

Dec 19, 2023
Village of Bellevue
Council Minutes

President B. Balkema called the meeting of the Bellevue Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with a Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. This meeting was at Bellevue Village Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: B. Balkema, S. Roberts, H. Coy, S. Balkema, L. Pfiester, L. Fulcher, R. Spaulding

H. Coy moved to approve the Agenda for the Dec 19, 2023, council meeting, seconded by B. Balkema. Motion carried.

H. Coy moved to approve the Minutes from Nov 28, 2023, seconded by S. Roberts. Motion carried.

H. Coy moved that the Village pay the Dec 19, 2023, invoices, seconded by L. Fulcher. Motion carried.

General

*Barbara Kowalski	\$100.00
*Scott Roberts	\$100.00
*Rick Pulliam	\$100.00
*Joe Bogucki	\$100.00
*CNA Surety	\$15.00
*WOW	\$239.89
*Aramark	\$44.22
*Consumer's Energy	\$1,136.62
*Republic	\$1,020.14
*Cardmember Services	\$283.02
State of Michigan	\$33.00
Bellevue Hardware	\$85.11
EMC Insurance	\$926.07
	<u>\$4,183.07</u>

Sewer

*State of Michigan-	
EGLE	\$400.00
*Besco	\$157.06
*Galloup	\$166.85
*WOW	\$248.64
*Aramark	\$44.21
*Consumer's Energy	\$2,873.84
*Clearbrook Tech	\$600.00
*A.W. Crooks	\$300.00
*Bob Russell	\$977.00
*Cardmember Services	\$94.04
*Granger	\$213.87
Bellevue Hardware	\$69.33
EMC Insurance	\$926.07
	<u>\$7,070.91</u>

Major

*WOW	\$16.71
*Aramark	\$44.21
*Cardmember Services	\$4.41
Consumer's Energy	\$126.33
EMC Insurance	\$185.21
	<u>\$376.87</u>

Water

*WOW	\$70.86
*Aramark	\$44.21
*Wightman - DWAM	\$468.75
*Alexander	\$60.00
*Cardmember Services	\$31.46
Bellevue Hardware	\$51.97
City of Marshall	\$500.00
Consumer's Energy	\$1,162.52
EMC Insurance	\$926.07
	<u>\$2,815.84</u>

Local

*WOW	\$16.71
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*Aramark	\$44.21		\$3,315.84
*Cardmember Services	\$58.29		
Consumer's Energy	\$95.09	Equipment	
EMC Insurance	<u>\$185.21</u>	*WEX	\$636.76
	\$399.51	*WOW	\$16.70
DDA		*Aramark	\$44.21
*Cardmember Services	<u>\$471.80</u>	*Diesel Parts Direct	\$180.47
	\$471.80	*Bob Russell	\$597.50
		*Cardmember Services	\$31.46
		Bellevue Hardware	\$226.74
		Hull	\$568.80
		Consumer's Energy	\$51.15
		EMC Insurance	<u>\$555.65</u>
			\$2,909.44

B. Balkema moved to approve the variance at 300 S. Elizabeth St. with the following conditions: W. Catherine St. will be recognized as the front yard, the side yard set-backs will be 10' each, and the rear yard set-backs will be 2'. A 6' privacy fence is to be constructed the entire length of the rear and east side yards before any business is to take place, seconded by H. Coy. Motion carried.

B. Balkema moved to submit the proposed 2024 Fire Board Contract to the Fire Board, seconded by S. Roberts. Motion carried.

B. Balkema moved to approve the 2024 Village Budget as proposed, seconded by H. Coy. Roll call vote: H. Coy, S. Roberts, B. Balkema, R. Spaulding, L. Fulcher, L. Pfiester, S. Balkema – Yay. Motion Carried.

H. Coy moved to increase the water rate to \$5.22 per 1,000 gallons and the base rate to \$28.80 and to keep the sewer rate at \$15.54 per 1,000 and the base rate at \$62.40 effective 12/19/2023, seconded by L. Fulcher. Roll call vote: H. Coy, S. Roberts, B. Balkema, R. Spaulding, L. Fulcher, L. Pfiester, S. Balkema – Yay. Motion Carried.

S. Roberts moved to have the Village Employees continue to pay 10% of their health insurance premiums, seconded by L. Pfiester. Motion carried.

S. Roberts moved to increase M. Bassett's wages to 30.00 per hour and T. Griffin's wage to \$27.92 per hour, seconded by B. Balkema. Motion carried.

H. Coy moved to increase all Village employee's wages by the COLA amount of 3.2% on Jan 1, 2024, seconded by L. Fulcher. Motion carried.

L. Fulcher moved to approve the Village Manager's contract, seconded by S. Balkema. Roll call vote: H. Coy, S. Roberts, B. Balkema, R. Spaulding, L. Fulcher, L. Pfiester, S. Balkema – Yay. Motion Carried.

H. Coy moved to appoint Mandy Smith to the vacant DDA seat, seconded by S. Roberts. Motion carried.

The council discussed leaf pick-up on Jefferson and Madison St. B. Balkema is checking with the Bellevue Christian Center to see about them doing an outreach program to bag the leaves for the residents. Then, we can have our DPW employees pick them up and take them to the compost site for disposal. We will revisit this at the next meeting. They also discussed the Eaton Area EMS Contract, and it was suggested that the Village Council approach the Township about a collaboration. The council plans on attending the next township meeting in January to discuss this with the township.

H. Coy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m., seconded by S. Roberts. Motion carried.

Nicole Roberts – Bellevue Village Manager