many hours per day coverage would be.

Teresa Pelton: asked about the numbers; Hook said they presumed what the Village might want for coverage.

Mary Gehin: asked about costs.

Connie Urfer: has had good and bad experiences with the current service, but mostly good. She thought that people would feel less secure without their own department. She felt now there is personal service.

President Ward: has no desire to get rid of the department, but felt that it must be looked at because of the poor budget situation.

Furman, Belleville officer for 11 years: her initial desire was to work for a large department; however, she now loves this community and has no desire to leave it and feels personally responsible for its citizens. It's not about the money – it's love for the community.

Mankowski: he felt that Glen Kazmar and Roger Hillebrand did great job training the officers.

Robyn Moag-May: she moved in 13 years ago because she liked the Mayberry feel of Belleville and wants to preserve it, although she does love the Sherriff's staff.

Ginna Schenk: concerned about comparing apples to apples.

Pelton: did Green County get contacted about their services? Anhalt – the larger county's population share would have to get the contract.

Roger Hillebrand: Is over time figured in? No.

Eugenia May: asked about Green County residents: Mahoney – Sheriffs would cover that area.

Resident: Will they drive the ambulances? Mahoney – if that's what the community wishes.

Barb Hillebrand: one of the community deputies would be assigned here. All patrol deputies have access to the office.

Pelton: what happens to the clerical – for the 5500 calls gotten in a year? Hook: deputy is the one called. It is what the Village wants. They have not explored the absorption of the clerical with the county.

May: question about crime levels. Nationwide, crime is down.

Village would be required to provide space and utilities.

Teresa Burchard: do you write local grants? Hook: Yes.

Pelton: What happens if say the deputy is part of the Swat team and is called out? Hook: the officer goes on the call and there is a coverage gap but the Village is not charged, just like training.

Pat Palmer: what is the Village's coverage and boundaries now? Eichelkraut: Village of Belleville. They may need to be called to outlying areas, and need to know the territory.

Municipal court would be maintained.

Terry Kringle: the Village Board is doing what they are supposed to be doing - looking at possibilities and looking at future budgets. They are in a more difficult situation than anyone knows. What is the total cost? Must look at coverage and per hour cost comparison. Feels that costs will probably come out better for the police department.

Linda Kahl: Belleville officers have helped her son and looked out for her.

Beth Campbell: Regarding bike rodeos – the Sherriff’s office brings in community deputies to help, but the community is not charged for the additional help. Furman – their services are donated.

Beiersdorf: does police association help buy equipment? Hook wasn’t sure as he was not a member.

Furman: coverage during training? That is up to Village to determine coverage levels.

Discussion of next steps. Trustee Kattre: felt it was a major cost item and should go back to committee for firmer cost comparisons. No decisions should be made this meeting.

*Trustee Ziegler made a motion to refer to Finance and Personnel Committee and Police Committee for a recommendation, to bring back to July 2 Village Board: seconded by Trustee Kattre. Motion carried. Next police committee is June 13 at 5:30 PM. Next Finance is June 26 at 6 PM.*

- b. **Approval of License Applications for Fermented Malt Beverages, Intoxicating Liquors, Cigarettes, Amusements and Beer Gardens / Sidewalk Cafes, for 2012-13 Licensing Year** – Little reported that approvals were received from inspectors, but J&M reported that they were not quite ready to finalize their plan for a beer garden. *Trustee O'Brien to approve as presented for all minus J&M Bar beer garden until completed process; seconded by Trustee Wilcox. Motion carried.*
- c. **Final Codifier’s Editorial Comments Review** – *Trustee Kattre made a motion to approve the final codification comments and refer the item on chapter 191B to Plan Commission for comment; seconded by Trustee Ziegler. Motion carried.*

12. **Other Business:** Future meeting dates were noted.

13. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** for discussion of Police Department Staffing per 19.85(1)(c) – *Trustee Ziegler made a motion to go into closed session; seconded by Trustee Wilcox. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

14. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** for possible action on items discussed in closed session – *Trustee O'Brien made a motion to go into open session; seconded by Trustee Wilcox. Motion carried. No action.*

15. **Adjournment** – *Trustee O'Brien made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Wilcox. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by President Ward at 9:37 PM.*

*By April Little, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer*

*These minutes were approved by the Belleville Board of Trustees on June 18, 2012.*