

Village of Bellaire Council  
Thursday, January 22, 2026  
5:00 P.M.

The regularly-scheduled meeting of Bellaire Village Council was held this date. Meeting was brought to order by Mayor Robert Dodrill, who opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Evans	Here
Mr. Connors	Here
Mrs. Dugmore	Here
Mr. Schmitt	Here
Ms. Richardson	Here
Mr. Maupin	Here

Also in attendance:

Mr. Paul Stecker, Village Solicitor  
Chief J. J. Watson, Chief of Police/Code Enforcer  
Mr. Scott Porter, Village Administrator  
Mrs. Ginny Favede, Fiscal Officer  
Mrs. Mary Hagiloizou, Clerk of Council

**Minutes:** There were four meetings for which minutes need to be approved. Ms. Richardson asked that this approval be postponed to the next meeting because Council was not provided these minutes until this date and they have not had an opportunity to review. This request was granted.

**Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Dodrill reported that there were many things occurring at the Village this last few weeks and thanked Mrs. Favede and Mr. Porter their efforts since they were appointed on 01/08/26.
- Mayor Dodrill reported that the Village of Bellaire website, [www.villageofbellaire.org](http://www.villageofbellaire.org), has been updated with a new logo, one that pays tribute to the Great Stone Viaduct, the Bellaire High School Bell Tower, and the Ohio River. He encouraged all residents to visit the site.

**Fiscal Officer's Report:**

- Mrs. Favede provided all Council Members with finance reports from May, 2025 through present.
- She has closed out the books on the year 2025.
- Mrs. Favede reported that she has been attending zoom meetings for training on the current platform used by the Village for payroll and finance but will be moving to a new platform, UAN, which is the preferred method of the State of Ohio.
- Mrs. Favede reported that the employee medical plan, that was changed effective 01/01/26, has been restored to the former benefit package.
- Village payroll was completed and paychecks issued to employees for pay date 01/15/26.

**Village Administrator's Report:** Mr. Porter provided Council with information regarding the various projects and meetings he has been involved with since his appointment.

- He has met with representatives from the Sinclair Foundation regarding the ongoing development plans for the St. Clairsville Pike area of the Village, including plans for a new welcome sign.
- Phase II of the St. Clairsville Pike Project funded through FEMA will begin 05/26/26 and is expected to last 90-120 days. FEMA has updated the project to extend the length of the wall.
- The Flood Plain Development Permit for the Village Recreation and Entertainment Complex was issued on 01/19/26.
- The Street Department is currently waiting on two salt spreaders. He contacted the provided and determined they are currently waiting on a part from the manufacturer and it is unknown how long that will take; he asked the provided to email him when it is determined how long the part will be delayed so that the Village can pursue other options, if necessary.
- Mr. Porter informed Council that the road salt supply is running low. He assured Council that there is enough to get the Village through the impending snow storm for the weekend of 01/23/26 and possibly one more inclement weather situation, but salt will need to be purchased. There is currently a shortage state-wide but he has located approximately 50 tons that can be purchased. He also indicated his intention to mix cinders with the salt to extend our current supply. This mixture will be used on hills to ensure better traction.
- Mr. Porter will be scheduling the clean up of mine runoff culverts.
- Mr. Porter will be contacting Cast and Baker to get on the schedule for paving Hamilton Street. He wants to be on the list as soon as possible to avoid delays in paving.
- The Village will be entering into a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purpose of grass mowing and weed eating along the state routes in the Village.
- Mr. Porter has been updated on the pending litigation regarding the air stripper and the Village of Bellaire. He will be scheduling a meeting with Mr. Stecker, Village Solicitor, to get information on what law firm is representing the Village.
- The Water Department identified and fixed a couple water leaks this week.

- Mr. Porter is currently conducting assessments of vehicles owned by the Village to determine condition, maintenance needs, and length of life. Additionally, all vehicles will be receiving routine maintenance service.

Mr. Maupin asked Mr. Porter if the road would be closed during the period of time Phase II Project was being completed and was told yes. He pointed out that Central Avenue and Mud Road, alternate routes for residents on 214, are both in disrepair and will need to be repaired before the start of the project.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance and Personnel Committee:** Ms. Richardson, Committee Chair, reported that no meetings have been held but one has been scheduled for 01/29/26 at 10:00 a.m. She will have the Mayor's Administrative Assistant, Barbara Tinnel, contact the news media to publish.

**Health and Safety Committee:** Mr. Schmitt, Committee Chair, reported no meetings have been held as of this date but one will be scheduled within the next two weeks.

**Ordinance Committee:** Ms. Richardson, Committee Chair, reported no meetings have been held yet, but will be scheduled very soon. She would like to focus on the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting before scheduling an Ordinance Committee Meeting. She reported that she was on the Village of Bellaire Website and noticed that the codified ordinances section has not been updated. In 2024 the Village contracted with American Legal Publishing to update from 2015 through 2024 and was provided a means to post the updated ordinances. Mr. Stecker indicated anyone should be able to access the American Legal Publishing website and find the Village's ordinances but he could not locate Bellaire in their listing of Villages. Ms. Richardson asked Mrs. Favede if she can do a search to locate any historical information regarding the Village of Bellaire's purchase and contract with American Legal Publishing. She also indicated that one of her goals is for the committee to review, remove, or update any obsolete ordinances.

**Streets and Properties Committee:** Ms. Richardson, Committee Chair, reported that no meetings have been conducted but there is one scheduled for 01/30/26 at 10:00 a.m. The Committee will be meeting with Mr. Sinclair regarding properties that he needs to purchase. She also reported that the Gas and Oil Lease has not been received as of this date. Tax Liens have been identified on a couple of the Village-owned properties, although the Village is exempt from taxes due to Municipality Status. This will need to be addressed so that the leasing can move forward.

**Social Media Committee:** Mr. Schmitt, Committee Chair, reported no meetings have been held as of this date but will have one scheduled within two weeks. He thanked Mrs. Favede for her assistance with the Village website.

**Utilities Committee:** Mrs. Dugmore, Committee Chair, reported no meetings have been held as of this date.

**Department Reports:** None

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Ordinance 2026-03, An ordinance authorizing the submission to the Ohio Department of Transportation, an application for their grass removal and assistance support and safety program for the state fiscal years 2026 and 2027, and giving consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to provide supplemental mowing, pruning, trimming, and/or cutting on the rights of way of state highway roads within the Village Corporate Limits. Ms. Richardson made a motion that the three-meeting rule be suspended and all readings held this date. Mr. Maupin seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Connors	Yes
Mrs. Dugmore	Yes
Mr. Schmitt	Yes
Ms. Richardson	Yes
Mr. Maupin	Yes

Motion Carried

Second and third readings of Ordinance 2026-03 were held. Motion Ms. Richardson, second Mrs. Dugmore, that Ordinance 2026-03 be engrossed and passed.

Roll Call:

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Connors	Yes
Mrs. Dugmore	Yes
Mr. Schmitt	Yes
Ms. Richardson	Yes
Mr. Maupin	Yes

Motion Carried

Mrs. Favede had submitted some edits to Barbara Tinnel for this ordinance. It was explained that this was a form from the state and she Barbara did not have the template so Mrs. Favede said she would make the revisions and have the form signed when they are completed.

**Old Business:**

Ms. Richardson presented Council with copies of a contract with T. A. Robinson Asphalt and Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$146,835.00 for work to be completed at the Recreation and Entertainment Complex. These funds will be from the grant for the project, not from the Village of Bellaire. Ms. Richardson made a motion that this contract be approved by Council so that the project can continue and the work be scheduled. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dugmore.

Roll Call:

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Connors	Yes
Mrs. Dugmore	Yes
Mr. Schmitt	Yes
Ms. Richardson	Yes
Mr. Maupin	Yes

Motion Carried

Ms. Richardson presented Council with copies of a contract with Breisch and Crowley for additional electrical work at the Recreation and Entertainment Complex in the amount of \$7,750.00. The scope of work includes lighting under the roof and surrounding the pickleball courts. Motion Ms. Richardson that the contract be approved, second Mrs. Dugmore.

Roll Call:

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Connors	Yes
Mrs. Dugmore	Yes
Mr. Schmitt	Yes
Ms. Richardson	Yes
Mr. Maupin	Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Connors asked Mayor Dodrill why outside contractors are collecting trash in the Village. He was told that although businesses have outside contractors, they still are required to pay our minimum rates. Those outside contractors are dumping materials that the Village cannot.

Mr. Connors inquired about rain gear for the Fire Department and Mr. Porter explained he is currently looking into grants and will schedule some time with Phyllis Barnhart to explore grants.

Visitors to Council:

John Leonard, 15-21<sup>st</sup> Street, Bellaire, Ohio 43906

Mr. Leonard reported that several vehicles have been driving on the sidewalks in Union Park and breaking the concrete. He has asked for an increased police presence to avoid any further damage. Mayor Dodrill said he would look into the situation and Chief Watson said he would increase the patrols.

The next Village Council meeting will be held Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion Mrs. Dugmore, second Ms. Richardson to adjourn.

Roll Call:

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Connors	Yes
Mrs. Dugmore	Yes
Mr. Schmitt	Yes
Ms. Richardson	Yes
Mr. Maupin	Yes

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

## **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

#### **Village Recreation & Entertainment Complex**

Floodplain Development Permit issued for the project. 01.19.26

#### **Phase II - ST CLAIRSVILLE PIKE - FEMA**

1 1/2 years to get funding approved

FEMA approved the change in the scope of the project, extending the wall length downhill.

Bid Awarded - OH/WV

Start Date - 05.26.26

EST. Completion Date 90-120 Days

#### **SINCLAIR FOUNDATION - DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Project review with the Sinclair principals

Working on a punch list for current & future development

ROW for the proposed replacement of the 214 "Village Welcome Sign" has been approved.

#### **OTHER PROJECTS**

- Hamilton Street -
- ODOT - Mowing Assistance along State Routes within the Village
- ENTERPRISE DEPARTMENTS
- Vehicle & Equipment - Inspections ongoing
- Buildings & Grounds
- Service Garage - 12 overhead lights need replaced  
2 Overhead Garage Doors need serviced
- Water Plant - Updated on the Stripper issues at plant - further review with  
legal representative.
- Water Distribution - Couple Leaks Repaired this week.
- Street Department - Work orders
  - Snow Removal - Salt Inventory is getting low  
need additional 50 - 100 tons
  - Located cinder supplier - blend it in with salt for additional ice control on hills.
  - schedule cleaning of mine runoff culverts

**Sanitation** - updated on department issues - currently an ongoing evaluation

#### **Scott Porter**

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