

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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 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 February 9, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

**BOARD ATTENDANCE**

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

Absent: Trustee Teresa Drinkwater

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

*VILLAGE OFFICIALS PRESENT* – Clerk Herb Youngblood

*PUBLIC ATTENDANCE* – Paul Luther, Rob Brown, Matt Johnson (Fehr Graham)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on January 14, 2026.

b. Approve expenditures during the period of January 15, 2026, through February 11, 2026.

MOTION by Trustee Weiss to approve the foregoing consent agenda items. Second by Trustee Ellis. Voice vote: 5 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.

**POLICE ACTIVITIES**

- December 2025 - traffic citations (8), cases (6; 4 domestic, 1 fraud, 1 grooming)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Community Center

- 1) Conference Room – electrical outlet on S wall awaiting decision on exact location.
- 2) Generator – install a dusk-to-dawn light to flood the area; COMPLETE.
- 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.

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 planned until Spring 2026.

- 1) Hydro-jetting stormwater drains by Rob Brown
  - 2) MFT street sign replacement by Village of Downs
- g. Water system
- 1) System updates –Matt Johnson (Fehr Graham) presented an overview of the draft project plan. Board feedback will be incorporated into the plan in hopes of presenting a final draft at the March meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Action

- 1) Sell surplus equipment (push mower) – no bids received.
- 2) Sell surplus property located at 201 W South St – no bids received.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

President Grussing

- Senator Turner grant – all money received and project COMPLETE.
- Community Center kitchen external door lock – battery replaced and lock works again.
- Township Community Center taxes – discussed with Bob Zimmerman. Final disbursement from McLean County awaiting Township audit completion and document filing.
- Community Center rental – Sigma Chi (Bloomington) has again rented the building for a March weekend.
- Leaf blower repairs needed – will try Mahomet small engine repair business; otherwise, will again try Farm & Fleet (Champaign) who previously worked on the engine when it was under warranty.
- Vending machines – Bob Althouse and Kyle Samples are proposing to install vending machines at the Community Center at their expense and covered by their insurance. Also discussed the possibility of them running the Don Harden Field concession stand during the summer baseball games and July 4<sup>th</sup>. An agreement would be needed to pay either a flat rate or percentage of sales to the village. Board was receptive to the ideas. Trustee Drinkwater will be consulted regarding the July 4<sup>th</sup> concession stand.
- During the current IL legislative session, a House bill has been introduced to allow residential chickens in municipalities and override any local municipal objections. Discussed with Brad Cole (IML) and he does not think the bill will gain traction.

Clerk Youngblood – the 2026 Certificate of Status of Exempt Property (copy attached) was filed with the McLean County Supervisor of Assessments on February 5, 2026.

### **ADJOURN**

President Grussing adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

The next regular meeting of the Village of Bellflower Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 7:00 p.m., in the Village Office at the Bellflower Community Center, 104 W Center Street, Bellflower.

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- Library – estimates needed
  - Bathroom updates
  - Remove old air conditioners and patch interior/exterior openings
  - Replace back door
- Storm siren remote activation
- Streets – no activity planned until spring
  - Hydro-vac and clean street drains and catch basins
  - Install MFT signs (street, handicap, dead end)
- Water system
  - New water well project – project plan presentation

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Action
  - Sale of surplus equipment – push mower
  - Sale of surplus property – 201 W South St

**BOARD REPORTS**

**ADJOURN**

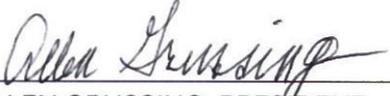
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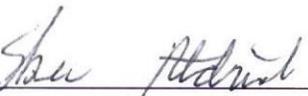
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FINANCIAL REPORT ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
FOR  
FEBRUARY 11, 2026

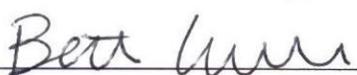
I acknowledge that I have reviewed the following financial reports:

- Heartland Bank Account Reconciliations – 1/31/2026
- Illinois Funds Account Reconciliations – 1/31/2026
- Invoices paid 1/2026 GF and WF
- Invoices paid 2/2026 GF and WF
- QuickBooks Account Register (Heartland Bank and IL Funds) – 1/2026
- QuickBooks Balance Sheet – 2/11/2026
- QuickBooks Expenditures 1/15/2026 – 2/11/2026
- QuickBooks Fund P&Ls 5/1/2025-2/11/2026

  
ALLEN GRUSSING, PRESIDENT

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SKEE ALDRICH, TRUSTEE

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