

VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Allen Grussing called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the village office located at the Bellflower Community Center, 104 W Center Street, Bellflower.

The Meeting Notice and Agenda (copy attached) was posted on the Bellflower Community Center exterior bulletin board on April 7, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

BOARD ATTENDANCE

Present: President Allen Grussing; Trustees Skee Aldrich, Beth Ellis, Steve Weiss, and Shane Zimmerman

Absent: Trustees Teresa Drinkwater and Bart Lytel

Five of seven board members were present, which formed a quorum.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS PRESENT – Clerk Herb Youngblood

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE – Paul Luther, Jake Forrest (Lanz), and Mitch Yeadon

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Luther – often picking up garbage in his yard that has blown from other properties.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on March 12, 2025.

b. Approve expenditures during the period of March 13, 2025, through April 9, 2025.

MOTION by Trustee Zimmerman to approve the foregoing consent agenda items. Seconded by Trustee Aldrich. Voice vote: 4 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.

POLICE ACTIVITIES

March 2025 – 7 citations; 2 warnings; 3 cases (school bus stop arm violation, fraud, and juvenile grooming).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. All buildings – replace paper towel and soap dispensers – all materials received; installation will occur as time available.

b. Community Center

1) Install video surveillance signs – COMPLETE.

2) Install electric outlet on conference room south wall – pending decision on what will be purchased to use with outlet.

3) Install fencing around generator – all done except for gates which are being built.

4) Install exterior lights at generator and band room door – generator (need estimate); band room door (MOTION by Trustee Weiss to accept Bob Althouse's \$250 estimate [copy attached]. Seconded by Trustee Ellis. Voice vote: 4 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.

5) Install BTHS friezes in main entrance hall – in process

6) Purchase "K" fire extinguisher for kitchen – COMPLETE.

7) Replace pull switch for fire suppression system – COMPLETE.

8) Remediate boys' locker room water seepage – Jake Forrest of Lanz Underground Solutions presented results of the March 17 tile examination and mapping. All tiles

visualized appeared clear, in good condition, and water was running through the tiles. The foundation tiles along the west side of the gym could not be located. It will be necessary to dig along the west side to locate the tiles. (MOTION by Trustee Aldrich to approve spending up to 8 hours @ \$300/hr., or \$2,400, for Lanz to dig and locate the foundation tiles. Seconded by Trustee Weiss. Voice vote: 4 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.) It was also suggested that we install a tile cleanout and waterproof the boys' locker room foundation wall while the foundation wall and tile is exposed. Ultimately, Jake believes a pump station may be needed to remove the tile water from that part of the foundation.

- 9) Paint exterior doors on building south side – project for workday.
 - 10) Repairs resulting from annual fire alarm system inspection – COMPLETE.
 - 11) Repair locks on stage door and band room exterior door - waiting on locksmith.
 - 12) Replace dust mops and brooms – COMPLETE.
- c. Don Harden Field
- 1) Repair/Replace 3 field lightbulbs not working – waiting on dry day with no wind.
 - 2) Replace scoreboard underground cable – COMPLETE.
 - 3) Replace restroom roof – to be done in good weather.
- d. Financial – Senator Turner grant – still waiting on approval by IL DCEO.
- e. Fireworks – need to purchase service plaque for Lloyd Power.
- f. Grounds
- 1) Repair pull-behind mower – COMPLETE.
- g. Emergency siren remote activation – waiting on vendor.
- h. Streets
- 1) Hydro-jetting stormwater drains – awaiting intergovernmental agreement to rent Village of Downs equipment and use Downs employees.
 - 2) MFT street sign replacement – Downs will send for our review an intergovernmental agreement for Village of Downs personnel to install.
 - 3) MFT gravel for rights-of-way and alleys – possibly Steven Sprau or Cody Shelton.
- i. Water system
- 1) Install bollards at tower pump house and Feed Mill hydrant – on hold. Tower-Mitch Yeadon says we should also protect the main well head, but are any bollards needed if a security fence is installed? Feed Mill-need to first investigate the sinkhole at the hydrant. Could Nick Drinkwater do this?
 - 2) Install fencing at water tower – on hold for an additional estimate.
 - 3) Stress test emergency well #3 – test results:

TEST #	GALLONS PUMPED	ARSENIC READING
1	35,000	13
2	38,200	13
3	25,900	13.2
4	19,400	13.2
	118,500 total	13.1 average result

Next step – pump 100,000 gallons continuously and perform a final test. To be performed beginning Friday night, April 11 and end Monday morning, April 14.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Action

- 1) Community Center playground swings replacement – MOTION by Trustee Ellis to allow Kevin and Franci Miller to purchase and install two toddler bucket swings and three regular swings, all with attached chain (copy of proposal attached), to replace the existing equipment. Seconded by Trustee Aldrich. Voice vote: 4 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.
- 2) Don Harden Field home plate replacement – Trustees Zimmerman and Aldrich will check for the exact style needed.
- 3) Surplus Property Sale of 201 W South St – no offers to purchase received. Given that this property has been available to sell since November 2022, and the board wanted to recover the \$15,000 spent to date on the property, it is time to reconsider the pricing. Kristin Yeadon, a local realtor, has been asked for a valuation.

b. Discussion – building tuckpointing

- 1) Community Center – D. Gray Tuckpointing & Masonry's estimate of \$44,350 (copy attached) is over the \$25,000 bid requirement threshold. Trustee Zimmerman is also not comfortable spending that much money in one fiscal year. See if the work could be prioritized so that mini projects could be performed over several fiscal years.
- 2) Tower pump house – MOTION by Trustee Zimmerman to approve D. Gray Tuckpointing & Masonry's \$3,745 estimate (copy attached) to tuckpoint the Tower pump house. Seconded by Trustee Aldrich. Voice vote: 4 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.

BOARD REPORTS

President Grussing

- Community Center generator and fencing added to the IML RMA insurance schedule.
- Every five years, IEPA conducts an engineering field evaluation. It will occur on April 10 and both Mitch Yeadon and President Grussing will attend.
- Fireworks
 - American Patriot Pyro contract expired last year. Requested same show as last year. Pricing unknown so far due to recent tariffs implemented on China.
 - Trustee Zimmerman and Nick Drinkwater attended training conducted by American Patriot Pyro. Additionally, Nick has obtained his pyrotechnic operator license (valid through March 2028, \$100, paid by the village) which will enable him to lead the July 4th fireworks show.
- Don Harden Field accumulated a lot of corn shucks against the infield fences since the outfield fence was removed. The shucks were removed by the Belltown Bombers. The Nathan Hieronymus fund will provide a snow fence to use as a softball outfield fence.
- Water on Steven Sprau's lot bordering State Street – Should look at options for moving surface water. May need a culvert under Marquis St and a ditch along Marquis St in front of the Frontier telephone building.
- Village Workday – MOTION by Trustee Zimmerman to approve the Lions Café \$350 estimate to provide lunch (meal, drink, dessert) for 50 people which will be held in the annex. Seconded by Trustee Weiss. Voice vote: 4 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.

Trustee Zimmerman

- Was the generator reimbursement check received from Bellflower Township? Yes.
- As a result of culvert work on his fields, excess dirt will be dumped by the Community Center shed for use on village projects.

- Since the Community Center footing tiles appear okay [reference Lanze project above], the downspouts can be reconnected to the drains under the downspouts.

Trustee Ellis – Eston Ellis has been called multiple times by McLean County EMA (MCEMA) during recent bad weather, and President Grussing was unaware of any calls. President Grussing is meeting the MCEMA on April 14 to review contact information, the status of the EMA radio, and the EMA online application.

ADJOURN

President Grussing adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
APRIL 9, 2025

The next regular meeting of the Village of Bellflower Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in the Village Office at the Bellflower Community Center, 104 W Center Street, Bellflower.

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

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- b. Community Center
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 - 2) Install electric outlet on conference room south wall
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 - 6) Purchase “K” fire extinguisher for kitchen
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- e. Fireworks – purchase service plaque for Lloyd Power
- f. Grounds
 - 1) Repair pull-behind mower
- g. Storm siren remote activation
- h. Streets
 - 1) Hydro-jet and mark drains/tiles except on State Street
 - 2) Install signs (street, handicap, dead end)
 - 3) Spread MFT rock on alleys and rights-of-way
- i. Water system
 - 1) Install bollards at water tower and Feed Mill fire hydrant
 - 2) Install fencing at water tower
 - 3) Stress test emergency well #3

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Action
 - 1) Community Center playground swings replacement
 - 2) Don Harden Field home plate replacement
 - 3) Surplus Property Sale – open bids, if any, for 201 W South St
- b. Discussion
 - 1) Community Center tuckpointing
 - 2) Tower pump house tuckpointing

BOARD REPORTS

ADJOURN

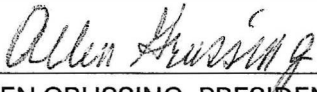
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FINANCIAL REPORT ACKNOWLEDGMENT
FOR
APRIL 9, 2025

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the following financial reports:

- Heartland Bank Account Reconciliations – 3/31/2025
- Illinois Funds Account Reconciliations – 3/31/2025
- Invoices paid 3/2025 GF and WF
- Invoices paid 4/2025 GF and WF
- QuickBooks Account Register (Heartland Bank and IL Funds) – 3/2025
- QuickBooks Balance Sheet – 4/9/2025
- QuickBooks Expenditures 3/13/2025 – 4/9/2025
- QuickBooks Fund Reports 5/1/2024-4/9/2025


ALLEN GRUSSING, PRESIDENT


SKEE ALDRICH, TRUSTEE

TERESA DRINKWATER, TRUSTEE


BETH ELLIS, TRUSTEE

BART LYTEL, TRUSTEE


STEVE WEISS, TRUSTEE


SHANE ZIMMERMAN, TRUSTEE

From: **Robert Althouse** <althouse.robert.2015@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 17, 2025, 2:14 PM

Subject: Music door light estimate

Estimate to add a dusk to dawn light above the exterior door of the music room is \$250.



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\$69⁹⁹



About this item

- **DIFFERENT SIZES:** The toddler swing set comes with two different sizes of swings to accommodate children of different weights and sizes. The smaller swing is 13 x 13 inches with a capacity of 150 pounds, suitable for babies and toddlers. The larger one is 24 x 5.9 inches with a capacity of 250 pounds, for children and adults. Each swing comes with a heavy-duty 66 inches stainless steel chain. 28 inches of the chain are coated with plastic to protect little fingers from getting pinched.
- **EVA material:** Both swings are made from EVA material, which is a type of soft, flexible plastic that is durable and resistant to wear and tear. EVA material is also easy to clean and can withstand exposure to the elements, making it ideal for use in outdoor settings. The size is 13*13*11.8 inches.
- **Rustproof chain:** Each galvanized chain is 66 inches long. 28 inches of the chain are covered with thermoplastic coating to prevent corrosion and rust. This completely eliminates any damage that may be caused by the chain. The thermoplastic coating is made of something good for surroundings, which is soft and comfortable to the touch and provide extra protection for children's fingers.
- **Sturdy, Safe & Stable:** With a strong and durable frame that it can support the weight of the swings and the children using them. The swings are also designed to be comfortable and secure, with a bucket seat that provides a snug fit and a high backrest for added support. Compared to other swing seats made of plastic, our swing seats are equipped with metal inserts and are made of 201 stainless steel. This design makes the swing seats safer and more stable.
- **Easy installation:** The swing set is designed to be easy to install, with clear instructions and all the necessary hardware included. Parents can set up the swing set quickly and easily, without the need for special tools or equipment. This makes it a convenient option for families who want to provide their children with a fun and engaging outdoor activity without spending a lot of time on setup and maintenance. The height can be adjusted by moving the hooks to the desired link on the chain.

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PROPOSAL

Date	PROPOSAL #
3/31/2025	3032504

Web Site

www.dgraytuckpointing.c...

Terms

DUE DAY OF COMPLETION

Description	Total
THE FOLLOWING WORK IS TO BE PERFORMED TO THE GYM PORTION OF BUILDING. EAST,SOUTH AND WEST SIDES.	0.00
1. GRIND OUT ALL POPPING MORTAR JOINTS AND AREAS WHERE MORTAR HAS WASHED/ERODED OUT.	
2. TUCKPOINT SAME USING TYPE N MORTAR MATCHING ORIGINAL FINISH AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE.	
3. REPLACE BROKEN BRICK AFTER REMOVING BASKETBALL HOOP FROM EAST SIDE OF SOUTH WALL.	
4. CUT OUT AND RECAULK 2 CONTROL JOINTS ON SOUTH WALL AS THEY ARE WIDE OPEN.	
5. TUCKPOINT AROUND LIMESTONE SILLS AS MANY OF THEN ARE OPEN.	
6. ON EAST WALL NORTH END WHERE GUTTER HAD LET WATER RUN DOWN WALL WASHING OUT OVER THE YEARS, WE WILL CUT AND TUCKPOINT THAT SECTION ENTIRELY.	
TOTAL MATERIAL AND LABOR=	29,000.00
EAST WALL GYM=7500.00	
SOUTH WALL GYM=14000.00	
WEST WALL GYM=7500.00	
THE FOLLOWING WORK IS TO BE PERFORMED TO THE CAFETERIA PORTION OF BUILDING.	0.00
1. remove old flashing on south side where another building had been attached.	
2. grind out joints where flashing had been.	
3. tuckpoint same using type n mortar.	
4. where settlement crack has split thru brick, grind out mortar joints. cut out split brick and replace with new brick. tuckpoint back to seal up area.	

SIGANATURE OF ACCEPTANCE: _____

DATE: _____

2% per month will be charged for any amount unpaid 10 days after completion of project.

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Total

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DUE DAY OF COMPLETION

Description	Total
5. on remainder of cafeteria portion grind out any popped mortar joints and tuckpoint as needed. TOTAL MATERIAL AND LABOR=	6,850.00
THE FOLLOWING WORK IS TO BE PERFORMED TO REMAINING PORTIONS OF SCHOOL. WE WILL ALSO GO UP ON ROOF AND MAKE REPAIRS TO BRICK .	0.00
1. GRIND OUT ANY POPPED MORTAR JOINTS AND SETTLEMENT CRACKS. 2. TUCKPOINT SAME USING TYPE N MORTAR. TOTAL MATERIAL AND LABOR=	8,500.00

SIGANATURE OF ACCEPTANCE: _____
DATE: _____

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Total

\$44,350.00

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PROPOSAL

Date	PROPOSAL #
3/31/2025	3032499

Web Site

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Terms

DUE DAY OF COMPLETION

Description	Total
THE FOLLOWING WORK IS TO BE PERFORMED TO THE EXTERIOR OF PUMP HOUSE IN BELLFLOWER. SMALL GREY PAINT BLOCK BUILDING UNDER THE WATER TOWER.	0.00
1. GRIND OUT ALL MORTAR JOINTS TO A MINIMUM DEPTH OF 3/4 INCH OR = TO WIDTH OF MORTAR JOINT. CUT OUT OLD CAULKING THAT WAS INSTALL IN SOME MORTAR JOINTS.	0.00
2. WASH DOWN ENTIRE AFFECTED AREA TO REMOVE DUST FROM FACES AND EDGES THUS PROVIDING A CLEAN EDGE FOR NEW MORTAR TO BOND.	0.00
3. TUCKPOINT ENTIRE AREA LEAVING A SMOOTH CONCAVE FINISH. PATCH UP CORNER OF BROKEN BLOCK ON BOTTOM OF SW CORNER.	0.00
4. WASH DOWN ENTIRE AREA USING VANATROL TO REMOVE ANY MORTAR OR DUST THAT MAY BE ON FACES OF BRICK OR STONE, THUS LEAVING A CLEAN UNIFORM FINISHED AREA.	0.00
5. CLEAN UP AND REMOVE ANY DEBRIS CREATED BY OUR WORK.	0.00
TOTAL MATERIAL AND LABOR= 2895.00	2,895.00
MORTAR, SAND=45.00 LABOR= PREVAILING WAGE MCLEAN COUNTY=2850.00	
OPTION TO DEMO OUT MAJOR SETTLEMENT CRACKS INSIDE BUILDING. NOT SURE WHAT IS ALL INSIDE TO BE DONE BECAUSE WE COULDN'T GET IN WHILE I WAS THERE.	

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