

**Bellaire Village Council
Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2014**

1. **Call to Order:** President Schulz called the meeting to order at 7:26 PM.
2. **Roll Call Attendance:**
 - Present:** President David Schulz, Council Trustees Trish Drollinger, Butch Dewey, Eldon McPherson, Laurie Sexton & Dan Bennett.
 - Absent:** Helen Schuckel
 - Staff Present:** Lori Luckett, Clerk, Cathy Odom, Treasurer, Brad Rowe, Chief of Police & Ken Stead, DPW Supervisor.
 - Also Present:** Colette Stanish & Tom LaPointe.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved.

Motion by McPherson, seconded by Bennett, to approve the agenda with the removal of new business b, budget amendments. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. **Conflict of Interest:** Trish Drollinger noted a conflict with the public safety budget and will abstain from voting.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Bennett, to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2014 public hearing and regular meeting as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None presented.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. **FY2014-15 Budget:** President Schulz stated that the budget was discussed during deliberation at the public hearing. He asked if there would be a conflict with Trustee Drollinger if he made a motion that included a third officer and it was noted that a conflict would exist.

Motion by Schulz, seconded by Sexton, that the Village Council consider the proposed 2014-15 budget that is identified as the green column in the proposed budgets with the following additions, the reintroduction of a third officer with the impact being \$63,535.32; well engineering fees of \$5,000; paving expenses of \$45,000 which would allow the Village to pave Pine St., Seneca St. & S. Bridge and a \$0.40 wage increase across the board for all employees. Motion withdrawn by Schulz and Sexton.

President Schulz stated his comfort level of adding all of the items presented, back into the budget is a little bit riskier than he is comfortable with. He is comfortable with the addition of the engineering fees for the well, the paving is important due to the condition of the roads that will be paved and the wage increase is to help the employees with cost of living and because they consistently meet the obligations of what is asked of them. Trustee Bennett would like to see a study completed comparing wages in our area. Trustee Drollinger noted that President Schulz included the third officer in the motion, which would not allow her to vote. President Schulz and Trustee Drollinger withdrew the previous motion to address the additions in two different motions. Carpeting the community hall was discussed and it was noted that we will only be doing the hallway, entryway and steps at this time. The cost is included the budget.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by McPherson, to add a third officer to the public safety budget. Ayes: Bennett, McPherson, Sexton, Schulz Nays: Dewey Abstention: Drollinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Schulz, seconded by Drollinger, to approve the proposed 2014-15 budget identified in the green column with the exception of the public safety component and returning to this budget \$5,000 for well engineering, \$45,000 for paving and providing for a \$0.40 per hour wage increase for all employees. Motion carried by voice vote.

Trustee Drollinger asked about the additional paving. President Schulz noted that Kearney would pay \$28,000 to help us pave some local streets, but they would like help for Derenzy from the Village limits to M-88. Major Streets cannot afford to help with that cost. He stated that if we do not accept their help with local streets, then they could use that money for Derenzy, which is why we are putting the full cost back into the budget.

Motion by Sexton, seconded by Bennett, to approve Resolution #03 of 2014. Motion withdrawn.

Odom noted that the amounts should be placed into the resolution before approval. Motion was withdrawn.

Bennett would like to look at the health care website to see if the employees could receive a better and cheaper policy. President Schulz stated if we can do that, we would have to review how to remove the Village from the sponsored plan. The Village, if possible, could then offer a stipend to cover their costs. Trustee Dewey said costs could be higher based on age limits. Bennett stated that he has heard rates are cheaper. Chief Rowe stated that if the Village provides a stipend, it would be added to their income and then employees will have to possibly pay taxes on the extra earnings. President Schulz mentioned that there may be a change in the requirement for the third phase of EVIP. The requirement may have been changed to DPW employees and we need to check into it.

- **Resolution #02 of 2014, Budget:** Treasurer Odom calculated the costs for the additional items placed back into the budget and amended the resolutions with the correct amounts. Discussion of the millage rates to support the budget were reviewed and it was noted that they are estimated based on the current rates.

Motion by Schulz, seconded by Bennett, to approve Resolution #02 of 2014, adopting the FY2014-15 budget with the amounts provided. Motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Dewey, Drollinger, McPherson, Sexton & Schulz.

- **Resolution #03 of 2014, Public Safety Budget:** Treasurer Odom calculated the costs for the additional items placed back into the budget and amended the resolutions with the correct amounts.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #03 of 2014, adopting the FY2014-15 public safety and overall village budget. Motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Dewey, McPherson, Sexton & Schulz. Abstention: Drollinger.

- b. **Meeting Stipend:** President Schulz would like Council approval to count the public hearing and special meeting held tonight be counted as one meeting stipend.

Motion by Schulz, seconded by Drollinger, that we consider both meetings tonight to be compensated as one meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. **Discussion Items:** None presented.

9. Department/Committee Reports

- a) *Committee Reports:* None presented.
- b) *Clerk/Planner:* None presented.
- c) *Deputy Clerk/Treasurer:* None presented.
- d) *Department of Public Works:* None presented.
- e) *Police Department:* Chief Rowe informed the Council that we did receive a grant from the Par Plan Insurance Group for lapel cameras for police officer uniforms.
- f) *Planning Commission:* None presented.

10. Closing Member/Public Comment:

- a. *Butch Dewey:* asked if MDOT approved the street closing for the Shorts anniversary party. Chief Rowe said that the process is not complete, but they do not foresee any problem with it.
- b. *David Schulz:* thanked everyone for their work on the budget.
- c. *Butch Dewey:* stated that it may be time to negotiate with the Road Commission, a new contract for snow maintenance of M-88. The contract has not changed for several years, but costs to maintain have gone up.

11. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Compiled by Cathy Odom
Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____