



Village of Bellevue February 2011 E-mail Newsletter

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Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

Village Council: Tuesday, February 8, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Village Hall
Tuesday, February 22, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Village Hall



Bellevue Joint Planning Commission: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Township Hall

Holidays:

The Village of Bellevue offices will be closed on the following days in February:

President's Day Monday, February 21, 2011

Council Meeting Synopsis:

January 11, 2011: 2011 council goals were the agenda item for the first meeting of the New Year. The council reviewed previous goals and discussed what had been accomplished and what was left. The importance of the goals in comparison with the budget and economy were also discussed. A draft with the addition of goals and the removal of old goals was accomplished.



January 25, 2011: In old business the 2011 council goals were once again briefly discussed. The input received at the previous meeting is still being compiled and will be shared with the council for feedback at an upcoming meeting. An amendment to the budget, allowing the Village to pay for the remainder of our share towards the Bellevue Fire Departments new truck, was made. This was an expected expense in 2010 that carried over into 2011 due to a delay in the delivery of the new truck. The council also passed a resolution relating to employee wages. The resolution gives full time employees a one time off schedule wage payment and spells out the reasoning behind it.

In new business the council heard a report on the wastewater plant and activities that have been occurring there. A proposal for repairs at the main lift station was also presented and approved. This proposal is for necessary maintenance to ensure the lift station continues to operate correctly.

Sidewalks in Winter:

With the winter here the Village would like the community's cooperation in keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice. We have many school children that use our sidewalks, and if the sidewalks are not kept clear then the children walk in the streets, which is dangerous for both them and drivers. Keeping the sidewalks clear is the responsibility of the homeowner and we do appreciate the effort many of you have shown. Also, please keep from plowing, shoveling, or blowing snow from driveways and sidewalks into the streets. The placing of items in the streets is illegal. The Village works very hard at keeping our streets safe to drive on in the winter by plowing and salt spreading and this activity makes our job more difficult.



Parking on Village Streets:

The Village of Bellevue Code regulates the parking of vehicles on public property within the Village Limits. The following is taken from the Village's Code:

§ 136-3. All-night parking.

No person shall park or allow to be placed or parked upon any street, alley, or highway any vehicle between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.



The reason for this section is to allow our public works department to maintain the Village streets. Vehicles parked on the streets prohibit the removal of debris and snow. The Village is asking for the community's cooperation in ensuring that vehicles are not on the streets at the above times. If vehicles are located on the streets they will be ticketed and could be towed at the owner's expense.

Animals

The Village has been receiving concerns about animals, especially dogs, not being properly restrained and running loose throughout the community. Dogs need to be leashed, fenced, or in some way under the immediate control of their owner or a competent person. A section of Chapter 14 - Animals from the Village's Code of Ordinances that pertains to animals running loose has been included.

Chapter 14 - ANIMALS (Excerpt)

§ 14-4. Animals running at large.

No person shall permit any domestic animal to run or be at large in the public streets, alleys, vacant lots or other open or public place or places; nor upon any private premises other than the premises of the owner, or occupant, of such domestic animal without the consent of the owner or occupant of such private premises; provided, however, that any such domestic animal may be left about outside the premises of the owner thereof on a suitable leash, in the immediate control of a competent person.



The Village is asking for pet owners cooperation in properly restraining your animals. There are many people, including children, that walk in Bellevue and loose animals pose a hazard to them and vehicles. Violations of this ordinance may lead to municipal civil infraction citations. The Village works with and defers to Eaton County Animal control in situations dealing with pets at times. Ongoing issues will be passed on to them and additional measures may be taken if necessary.