

**Bellaire Village Council
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2026**

1). **Call to Order:** President Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2). **Roll Call Attendance:**

Present: Council Trustees Patrick Boyd, Trish Drollinger, Stacy Maza, Eldon McPherson, Helen Schuckel, and Andrew Turner.

Absent: President Dan Bennett

Staff Present: Bill Drollinger, Chief of Police; Angela St. Pierre, Clerk

Staff Absent: Aaron Kirt, DPW Director; Nora Stead, Treasurer

3). **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Schuckel, seconded by Maza, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

4). **Conflict of Interest:** None presented.

5). **Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by McPherson, seconded by Drollinger, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

6). **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None Presented.

7). **Unfinished Business**

a) **County Update:** Terry VanAlstine was present to give an update on the County. He updated on the “flock cameras” and the Public Safety Center.

b) **DDA Update:** Shelly Dayton was present to give an update on the DDA. She updated on the last Buy Local event, MACC grant, art exhibit, banner program, bylaw update, and Adrienne Wolff’s resignation.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Maza, to accept Ms. Wolff’s resignation with regrets and post for the open DDA board member position. Motion carried by voice vote.

8). **New Business**

a) **Paddle Antrim Ohio Street Request:** Deana Jarde was present to speak on behalf of the request. Paddle Antrim is requesting the approval to place a tent and extra porta-potties at the Ohio Street boat launch during their Paddle Antrim Festival in September.

Motion by McPherson, seconded by Schuckel to approve the use. Motion carried by voice vote.

b) **Bellaire Chamber Events Schedule:** Christy Wilson was present to speak on behalf of the request. They are requesting Broad Street Road closure for “Music in the Streets” for 4-10PM on 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, and 8/19, and for “Rubber Ducky Festival” 4-6PM 8/14-15, and “Harvest Festival” 7AM-6PM 9/26, and “Light Up The Night” 12/5. They are also requesting that DPW staff provide barricades and cones as has been done in previous years. Concerns were raised about the barricades being cracked and no longer holding water. It was explained that the Village does not own these barricades but the County does and that it is the responsibility of the event coordinator to ensure the safety of the event.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson to approve the chamber request for the street closure dates. Motion carried by voice vote.

- c) **Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation:** A proclamation naming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Motion Maza, seconded by Turner to accept the proclamation. Motion carried by voice vote.

- d) **Summer Safety Event Richardi Rental:** The Antrim County 0-6 Workgroup is going to have their summer safety event again at Richardi Park where they will hand out lifejackets, life preserver rings, bike helmets, child ID kits, and provide car seat checks. As was done last year, they are requesting the fee for the park rental be waived.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Turner to waive the rental fee for the safety event at Richardi Park. Motion carried by voice vote.

- e) **Public Safety Committee Recommendation: Police Chief Position:** The committee is recommending promoting current employee, Jesse Fisher, to Police Chief effective June 4th, 2026. There was a general discussion about the two applicants.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by McPherson to promote Jesse Fisher to Police Chief at the starting rate of Director of Public Safety effective June 4th. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Turner to post for a Police Officer Position. Motion carried by voice vote.

- f) **DPW- Brian Blessed Resignation:** DPW staff member Brian Blessed’s last day will be April 10th.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Turner to accept Brian’s resignation with regrets and post for the open full time DPW position at the DPW worker starting rate. Motion carried by voice vote.

9). Discussion Items: None

10). Department/Committee Reports:

- a) **Committee Reports:** None Presented.
- b) **Clerk/Zoning Administrator:** Angela St. Pierre provided a written report.
- c) **Treasurer/Deputy Clerk:** Nora Stead provided a written report.
- d) **Department of Public Works:** None Presented.
- e) **Police Department:** Bill Drollinger informed that there was no report today as dispatch did not provide it being the first of the month.
- f) **Planning Commission:** Next scheduled meeting is April 7th.

11. Closing Member/Public Comment:

12. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.
Compiled by Angela St. Pierre.
Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____