

VILLAGE OF BELMONT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2024

A regular meeting by the Board of Trustees for the Village of Belmont was held on Wednesday, March 20, 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, Derek Riechers, Kathy Riechers, and Mark Pinch. Dennis Popp was absent. Also, present was the Clerk-Treasurer, Julie Abing, Public Works Director, Tony Kunz, and Dan Dreessens, Delta 3 Engineering.

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 Brecker seconded by K. Riechers 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 \$53,801.94. Motion carried.

President – Had nothing to report.

Police Report – Had nothing to report.

Engineering Consultant – Reviewed and discussed Ordinance #2024-258 for Annexation and reviewed the Plan Commission Meeting held on March 11, 2024, reviewing changes to the Zoning Code. Public Hearing will take place on April 3rd, 2024.

Director of Public Works – Discussed cement work at Leahy Park.

Clerk-Treasurer – Reviewed Ordinance #2024-259 which will amend Section 9.02 of the Municipal Code relating to Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Devices requiring a new Vaping Device Retail License.

Discussed a recommendation from Johnson & Block Co. to consider a Simplified Water Rate Case application for 2024.

Discussed Trail Side Park Rentals. Decision was made that Trail Side Park will not be rentable. This area can only be used for hosting events that the public is invited to. No private gatherings will be allowed due to a lack of restroom facilities and noise violations as the park is only open until 10 PM. Private events can be held at either Bond Park or Leahy Park. An application form will be required to use Trail Side Park. Currently no fee will be charged for public events.

Dreessen gave an update on the Plan Commission Meeting held on March 11th, 2024.

Austin gave an update on the Community Outreach Partnership Meeting that was held on March 18th, 2024.

A motion by Brecker and seconded by Austin to adopt Ordinance #2024-259 which will amend Section 9.02 of the Municipal Code relating to Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Devices requiring a new Vaping Device Retail License at a cost of \$20.00 per year. Roll call: All "Aye." Motion carried. Popp was absent.

A motion was made by Austin seconded by Pinch to approve Ordinance #2024-258 Annexing .41 acres into the Village of Belmont to extend East Commerce Street. Roll call: "Aye." Motion carried.

The recommendation by Johnson & Block to apply for a Simplified Water Rate Case was tabled so Bockhop can speak to Jay Bennett from Johnson & Block before proceeding.

A motion was made by Brecker seconded by K. Riechers to approve the Street Closing Permit for Belmont Forward Night Markets from Cushman Drive to Mound Avenue and Cushman Drive to Spring Street for June 13th, July 11th, and August 8th, 2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brecker and seconded by K. Riechers granting negotiations to begin in purchasing land from Christensons to extend East Commerce Street. Motion carried.

A motion was made by D. Riechers and seconded by K. Riechers at 7:45 PM 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, April 3, 2024, in the Community Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie A. Abing, Village Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Belmont