

April 9, 2026
Downtown Development Authority
Village of Bellevue – Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Bellevue Downtown Development Authority was called to order at 7:59 a.m. by Chairperson C. Carpenter.

Roll Call:

Present: C. Carpenter, K. Sparks, M. Pennington, M. Bartzen, M. Sparks, L. Pfiester

Absent: N. Roberts, M. Smith, J. Whitcomb

K. Sparks moved to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2026, meeting, seconded by M. Pennington. Motion carried.

First on the agenda was the HS Senior Scholarship. The board only received 1 application for the scholarship. The applicant met all the criteria, and the board agreed to give the scholarship to Taylor Madry. C. Carpenter will let Lisa Redmer know of our choice and will also present the award at Senior Night.

The downtown speakers were briefly discussed. K. Sparks did respond to a noise complaint that was received by the village. After responding, the community member made no further comment. We confirmed that the system appears to be working as we agreed. The music is playing at a reasonable level and on from 11 am – 6 pm. An email was received by Red Letter regarding adding a new user. C. Carpenter will reach out to see what that entails, as the board feels we are all set with users.

Downtown flowerpots were again discussed. It was noted that we could use the old pots if we absolutely had to, but we would still like to focus on getting commercial cement flower pots. C. Carpenter contacted Charlotte, but no one knew where the pots were purchased. M. Smith is waiting to hear from Marshall. M. Pennington will ask Joan Wilson if she is still interested in planting the flowers this year and taking care of them while they are out. C. Carpenter will get with Danny Brininstool to see if they are doing a clean-up day in May, and if so, would they be interested in placing stone and dirt in the new pots if we purchase them.

Last on the agenda was M. Pennington's board seat. It is set to expire at the end of May, and she was asked whether she would like to continue in her position. Because the meetings are not primarily held at Village Hall, she questions whether it makes sense for both her and board member Roberts to remain on the board. She will think about it and get back with the board at the May meeting.

M. Bartzen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m., seconded by K. Sparks. Motion carried.