

**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER**  
**McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 14, 2026**

**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 January 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

**BOARD ATTENDANCE**

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

Absent: Trustee Bart Lytel

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

*VILLAGE OFFICIALS PRESENT* – Clerk Herb Youngblood

*PUBLIC ATTENDANCE* – Paul Luther, Rob Brown

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on December 10, 2025.

b. Approve expenditures during the period of December 11, 2025, through January 14, 2026.

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

**POLICE ACTIVITIES**

- Traffic citations – 9 in December, 75 in 2025.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Community Center

- 1) Conference Room – electrical outlet on S wall awaiting decision on exact location.
- 2) Generator – tomorrow Bob Althouse will install a dusk-to-dawn light to flood the area.
- 3) Office (front hall) – purchase file storage shelves not yet done.
- 4) Deferred until spring – tuckpointing priorities; paint doors on building south side

b. Depot

- 1) Repair deck in front of entrance door – Keith Springer will estimate.

**\*\*Trustee Ellis arrived\*\***

c. Don Harden Field

- 1) Deferred until spring - Village Garage roof repair; replace home plate; paint restroom doors, picnic tables, and bleachers; fill around concession stand concrete slab with gravel or road scrapings.

d. Library

- 1) Estimates needed - bathroom updates; remove old air conditioners and patch interior/exterior openings; replace back door.

e. Emergency storm siren remote activation – no response from vendor since 11/2025.

- f. Streets – no activity planning until Spring 2026.
  - 1) Hydro-jetting stormwater drains by Rob Brown
  - 2) MFT street sign replacement by Village of Downs
- g. Water system
  - 1) New water well project – Fehr Graham (FG) updating draft project for possible review at February meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Action
  - 1) Community garden at Community Center – a resident asked about planting a community garden on vacant land south of the building. Board discussion: drainage tiles in that area; residents interested in a garden already have one in their own yard; would require a very long water hose, and what if they don't turn off the water; who would dig, plant, water, harvest, clean up at season's end; the village does not have a garden club who could assume responsibility for the garden. MOTION by Trustee Ellis to not approve a community garden at the Community Center. Second by Trustee Weiss. Voice vote: 5 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.
  - 2) Sell surplus equipment – MOTION by Trustee Aldrich to accept Rob Brown's bid on behalf of GHB Enterprise LLC to purchase the Toro Z Master Professional 7000 Diesel Mower for \$3,500 (copy attached). Second by Trustee Ellis. Voice vote: 5 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.
  - 3) Sell surplus property located at 201 W South St – no bids received.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Zimmerman

- EMA Spotters – 6 fire district personnel expressed interest. Completed forms will be returned to President Grussing by Trustee Zimmerman.
- Township Community Center taxes and annual library contribution – Township Supervisor Bob Zimmerman, through Trustee Zimmerman, expressed his frustration with the email received from President Grussing documenting the annual reconciliation of Community Center taxes and library reimbursement. President Grussing will speak with Supervisor Zimmerman.

### **ADJOURN**

President Grussing adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**JANUARY 14, 2026**

The next regular meeting of the Village of Bellflower Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 7:00 p.m., in the Village Office at the Bellflower Community Center, 104 W Center Street, Bellflower.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approve minutes of the regular meeting held December 10, 2025
- Approve expenditures during the period December 11, 2025, through January 14, 2026

**POLICE ACTIVITIES**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Community Center
  - 1) Conference room – electrical outlet on S wall
  - 2) Generator - Install dusk-to-dawn light
  - 3) Office (front hall) – purchase file storage shelves
  - 4) Deferred until spring – tuckpointing priorities, paint doors on building south side
- b. Depot
  - 1) Repair deck in front of entrance door
- c. Don Harden Field
  - 1) Repair roof on Village Garage
  - 2) Deferred until spring – replace home plate, paint restroom doors, picnic tables, and bleachers, fill around concrete slab with gravel or road scrapings
- d. Library
  - 1) Bathroom updates
  - 2) Remove old air conditioners and patch interior/exterior openings
  - 3) Replace back door
- e. Storm siren remote activation
- f. Streets – no activity planned until spring
  - 1) Hydro-vac and clean street drains and catch basins
  - 2) Install MFT signs (street, handicap, dead end)
- g. Water system
  - 1) New water well project

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Action
  - 1) Community garden at Community Center
  - 2) Sale of surplus equipment – push mower
  - 3) Sale of surplus property – 201 W South St

**BOARD REPORTS**

**ADJOURN**

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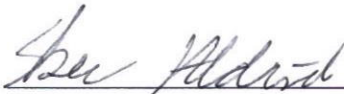
**FINANCIAL REPORT ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
**FOR**  
**JANUARY 14, 2026**

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the following financial reports:

- Heartland Bank Account Reconciliations – 12/31/2025
- Illinois Funds Account Reconciliations – 12/31/2025
- Invoices paid 12/2025 GF and WF
- Invoices paid 1/2026 GF and WF
- QuickBooks Account Register (Heartland Bank and IL Funds) – 12/2025
- QuickBooks Balance Sheet – 1/14/2026
- QuickBooks Expenditures 12/11/2025 – 1/14/2026
- QuickBooks Fund P&Ls 5/1/2025-1/14/2026



ALLEN GRUSSING, PRESIDENT



SKEE ALDRICH, TRUSTEE



TERESA DRINKWATER, TRUSTEE

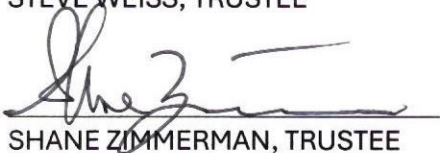


BETH ELLIS, TRUSTEE

BART LYTEL, TRUSTEE



STEVE WEISS, TRUSTEE



SHANE ZIMMERMAN, TRUSTEE

**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER  
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BID FORM**

SUBMITTED BY (PLEASE PRINT):

NAME

Rob Brown

PHONE





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MAILING ADDRESS

310 E Margolis St Bellflower

ITEM		BID AMOUNT
	ALLIS-CHALMERS DIESEL TRACTOR	\$ _____
	WOODS PULL-BEHIND MOWER	\$ _____
	TORO Z MASTER PROFESSIONAL 7000 DIESEL MOWER	\$ <u>2500</u> <sup>00/1</sup>
	YARD MACHINES 20-INCH PUSH MOWER	\$ _____
TOTAL BID SUBMITTED		\$ <u>3,500.00</u>

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE TO THE TERMS OF SALE DESCRIBED BELOW.

SIGNATURE

Rob V

DATE

1/19/26

**TERMS OF SALE:**

The village disclaims any warranty, expressed or implied, of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. All items are sold in their present condition "as is" and "where is."  
Sale price is payable by cash or bank certified/cashier/teller check to VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER.

Submit your bid proposal to purchase any of or all the surplus equipment by mail to:

Village of Bellflower  
Surplus Equipment Bid  
PO Box 244  
Bellflower, IL 61724-0244

The Village of Bellflower reserves the right to reject any and all bids.