

VILLAGE OF BELMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2024

A regular meeting by the Board of Trustees for the Village of Belmont was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, and called to order by Village President Brad Bockhop at 7:00 PM in the Community Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were Trustees Kay Austin, Jason Brecker, Kathy Riechers, Mark Pinch, and Derek Riechers. Absent: Dennis Popp. Also, present was the Clerk-Treasurer, Julie Abing, Public Works Director, Tony Kunz, Belmont Community School Rep, Brandon Weise, Belmont Police Officer, Keylee Dreessens and citizen, Brandon Masbruch.

Verification was given by Mrs. Abing that the meeting had been properly noticed by being posted at Mound City Bank, Belmont Post Office, and the Village Office & Community Building.

A motion was made by K. Riechers seconded by Austin to approve the agenda, the minutes from the last board meeting, the Clerk-Treasurer's financial report, and the check register for payment of the bills in the amount of \$24,676.53. Motion carried.

Citizen's Comments – Brandon Weise presented a proposal from Lifeline Inc. for purchasing a Sound System for Bond Park Activities at a total cost of \$12,975.00. Sound System is a year-round outdoor system that can be utilized by direct hook up and Bluetooth. Benefits will be to provide music and a P/A announcement capability for youth tournaments, alumni tournaments, baseball and softball games for all ages, village holiday events and more.

A motion was made by Brecker and seconded by D. Riechers that the Village contribute 70% of the cost or \$9,802.50 towards the purchase of the sound system with the Belmont Booster Club providing the balance of the funds. Motion carried.

President – Had nothing to report.

Police Report – Keylee presented the December Police Report.

Engineering Consultant – Had nothing to report.

Director of Public Works – Tony Kunz reviewed a quote from B & M Technical Services Inc. for a replacement of a RAS/WAS Sewer Pump for the WWTP. The current motor is 10 years old and is not in working condition. A motion was made by Pinch and seconded by D. Riechers to proceed with the purchase of a new RAS/WAS Sewer Pump at a cost of \$49,258 with payment coming out of the Sewer Replacement Fund. Roll call: All "Aye." Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that to date 47% of the residential property taxes have been received.

Trustee: Austin requested that the board revisit the Emergency EMS Ordinance, which was tabled at the October 4, 2023, Village Board meeting.

The Utility Committee recommended to the Village Board that they adopt the Strand & Associates Technical Service Agreement for the duration of 2 years for electrical services that are deemed necessary by the lineman or Public Works Director that is out of the realm of our staff's capabilities. The Service Agreement was reviewed, and a motion was made by Brecker and seconded by Austin to approve the Technical Service agreement with Strand & Associates. Motion carried.

At 8:03 PM, a motion was made by Brecker and seconded by K. Riechers to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Village of Belmont Board will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, in the Community Building.

Bradley A. Bockhop
Village President

Julie A. Abing
Clerk-Treasurer