

**Bellaire Village Council Public Hearing
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2017**

1. **Call to Order:** President Schulz called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM and read the public hearing notice. The purpose being to discuss the adoption of the FY2017-18 Village budgets and the FY2017-18 DDA budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the FY2017-18 Village budget will also be a subject of this hearing.

2. **Roll Call Attendance:**

Present: Officers David Schulz, Trish Drollinger, Bryan Hardy, Helen Schuckel, Dave Ciganick & Eldon McPherson.

Absent: Dan Bennett.

Staff Present: Cathy Odom, Treasurer; Lori Luckett, Clerk, Bill Drollinger, Police Officer & Ken Stead, DPW Supervisor.

Also Present: None

3. **Public Hearing:**

a) **Open Public Hearing:** The public hearing was opened at 6:32 pm.

b) **Public Comment Period:** President Schulz noted there was no public in attendance, but did ask if there were any public comments on the FY2017-18 proposed Village budget or the FY2017-18 proposed DDA budget. None was presented.

c) **Closing of Public Comment Period:** The public comment period was closed at 6:33 PM.

d) **Deliberation:** President Schulz explained the procedure that is used for payroll. He explained that wages & benefits are paid from the general fund and at year end the other funds reimburse the general fund. Before the reimbursements, the general fund checking account's balance was lower than in previous years. The transfers were completed this week, which increased the account balance. He would like to propose that we include a monthly financial report agenda item for future Council meetings. This could highlight potential problem areas, thus keeping us informed. President Schulz also explained that in previous years, once the budget is approved, it allowed for department heads to purchase items in the budget. He would like to propose that even though the expense has already been approved in the budget, approval be obtained for the higher expense items before purchasing. He stated that these things will allow them to have a better view of Village funds and should help as we come into the next fiscal year and begin the next budget process. Council then reviewed the proposed budget by department with President Schulz noting that a new police vehicle and the sewer pond cleaning expense is included in this proposed budget. A couple of changes were suggested and the proposed budget was amended to reflect those changes. Millage rates to support the proposed budget were discussed.

4. **Closing Member/Public Comment:** None presented.

5. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Cathy Odom, Deputy Clerk

Minutes subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____