



# Village of Bellevue

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014 Newsletter

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### Village Council:

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall  
Tuesday, January 28, 2014 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall



Tuesday, February 11, 2014 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall  
Tuesday, February 25, 2014 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall  
Tuesday, March 25, 2014 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall

Bellevue Planning Commission: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall\*  
Wednesday, February 19, 2014 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall  
Wednesday, March 19, 2014 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall\*  
\*only held if commission has business

### Bellevue Downtown Development Authority Board:

Monday, January 13, 2014 10:00 a.m.  
Downtown Bellevue  
Monday, February 10, 2014 10:00 a.m.  
Downtown Bellevue  
Monday, March 10, 2014 10:00 a.m. Downtown  
Bellevue

### Holidays:

The Village of Bellevue offices will be closed on the following days in January, February, and March:

New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2014
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 20, 2014
President's Day	Monday, February 17, 2014



### Council Meeting Synopsis:

#### October

**October 8, 2013:** Project updates on the bridges and the wastewater plant ultraviolet system was given to the council. A report was also given on a class that Village Manager Brininstool and Wastewater Plant Superintendent Patterson attended regarding a potential grant. Due to the requirements that would be placed on the Village in seeking and receiving the grant it was determined it was not on the Village's best interest to seek the funds at this time,



The council took action on items that include providing permission to remove a walnut tree at 227 S. Main St within the Village's street right of way, accept a bid for the cleaning of the water tower and to make an appointment to a vacant seat on the Village's Downtown Development Authority Board.

**October 22, 2013:** Discussion on the 2014 Village of Bellevue Budget was begun with what was expected for the upcoming year. A public hearing was held regarding an ordinance to establish the Bellevue Planning Commission and following no public comments the ordinance was adopted and the council appointed members to the planning commission. The council also reviewed a request from Chad Vansplintern, owner of KC Collision, regarding his business and its possible relocation in the community.

### November



**November 12, 2013:** The council took action to have amendments prepared for the Village's Water and Sewer ordinances. These amendments are meant to add clarifying language regarding a recent question about the requirement to be hooked up to the utility systems.

In other business the council set two public hearings for their December 10, 2013 regular meeting. These public hearings were in regards to the 2014 Utility Rates and the 2014 Budget. An update was given to the council as in previous meetings regarding the progress of the bridge projects.

**November 26, 2013:** A report on recent activity of the Downtown Development Authority was given to the council. The group is currently talking Michigan Economic Development Corporation representative about the possibility of receiving grant funding for façade improvements. The council took action on several items at the meeting including setting two public hearings for the January 14, 2014 council meeting regarding amendment to the Village's Water and Sewer ordinances and acting on the salary committee's recommendations regarding employee wages and benefits, an amendment to the Village of Bellevue Personnel Policy and also passing a 2014 contract for the Village Manager.

### December

**December 10, 2013:** This council meeting had a busy agenda for their last meeting in 2013. Two public hearings were held, one to accept public comment on the 2014 Village Budget and the other to accept public comment on 2014 Village Water & Sewer Rates. In addition to the public hearings the council did act on several items that included, adopting amendments to the 2013 budget, adopting the 2014 budget, adopting new water and sewer rates for 2014, and adopting the 2014 council meeting schedule..

### **Council Members:**

Here is a list of the Bellevue Village Council Members:

Denise Poyer, Village President (November 2014)  
Thomas Moon, Village Trustee (November 2014)  
Stephen Racine, Village Trustee (November 2016)  
Dennis Swartz, Village Trustee (November 2016)

Pamela Kolberg, Village Trustee (November 2016)  
Marley Munn, Village Trustee (November 2014)  
Lisa Redmer, Village Trustee (November 2014)

### **2014 Village of Bellevue Council Meeting Schedule:**

The Village Council will meet on the second and the fourth Tuesday of each month in 2014 except December, when they will only meet once, on the second Tuesday. The second meeting was cancelled to allow the council

members and employees to celebrate Christmas. Village council meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Bellevue Village Hall, 201 N. Main St. Below is a list of the regular council meeting dates.

**2014 Bellevue Village Council Meeting Schedule**

Tuesday	January 14, 2014	Tuesday	July 8, 2014
Tuesday	January 28, 2014	Tuesday	July 22, 2014
Tuesday	February 11, 2014	Tuesday	August 12, 2014
Tuesday	February 25, 2014	Tuesday	August 26, 2014
Tuesday	March 11, 2014	Tuesday	September 9, 2014
Tuesday	March 25, 2014	Tuesday	September 23, 2014
Tuesday	April 8, 2014	Tuesday	October 14, 2014
Tuesday	April 22, 2014	Tuesday	October 28, 2014
Tuesday	May 13, 2014	Tuesday	November 11, 2014
Tuesday	May 27, 2014	Tuesday	November 25, 2014
Tuesday	June 10, 2014	Tuesday	December 9, 2014
Tuesday	June 24, 2014		



**Christmas Season Recognition:**

The Village would like to thank all those individuals and groups that worked to help make this holiday season so wonderful.



Thank you to the Lioness Club for the beautiful decorations adorning our downtown and Bellevue Volunteer Firefighters for hanging them. Both groups do a great job of dressing up the community for the holidays.

Thank you to the Village employees for your help in setting up decorations and keeping the lights working throughout December.

Thank you to Hannah Coy for organizing the annual Christmas Parade. Your efforts were appreciated even if the weather thwarted the parade.

Thank you to Mark and Julie Jordan and the Bellevue Hardware for hosting Santa Night. The children in our community always enjoy the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus in Bellevue.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**2014 Village of Bellevue Utility Rates:**



At the December 10, 2013 Bellevue Village Council Meeting the council voted to amend the Village's water and sewer utility rates. This amendment was based on a rate study, financial information, necessity for the two utilities to be self-reliant, and discussion's with the Village auditor and bond holders.

The council and employees of the Village are very aware of the difficult economic times. We are required to meet certain requirements as set forth by the State of Michigan and Federal Government. These requirements impact our ability to cut costs. While our efforts have had successes, we have still unfortunately reached a point where it is necessary for us to amend our utility rates.

We take our responsibility seriously. The council and employees will continue to search for areas where savings can be found and implement new ideas that help us control costs.

The rate changes are:

Water:

Minimum Bill- \$24.00, No Change  
Rate per thousand gallons of usage- Increase \$0.10 per thousand gallons from \$4.20 to \$4.30

Sewer:

Minimum Bill- \$48.00, No Change  
Rate per thousand gallons of usage- Increase \$0.25 per thousand gallons from \$11.50 to \$11.75

Capital Improvement:

\$36.00 charge per benefit unit per quarter- No Change

These charges create a minimum quarterly billing of \$108.00 for a household.

The chart shows how the proposed utility rates compare to the current utility rates at different usages. The average household uses between 14,000 and 15,000 gallons a quarter so these lines have been outlined. Usage can vary greatly from household to household so you are encouraged to look at past bills for your usage amounts.

Usage in 1000	Current Total Bill	Proposed Total Bill	Quarterly Increase	Annual Increase
1	\$108.00	\$108.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	\$108.00	\$108.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	\$108.00	\$108.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	\$108.00	\$108.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	\$117.50	\$118.75	\$1.25	\$5.00
6	\$130.20	\$132.30	\$2.10	\$8.40
7	\$145.90	\$148.35	\$2.45	\$9.80
8	\$161.60	\$164.40	\$2.80	\$11.20
9	\$177.30	\$180.45	\$3.15	\$12.60
10	\$193.00	\$196.50	\$3.50	\$14.00
11	\$208.70	\$212.55	\$3.85	\$15.40
12	\$224.40	\$228.60	\$4.20	\$16.80
13	\$240.10	\$244.65	\$4.55	\$18.20
14	\$255.80	\$260.70	\$4.90	\$19.60
15	\$271.50	\$276.75	\$5.25	\$21.00
16	\$287.20	\$292.80	\$5.60	\$22.40
17	\$302.90	\$308.85	\$5.95	\$23.80
18	\$318.60	\$324.90	\$6.30	\$25.20
19	\$334.30	\$340.95	\$6.65	\$26.60
20	\$350.00	\$357.00	\$7.00	\$28.00
21	\$365.70	\$373.05	\$7.35	\$29.40
22	\$381.40	\$389.10	\$7.70	\$30.80
23	\$397.10	\$405.15	\$8.05	\$32.20
24	\$412.80	\$421.20	\$8.40	\$33.60
25	\$428.50	\$437.25	\$8.75	\$35.00
26	\$444.20	\$453.30	\$9.10	\$36.40
27	\$459.90	\$469.35	\$9.45	\$37.80
28	\$475.60	\$485.40	\$9.80	\$39.20
29	\$491.30	\$501.45	\$10.15	\$40.60
30	\$507.00	\$517.50	\$10.50	\$42.00
31	\$523.70	\$534.55	\$10.85	\$43.40
32	\$540.40	\$551.60	\$11.20	\$44.80
33	\$557.10	\$568.65	\$11.55	\$46.20
34	\$573.80	\$585.70	\$11.90	\$47.60
35	\$590.50	\$602.75	\$12.25	\$49.00