

**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER  
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Allen Grussing called the special 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 23, 2026, at 3:15 p.m.

**BOARD ATTENDANCE**

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

Absent: Trustee Beth Ellis

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

*VILLAGE OFFICIALS PRESENT* – Clerk Herb Youngblood

*PUBLIC ATTENDANCE* – Matt Johnson (Fehr Graham)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MEETING PURPOSE**

- a. Discussion of the Fehr Graham draft project plan for updates to the village water system.

**DISCUSSION**

Matt Johnson of Fehr Graham was in attendance to answer questions as a follow-up to his presentation at the February 11, 2026 board meeting.

Approximately 9,500 linear feet of transite (cement and asbestos) water mains still need to be replaced with PVC pipe. While these mains are old and getting older, the concern about asbestos leaching out is overstated. The high danger in asbestos fibers comes from breathing the fibers, not drinking the fibers.

The probability of water well failure is low, but it affects all water customers. The probability of old water mains breaking is higher but affects only a subset of customers.

The first draft of the project plan was divided into two phases: 1) construction of a new well and a new water treatment plant; and 2) replacing all remaining transite water mains with PVC pipe and painting the water tower. Due to the high cost of both phases, the board consensus was to create and order phases which address the most critical needs: 1) construct new well; 2) replace water mains subject to remaining available funds; 3) new water plant; and 4) paint water tower. Only phases 1 and 2 would be pursued at this time.

**ACTION**

MOTION by Trustee Drinkwater to structure the project plan into four phases: 1) replace water well #3 with a new water well; 2) replace remaining water mains that were not replaced in prior projects, subject to available funding; 3) construct new water plant at the new well site; and 4) paint water

tower. Second by Trustee Lytel. Roll call vote – Yes: Trustees Aldrich, Drinkwater, Lytel, Weiss, and Zimmerman; No: None; Absent: Trustee Ellis. Vote summary: Yes (5), No (-0-), Absent (1). Motion passed.

**NEXT STEPS**

Mr. Johnson will revise the draft project plan to adopt the four phases approved at this meeting and will present a final project plan for approval at the March 11, 2026 board meeting.

**ADJOURN**

President Grussing adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

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**MEETING PURPOSE**

- a. Discussion of the Fehr Graham draft project plan for updates to the village water system.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**DISCUSSION WITH FEHR GRAHAM ABOUT WATER SYSTEM UPDATES**

**ADJOURN**