**Village of Bellwood**

**Meeting Minutes ~ August 1st, 2022**

The Village of Bellwood Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on August 1st, 2022, at the Village Auditorium. Chairwoman Joyce Napier, called the meeting to order at 7:01 with Co-Chair Scott Romshek, and Trustees Connie Scholz, Jeremy Junck, and Lee Nickolite in attendance. Village employees Jennifer Stracke, Paul Nickolite, and Ray Sueper were also present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Minutes of the July 5th, 2022, meeting was up for approval. Chairwoman Joyce Napier motioned to approve the minutes. Trustee Connie Scholz seconded the motion, which passed all in favor, no one against.

The July bills were read by Treasurer Jennifer Stracke. Trustee Connie Scholz motioned to approve the bills and Trustee Jeremy Junck seconded the motion, which passed all in favor, no one against.

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| Vendor | Description | Amount | Check # |
| Bank of the Valley | loan payment on truck | $525.93 | E-Pay |
| Dept of Revenue | June Sales Tax | $215.75 | E-Pay |
| IRS Tax payment | Tax | $2,678.92 | E-Pay |
| QuickBooks Live | Online Contract | $40.00 | E-Pay |
| Principal Life Insurance | Employee Stipend | $150.00 | 15756 |
| Hometown Leasing | Lease on Printer | $91.51 | 15751 |
| Butler Co Treasurer Office | Sheriff payment | $1,000.00 | 15744 |
| Blue Skies Construction | Down-payment for Roof | $8,545.00 | 15743 |
| Butler County Landfill | Household Trash | $1,103.65 | 15745 |
| Butler Public Power District | Village Electricity | $2,122.64 | 15746 |
| Card Services | Visa Credit Cards | $1,454.34 | 15747 |
| Core & Main | Meter equipment | $534.48 | 15748 |
| Danny’s Stump Removal | 8 tree stumps removal | $940.00 | 15749 |
| Edgewater Insurance | Quarterly premiums | $5,551.00 | 15750 |
| Jackson Services | Shop contract (May-July) | $320.84 | 15752 |
| Meister Welding & Repair | Cylinders | $198.85 | 15753 |
| Napa Auto Parts | Parts | $246.94 | 15754 |
| NE Pub Hlth Envir Lab | Water testing | $34.00 | 15755 |
| Verizon Wireless | Cell phone | $83.38 | 15757 |
| Waste Connections | Trash Service | $295.80 | 15758 |
| Windstream | Office phone/internet | $390.88 | 15759 |
| Charles Oborny | Push lawn mower | $50.00 | 15760 |
| Scott Romshek | Menards refund | $259.96 | 15761 |
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|  | Total | $26,833.87 |  |

**Butler County Sheriff’s Department:**

Deputy Bill Drozd was present at the board meeting on behalf of Sheriff Dion. Normal patrol during Bellwood Daze and will enforce minors driving ATV’s. Also noted if motorbike is under 49cc, it does not meet state requirements to license the motorbike. The Peddler was also brought to attention, and the salesmen was registered in David City, and did not understand that he needed to register in Bellwood also.

**Planning and Zoning/Building Inspector:**

Ray Sueper went over his July Officer’s report that was provided to the board.

**Complaint Forms:**

No Complaint Forms

**Water Issues:**

Mike Stanzel from Nebraska Rural Water Association visited with Water Superintendent Paul Nickolite Thursday, July 28th. All the numbers and percentages coming out of the treatment are in parameters of the state water codes. Stated it is normal this time of year to have brown water mixture due to pumping at a such a high volume. Also, due to the town’s steel water lines is a common factor for brown water and almost every town in Nebraska is having the same issue with their water situation. We are going to look into possible Grants with Nebraska Drinking Water.

Chairman Joyce mentioned that we need to get started on the project of running a water line through the ballpark to create a loop instead of a dead end on the corner of Centennial and Montgomery Street.

**Other Business:**

Resident Larry Bazer spoke to the board regarding brown water situation. Noted the Clean Water Act and stated only going to pay the minimum charge and not the overage usage charge of the excess water he needs to run. Suggested the fire department fill tanks from the water tower instead of the treated water. Also, spoke in regard to the cars being parked on the truck and snow route street. Paul is going to contact owner of the duplex to see if vehicles can be parked in the rear of the property.

Resident Brian Wilson spoke to the board regarding the west pioneer road. Stated he was on it with his tractor, and it was quite bumpy. Co-Chairman Scott will talk to township to see if they can grade it for the village.

Concerned with fences around swimming pools ordinance and stated there are at least 10 pools around the village. Board stated currently the existing ordinance shall be stayed until which time the ordinance can be revised with the new Comprehensive Plan update.

Concerned with Bellwood Daze coming up, asked if the ditch by Co-Op elevator and train tracks can be cleaned up and mowed. Paul stated it is on his list to do.

Also, had questions regarding payroll, but stated he will meet with Chairman Joyce privately.

Building Contractor Gary Meister spoke to the board regarding July board meeting questions he had that were not addressed. Chairman Joyce Napier stated there is a list on the permit the our Building Inspector Ray gives to every contractor to be followed regarding inspections.

**Old Business:**

Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Stracke presented to the board the Auditorium roof insurance settlement. Claim# 217995 full replacement cost is $20,974.94, less the deductible applicable to the claim is $2500. Blue Skies Construction Invoice cost is $18,890, with down payment of $8545. Village of Bellwood out of pocket expense of $415. Advised repair will be done after Bellwood Daze weekend.

**New Business:**

Discussion regarding Budget Preparation for 2022-2023. Co-Chairman Scott Romshek motioned for Moravec & Associates to prepare our budget for the upcoming year. Trustee Lee Nickolite seconded the motion, which passed all in favor, no one against.

Discussion regarding new Christmas light for pole decoration. Made Christmas committee of Joyce Napier, Connie Scholz, Jennifer Stracke, and Ann Romshek. Co-Chair Scott Romshek motioned to order Christmas lights and pay using the Keno Accounts funds and not to exceed.

Trustee Connie Scholz seconded the motion, which passed all in favor, no one against.

Resident Bill Macoubrie states there is stop signs and street signs in town that is no longer visible.

Paul will replace the signs.

Chairman Joyce Napier motioned to adjourn from regular session at 8:11p.m. Co-Chair seconded the motion, which passed all in favor, no one against.

**Next Board Meeting with be held on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00pm at the Village Auditorium.**

Village Clerk/Treasurer

Jennifer Stracke