

September 23, 2025
Village of Bellevue
Council Minutes

President B. Balkema called the meeting of the Bellevue Village Council to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The meeting was held at Bellevue Village Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: S. Roberts, E. Bird, J. Willis, B. Balkema, L. Pfister took her seat at 6:01 p.m., R. Spaulding took his seat at 6:02 p.m. Absent: H. Coy.

Public Comment/Questions and Answer Session: C. Bolthouse, D. Miller, R. Miller, K. Winright, A. Shaw, and M. Behnke.

E. Bird moved to amend the Agenda for September 23, 2025, by adding discussion regarding communicating with residents, seconded by S. Roberts. Motion carried.

L. Pfister moved to approve the Minutes from August 26, 2025, seconded by E. Bird. Motion carried.

L. Pfister moved that the Village pay the September 23, 2025, invoices, seconded by B. Balkema. Motion carried.

General

* Standard	\$171.82
* Vestis	\$43.70
* GDH & Sons LLC	\$300.00
* WOW	\$227.34
* Accident Fund	\$177.81
* VC3	\$600.00
* State of MI Police	\$33.00
* Consumers Energy	\$1,178.54
BC/BS	\$4,659.25
Bellevue Hardware	\$10.18
VC3	\$891.99
Republic Services	\$496.09
Elan Financial	\$483.00
Francotyp-Postalia	\$92.85
Jacob Kelly	\$70.00
	\$9,435.57

Sewer

* Standard	\$66.90
* Vestis	\$43.70
* Granger	\$227.70
* WOW	\$272.52
* Accident Fund	\$141.94
* Clearbrooke Technology	\$600.00
* Grand River Cons - Grant	\$417,372.24
* Hoffman Bros - Grant	\$204,579.72
* Wightman - Grant	\$71,107.42
Bellevue Hardware	\$88.22
NCL of Wisconsin	\$264.67
Consumers Energy	\$2,624.50
County Journal	\$68.20
Elan Financial	\$79.83
Silversmith	\$925.00
BC/BS	\$1,170.36
Ferguson	\$579.19
	\$700,212.11

Local

* Standard	\$31.06
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Water

* Wightman-S. Will/Main	\$5,800.00
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* WOW	\$19.06	* Standard	\$89.25
* Vestis	\$43.70	* WOW	\$60.43
* Accident Fund	\$30.21	* Rapa Electric Inc.	\$2,947.78
Eaton Co. Road			
Commission	\$488.73	* Vestis	\$43.70
BC/BS	\$535.29	* Gale Briggs	\$71.75
Consumers Energy	\$78.51	* Accident Fund	\$86.43
		* Galloup	\$32.02
		Silversmith	\$925.00
		Bellevue Hardware	\$38.17
		Elan Financial	\$12.96
		BC/BS	\$1,819.19
		Consumers Energy	\$1,560.68
		Ferguson	\$306.30
		Elhorn Company	\$218.32
	\$1,226.56		\$14,011.98

Major		Equipment	
* Standard	\$18.48	* WEX	\$374.62
* WOW	\$19.06	* Standard	\$42.07
* Vestis	\$43.70	* WOW	\$19.06
* Accident Fund	\$18.26	* Vestis	\$43.70
Eaton Co. Road			
Commission	\$488.73	* Napa Auto Parts	\$86.57
BC/BS	\$388.55	* Accident Fund	\$37.25
Consumers Energy	\$111.33	Consumers Energy	\$17.47
		BC/BS	\$633.36
	\$1,088.11		\$1,254.10

Andrew Rudd from Wightman updated the council on the Phase II Wastewater Plant Project and the projected award for the grant funding.

The council reviewed the Election Ordinance, and the Village Officers hold four-year terms, not two-year terms as stated in the General Law Handbook.

N. Roberts will send the proposed Kids Place easement from Riverwood Mobile Home Park to our attorney for review. The proposal to use East St. is on hold until the easement is voted on.

The council discussed compensation for certificates and licenses that employees earn before being hired by the Village. They are also discussing a pay scale based on both longevity and position.

The council decided to move the first meeting in November from the 11th, Veterans Day, to the 12th.

The council discussed various methods for the Village to contact residents in the event of an emergency. We currently contact six television stations, seven radio stations, and post on our website. Depending on the type of emergency, we will also contact businesses that serve drinks and food. N. Roberts stated that the Village can use the Eaton County texting system; residents would need to opt in to participate. E. Bird stated that the school system would be willing to allow the Village to use their messaging/email system if needed. N. Roberts is also exploring the possibility of establishing a Village Facebook page that is separate from an employee's personal information.

B. Balkema moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m., seconded by E. Bird. Motion carried.

Nicole Roberts – Bellevue Village Manager