

**Bellaire Village Council
Special Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2014**

1. **Call to Order:** President Schulz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call Attendance:**
 - Present:** President David Schulz, Council Trustees Trish Drollinger, Butch Dewey, Dan Bennett, Laurie Sexton & Helen Schuckel.
 - Absent:** Eldon McPherson
 - Staff Present:** Lori Lockett, Clerk, Cathy Odom, Treasurer, Brad Rowe, Chief of Police & Ken Stead, DPW Supervisor.
 - Also Present:** Colette Stanish, Aaron Kirt, Linda Gallagher & Luanne Christie (406 Park).
3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved.
 - Motion by Sexton, seconded by Schuckel, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.**
4. **Conflict of Interest:** None presented.
5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None presented.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Frozen Pipes:** President Schulz explained the reason for meeting was to discuss frozen water lines that some residents are experiencing due to the cold weather. He stated that the Village is not responsible for lines affected by weather, but he would like to discuss with Council options that the Village might be able to help with. He explained what Central Lake Village and the Village of Kalkaska are doing for their residents, but that we aren't obligated to do anything. Thawing options were discussed. Mr. Stead stated that he would worry about cross contamination in the thawing process. Notification of run water notices to residents was discussed. It was noted that 9 & 10 news, 7 & 4 news, the local newspaper, the Village Face book page and the Village website were all used to get the word out. DPW personally went to some residents and delivered written notice. President Schulz stated that we may need more methods of notification.
 - Motion by Schulz, seconded by Sexton, that for all accounts that have frozen water lines, the Village provide funds for the 1st hour, approximately \$225, toward hiring a company to thaw their lines and to have our legal counsel develop a release removing the Village of any responsibility in the thawing process. Ayes: Sexton, Schulz Nays: Drollinger, Dewey, Schuckel & Bennett. Motion failed.**
 - Mr. Stead said he will work with the DEQ to see if we need to worry about any cross contamination if residents would like to hire someone to thaw their lines. President Schulz would like to have the Public Works Committee meet and discuss other notification options and made the following motion.
 - Motion by Schulz, seconded by Sexton, to have the Public Works Committee look at additional communication options to inform the public if this happens again. Motion carried by voice vote.**
7. **New Business:** None presented.
8. **Discussion Items:** None presented.

9. Closing Member/Public Comment:

- President Schulz: thanked the Clerk for her research in this situation and thanked Mr. Stead for educating him on more of the water system. It was noted that as the snow melts the risk of frozen lines becomes greater.

He also mentioned that at the regular meeting on April 2, Shorts will be in attendance to update Council on their anniversary party plans. They are looking at sectioning off the entire block. He asked about traffic being cut off to the businesses and told Shorts they should be prepared to show proof that the businesses have been made aware.

- Dan Bennett: informed the Council that Pubic Safety received an update from Chief Rowe on Short's anniversary party and are satisfied with their progress.
- Trish Drollinger: is concerned about senior citizens having frozen pipes and would like to see everyone reminded that a stream of water should still be run. President Schulz suggested making a flyer and delivering it to the Commission on Aging. Linda Gallagher said she will be putting another notice in the paper next week.
- Luann Christie: said she did what she was supposed to do and it still froze. She asked about hiring someone to thaw her pipes and if she did would she have to worry about contamination. President Schulz said the company would have her sign a waiver releasing them of any liability. Ms. Christie asked if there would be a problem if she hired them. Mr. Stead recommended, at this point, she use a hose to hook up to the church parsonage.

10. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Compiled by Cathy Odom
Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____