

**Village of Bellwood
Meeting Minutes ~ July 6th, 2021**

The Village of Bellwood Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on July 6th, 2021, at the Village Auditorium. Chairwoman Joyce Napier, called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. with Co-Chair Scott Romshek, and Trustees Connie Scholz, Jeremy Junck, and Lee Nickolite in attendance. Village employees Jennifer Brown, and Ray Sueper were also present.

Chairwoman Napier stated that the open meetings law is in effect.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The minutes of the June 7th meeting were up for approval and June receipts and bills were read by Clerk Brown. Chairwoman Napier Motioned to approve, Trustee Scholz, 2nd. Roll call vote, all in favor.

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Vendor	Amount	Check #
United States Treasury	\$533.62	E-Pay
City Truck Payment	\$525.93	E-Pay
Loan Transfer	\$696.95	E-Pay
NDEE - USDA ACCOUNT	\$15,729.74	Bank Check
Akers Equipment	\$220.15	15377
Arps Sand & Gravel	\$257.00	15378
BARCO	\$899.00	15379
Bellwood Ampride	\$550.62	15380
Butler County Treasurer's Office	\$1,000.00	15381
Butler Rural Public Power	\$2,585.05	15382
Callaway Rolloffs LLC	\$1,400.00	15383
Card Services	\$1,509.96	15384
Central Sand & Gravel	\$231.67	15385
Eakes Office Supply	\$525.99	15386
Jackson Services	\$402.00	15387
Layne Christensen	\$500.00	15388
Napa Auto Parts	\$41.47	15389
Nebraska Public Health Env. Lab	\$260.00	15390
Nebraska Rural Water Assoc.	\$125.00	15391
Principal Life Insurance	\$150.00	15392
State Farm Mutual Insurance	\$5.00	15393
Verizon Wireless	\$83.32	15394
Fremont Sanitation	\$166.00	15395
Windstream	\$363.64	15396
	\$27,864.85	

Total Excluding USDA Payment

\$12,135.11

Butler County Sheriff's Department:

The Sheriff's Department encouraged residents to be aware of recent criminal activity in the Village and make sure to lock doors and report any suspicious behaviors. Joyce mentioned that there is someone tearing up town. The Sheriff's department stated to be sure to call with any complaints so that they are made aware as they are not in the Village at all times. Joyce asked for an update on the vehicle nuisance list, Ray stated that they have been taken care of. Joyce asked for him to follow up on remaining and possibly new nuisance vehicles.

Complaint Forms:

Complaint form on a residence for not mowing and barking dog(s). This was partially taken care of before the start of the meeting as the residence in discussion, they had partially mown earlier in the afternoon. Discussion pursued on dogs at large within the Village and how best to handle the occurrences.

Tree Board – No Report**Planning and Zoning:**

Officers report was reviewed. The Schuman residence was addressed in regard to being reclassified as a dangerous structure since the lightning strike and subsequent fire. Ray advised that Attorney Wollmer still wanted some time to prosecute on the violations of the Schuman residence owners. Joyce expressed concerns on the liability issues if unforeseen accidents happen on the Schuman property who would be responsible? Also discussed the continued search for members of the planning and zoning commission as well as an upcoming proposal for wood piles within the Village limits. Mayor Napier asked if the wood pile(s) are being addressed as an upcoming ordinance by Attorney Wollmer. Zoning Administrator Sueper answered that they are working on that, and the details involved with the wood piles in the Village. Resident Bill Macoubrie brought up the issue of garbage and the effects of the garbage causing the area surrounding the McDonald house to have an unpleasant odor. The board asked Zoning Administrator Sueper to contact Attorney Wollmer in regards on how to proceed with the issue. In addition to the garbage, it was discussed that nuisance vehicles have been brought back to the residence.

Water Treatment Center: No report**Utilities Report: No report****Planning Commission –**

Consideration of Grant Funding for sidewalks in the Village was discussed. The Village office is looking at a 90/10 grant to begin to fix the sidewalks. Residents questioned the funding and were concerned about the cost of the project and which sidewalks would be a part of the plan. Zoning Administrator Sueper proposed the 10% match required by the Village be split between the Village and the residents. Mayor Napier explained that the grant would be funded by SENND which the Village can now apply for due to Butler County joining SENND. Motion to apply for grant and approve map as shown. Motioned by Trustee Junck, 2nd by Trustee Scholz. All in favor. More information will be provided at an August 2nd public hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration of adjusting the Mowing ordinance by reducing the amount of time of a violation from 15 days to 7 days contingent with the Tuesdays in which Zoning Administrator Sueper works in the summer months. The Board agreed with the 7 days. Motion to change made by Chairwoman Napier, 2nd by Trustee Nickolite. All in favor.

Ordinance 2021-02 in regard to re-sizing the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission would like to have its required number changed from 9 members to 7. This ordinance also allows members to be a part of both the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Tree Board. Motion made by Mayor Napier and 2nd by Co-Chair Romshek. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed

Other business –

Consideration of Budget Preparation by Moravec and Associates of David City. Motion made to approve by Chairwoman Napier, 2nd by Trustee Scholz. Roll Call vote, all in favor.

Additional Maintenance help after the summer season was discussed by the board and will be looked into next month after the school year begins.

The Board discussed moving from post card sized bills to full page bills to give better detail for the residents.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:30 by Trustee Junck, 2nd by Trustee Scholz, Roll call vote: All in favor.

Next Meeting will be, Monday, August 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Village Clerk,
Jennifer Brown