

April 11, 2023
Village of Bellevue
Council Minutes

President B. Balkema called the meeting of the Bellevue Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with a Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. This meeting was at Bellevue Village Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: D. Swartz, S. Roberts, B. Balkema, L. Fulcher, H. Coy, L. Pfiester, R. Spaulding took his seat at 7:01.

Started Public Hearing was called to order at 7:01 p.m.- present were: Brandon Balkema, Scott Roberts, Larry Fulcher, Randy Spaulding, Denny Swartz, Laurie Pfiester, Hannah Coy, Nicole Roberts, Andrew Rudd, Caitlin Commissaris, Joe Farkas, Kenneth Winright, Robert Miller.

Andrew from Wightman presented the project plan for the Village of Bellevue Wastewater System Improvements Project State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The presentation consisted of the existing system needs, alternatives considered, the recommended alternative, the project location map, the project financing, and the project schedule. There were also questions and comments from the council and the public.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

H. Coy moved to approve the Agenda for the April 11, 2023 council meeting, seconded by D. Swartz. Motion carried.

D. Swartz moved to approve the Minutes from March 28, 2023, seconded by H. Coy. Motion carried.

H. Coy moved that the Village pay the invoices for April 11, 2023, seconded by D. Swartz. Motion carried.

General

* Cereal City Window	\$75.00
Wightman - DWAM	\$1,057.50
Consumers Energy	\$787.52
LEORTC	\$125.00
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	\$2,045.02

Sewer

* DR Lab Services	\$1,090.00
* County Journal	\$109.10
Consumers Energy	\$1,437.12
GLG Print	\$77.80
Clearbrooke Technology	\$600.00
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	\$3,314.02

Local

Capital Asphalt	\$931.84
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Water

* Ferguson Enterprises	\$190.08
Mitchell Pump & Service	\$748.00
GLG Print	\$77.80

	<u>\$931.84</u>	Alexander	<u>\$58.00</u>
			\$1,073.88
Major		Equipment	
Capital Asphalt	\$559.76	* WEX	\$298.80
		Medler Electric	\$154.11
		Starter & Alternator	
		Shop	<u>\$200.00</u>
	<u>\$559.76</u>		\$652.91
Capital Improvement			
GLG Print	\$77.80		
Wightman Jeff/Madison	<u>\$687.50</u>		
	\$765.30		

H. Coy moved to adopt a resolution for a final project plan for the wastewater system improvements & designating N. Roberts as the authorized project representative, seconded by D. Swartz. Motion carried by roll call vote: D. Swartz, H. Coy, S. Roberts, B. Balkema, R. Spaulding, L. Fulcher, L. Pfiester – Ayes.

D. Swartz moved to increase sewer rates by 30%, the new rate will be \$15.54 per 1,000 gallons, and the minimum billing per quarter of \$62.40, seconded by H. Coy. Motion carried by roll call vote: D. Swartz, H. Coy, S. Roberts, B. Balkema, R. Spaulding, L. Fulcher, L. Pfiester.

D. Swartz moved to approve the variance site plan request made by Independent Bank for the Drive-up ATM within 5’ of the rear lot line with the stipulation that they put up a fence that runs the length of the atm driving lane for safety reasons, seconded by H. Coy. Motion carried.

S. Roberts moved to withdraw from the Bellevue Fire Control Board effective immediately, seconded by H. Coy. Motion carried by roll call vote: D. Swartz, H. Coy, S. Roberts, B. Balkema, L. Fulcher Ayes and R. Spaulding, L. Pfiester Nays.

L. Fulcher moved to start a new police officer’s pay between \$20-\$23 and to allow T. Griffin and N. Roberts to make the decision on the exact amount, seconded by D. Swartz. Motion carried.

S. Roberts moved to allow T. Griffin to work up to 16 hours of overtime per pay period as needed to be determined by T. Griffin and N. Roberts until we hire an additional police officer, seconded by D. Swartz. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Andy Dixon said that he appreciated how the council is working together and making the hard decisions with the information that they have to move forward. He is happy with the direction that the Village is heading. He did suggest that being completely transparent and communicating with the residents about rates, projects, and issues is very important and will go a long way.

The council discussed the Village Manager's wage and is aware that several employees have not had raises in quite a while. A new Salary Committee has been formed: H. Coy, L. Pfiester, and D. Swartz. They will be meeting soon and then reporting back to the council.

D. Swartz moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m., seconded by H. Coy. Motion carried.

Nicole Roberts – Bellevue Village Manager/Clerk