

VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President Allen Grussing called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 June 8, 2026, at 4:15 p.m.

BOARD ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: None

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

VILLAGE OFFICIALS PRESENT – Clerk Herb Youngblood

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE – Paul Luther

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on May 13, 2026.

b. Approve expenditures during the period of May 14, 2026, through June 10, 2026.

MOTION by Trustee Lytel to approve the foregoing consent agenda items. Second by Trustee Ellis. Voice vote: 6 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.

POLICE ACTIVITIES

- May 2026 - traffic citations (11), cases (1 grooming)
- Officer Thornton stopped a FedEx driver for speeding and then arrested the driver for driving with a suspended license.
- Heavy police presence at the Jerry Crowe house for unsubstantiated report of gun shots.
- Reports of a black truck with ladder speeding out of town. A black truck was ticketed for going 82mph, but it did not have a ladder.
- Chief Dingler suggested installing a speed limit sign facing east on W Center St near the S Vine St intersection. He also suggested reducing the speed limit to 25mph.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Community Center

1) Conference Room

a. Bob Althouse reviewed the planned installation of an electrical outlet at the W wall intersection with the S wall.

b. TV and rolling card purchased for presentations. COMPLETE.

2) Exterior

a. Doors – painting needed on building south side, and entrances at cafeteria and main hall; volunteer needed.

b. HVAC - southwest corner a/c unit is leaning due to dirt settling; contacted JCs.

- c. Leaf blower - replace broken gas-powered unit with battery-powered unit; purchased. COMPLETE.
 - d. Tuckpointing – will contact Darren Gray to prioritize.
 - 3) Kitchen – Getz Industrial inspected and cleaned range hood, duct, fan, and replaced the filters. The inspection and filter exchange will henceforth occur annually. COMPLETE.
 - 4) Office (front hall) – purchase file storage shelves; no activity.
- b. Depot
 - 1) Window trim is in bad shape and needs to be looked at by a window company.
- c. Don Harden Field
 - 1) Backstop replacement
 - Rob Brown obtained a Lions Club matching beautification grant to replace the backstop after consulting Kristen Yeadon about field needs. The village would not be responsible for any expenses.
 - At last month's meeting, the board expressed concern that they were not consulted prior to determining a use for the grant, and that no proposal was delivered for board review. As a result, President Grussing prepared a proposal (copy attached) that was approved by Rob and Kristen
 - The board believes Rob should have first approached the board to determine the village's grant needs rather than now presenting a proposal as a done deal.
 - MOTION by Trustee Lytel to decline the Bellflower Lions Club offer to replace the backstop. Second by Trustee Zimmerman. Roll call vote: Yes-Trustees Aldrich, Drinkwater, Ellis, Lytel, Weiss, and Zimmerman; No-None. Vote summary: Yes (6), No-(-0-). Motion passed.
 - MOTION by Trustee Aldrich for the village to commit to replacing the backstop, and to notify the Bellflower Lions Club that any beautification grant should be used to replace trees at Don Harden Field with location to be determined by the village. Second by Trustee Drinkwater. Roll call vote: Yes-Trustees Aldrich, Drinkwater, Ellis, Lytel, Weiss, and Zimmerman; No-None. Vote summary: Yes (6), No-(-0-). Motion passed.
 - 2) Concession stand
 - a) Fill around concrete slab with gravel or road scrapings – no activity.
 - b) Paint roof – no activity.
 - 3) Painting (restroom doors, picnic tables, and bleachers) – no activity.
 - 4) Village Garage – replace roof panel; no activity.
- d. Library
 - 1) Estimates needed - bathroom updates; remove old air conditioners and patch interior/exterior openings; replace back door.
 - 2) Front deck and railing – Keith Springer stained; COMPLETE.
- e. Emergency storm siren
 - 1) Remote activation – activity COMPLETE. However, billed for extra labor involved with removing and reinstalling the siren after it was rebuilt. The village never received a verbal or written estimate of additional hours to be billed and never approved any additional expense other than the original approved estimates. MOTION by Trustee Drinkwater to pay only the approved estimates and delay any payment until noon whistle programming has been invoiced. Second by Trustee Weiss. Voice vote: 6 yes; .0- no. Motion passed.
 - 2) Noon whistle – programming needed; cost estimated \$400.

- f. Streets – no activity.
 - 1) Hydro-jetting stormwater drains
 - 2) Improve surface drainage on Center St and North St
 - 3) MFT street sign replacement by Village of Downs
- g. Water system – the phase 1 project plan has been submitted to IEPA and a project manager has been assigned.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Action
 - 1) MOTION by Trustee Aldrich to approve JC's \$1,200 estimate for urinal repairs in the main hall men's restroom (copy attached). Second by Trustee Zimmerman. Voice vote: 6 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.
 - 2) Sell surplus equipment (push mower) – MOTION by Trustee Lytel to accept Gary Sedberry's \$50 bid for the Yard Machines 20-inch push mower. Second by Trustee Drinkwater. Voice vote: 6 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.
 - 3) Sell surplus property located at 201 W South St – no bids received.

BOARD REPORTS

President Grussing

- An ADA inspection of the Bellflower polling place was successfully completed on May 15.
- A request was received to rent a Community Center classroom as a storage facility; denied.
- The 2025 Consumer Confidence Report (Annual Drinking Water Quality Report) was issued on June 1, 2026. A copy is on the village website.
- Village workday is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, with a rain date of June 27. Dumpsters are ordered. REMINDER - the Community Center garage cleanout by trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m. If time permits, the Village Garage will also be checked for disposable items.
- 2026 July 4th fireworks liability insurance application has been submitted.
- 2026 July 4th parade permit has been approved by McLean County.
- New flags have been purchased for installation prior to July 4th.
- Carl and Ashley Brown have moved to Champaign. Their daughter has not returned 4 library books. A bill for \$80.97 will be sent to the Browns for 4 new replacement books.

ADJOURN

President Grussing adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
JUNE 10, 2026

The next regular meeting of the Village of Bellflower Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, June 10, 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 May 13, 2026
- Approve expenditures during the period May 14, 2026, through June 10, 2026

POLICE ACTIVITIES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Community Center
 - 1) Clean kitchen range hood
 - 2) Install electrical outlet on conference room S wall
 - 3) Paint doors on building south side
 - 4) Prioritize tuckpointing
 - 5) Purchase file storage shelves for front hall office
 - 6) Purchase leaf blower
 - 7) Purchase TV and rolling cart for conference room
- b. Depot
 - 1) Repair/repaint window trim
- c. Don Harden Field
 - 1) Approve backstop and fence repairs using Lions Club matching grant
 - 2) Fill around concession stand concrete slab with gravel or road scrapings
 - 3) Paint restroom doors, picnic tables, and bleachers
 - 4) Repair village garage roof panel
- d. Library
 - 1) Bathroom updates
 - 2) Remove old window air conditioners and patch interior/exterior openings
 - 3) Replace back door
 - 4) Stain front deck and railings
- e. Storm siren noon whistle
- f. Streets
 - 1) Hydro-jetting stormwater drains
 - 2) Improve surface drainage on Center St and North St
 - 3) Install MFT street signs
- g. Water system
 - 1) New water well project

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Action
 - 1) JCs – repairs in Community Center men’s hall restroom
 - 2) Sale of surplus equipment – push mower

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

- 3) Sale of surplus property – 201 W South St

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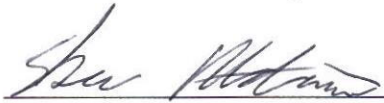
FINANCIAL REPORT ACKNOWLEDGMENT
FOR
JUNE 10, 2026

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the following financial reports:

- Heartland Bank Account Reconciliations – 5/31/2026
- Illinois Funds Account Reconciliations – 5/31/2026
- Invoices paid 5/2026 GF and WF
- Invoices paid 6/2026 GF and WF
- QuickBooks Account Register (Heartland Bank and IL Funds) – 5/2026
- QuickBooks Balance Sheet – 6/10/2026
- QuickBooks Expenditures 5/14/2026 – 6/10/2026
- QuickBooks Fund P&Ls 5/1/2026-6/10/2026



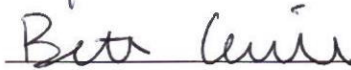
ALLEN GRUSSING, PRESIDENT



SKEE ALDRICH, TRUSTEE



TERESA DRINKWATER, TRUSTEE



BETH ELLIS, TRUSTEE



BART LYTEL, TRUSTEE



STEVE WEISS, TRUSTEE

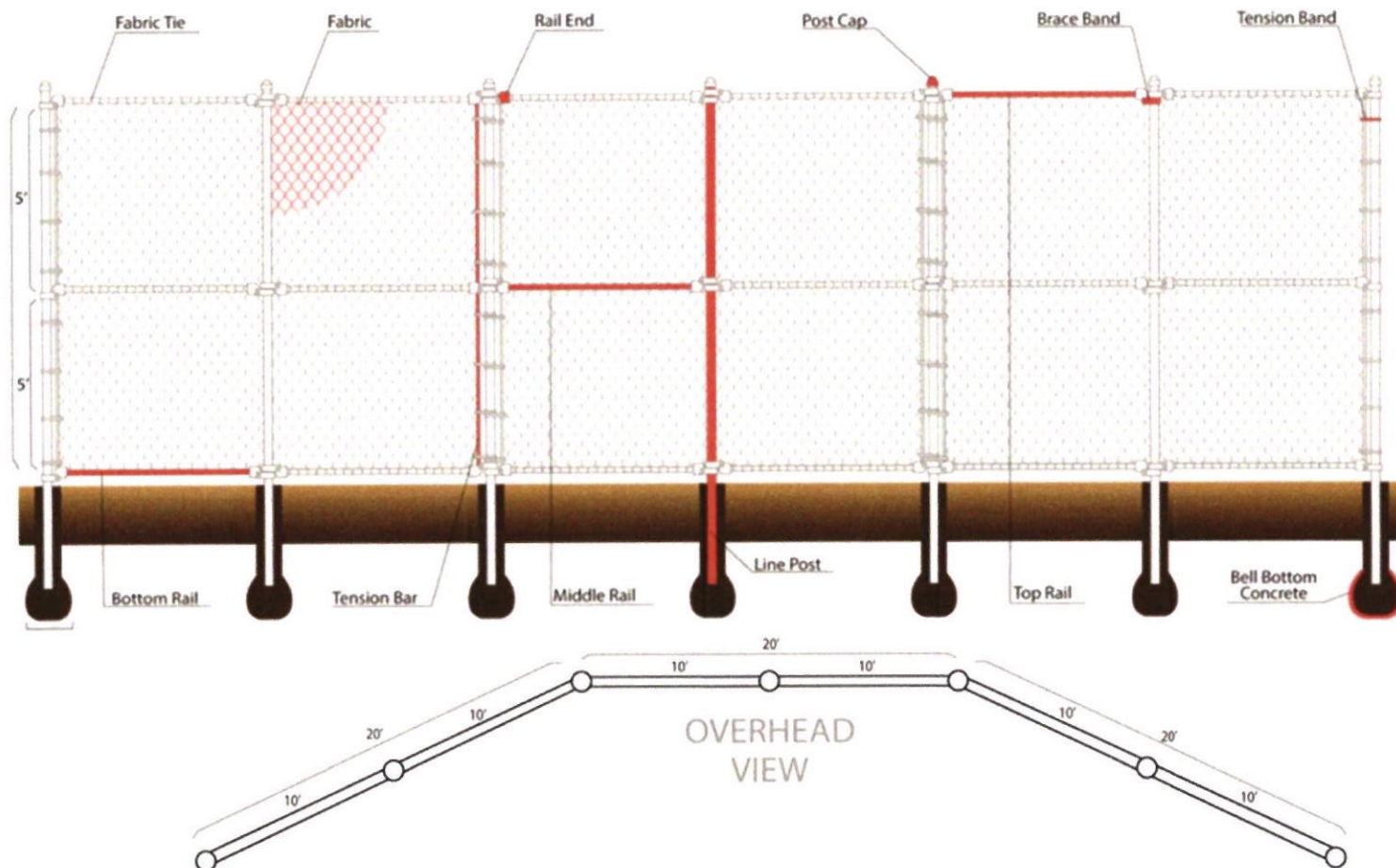


SHANE ZIMMERMAN, TRUSTEE

Baseball and Softball Field Steel Backstop Kit 10' High x 20' Wide x 20' Wings Straight (Galvanized)

Protect your field with a strong, reliable backstop fence kit designed to keep players and spectators safe. This all-in-one system includes everything you need for setup and features bolt-together assembly - no welding required. Built to last and absorb impact, it's ideal for baseball and softball fields of all levels.

Go big on wing coverage with this extended backstop kit built for wraparound safety. At 10' high and 20' wide, with 20' straight wings, it forms a full foul ball barrier across the field. Perfect for fields with lots of action or tight bleacher areas, this kit helps keep the game safe and contained. Galvanized steel gives it strength, while the bolt-together frame keeps setup easy. You'll get every part included - no welding, just winning. It's a total coverage solution for serious game days.



Kit Includes:

- (100) 2" x 9 Gauge x 120' KK Galvanized Chain Link Fabric
- (7) 3" x 13' SS20 Galvanized Fence Post
- (9) 1-5/8" x 21' SS20 Top Rail with Swedged End
- (6) 3/16" x 3/4" x 119" Heavy-Duty Tension Bar
- (54) 3" Galvanized Tension Band (14 Gauge)
- (36) 3" Galvanized Brace Band (14 Gauge)
- (36) 1-5/8" Cast Steel Rail End
- (7) 3" Aluminum Acorn Post Cap
- (100) 5/16" x 1-1/4" Carriage Bolt with Nut
- (2) 200' x 144' Aluminum Tie Wire (100 Pieces per Bag)

Features:

- Easy To Install
- Ideal For Softball & Baseball Fields
- No Welding Required
- Comes In Sections
- Adds Safety To Fans/Bystanders
- Includes All Necessary Hardware

Specifications:

- Height: 10 ft.
- Center Portion Width/Length: 20 ft.
- Wings Width: 20 ft. Each
- Total Length: 60 ft.
- Material: Galvanized Steel

Baseball Fence Store
Part #BCKST-US-20X20X20X10
\$3,703.00 (to be paid by Lions)

JC's Heating-Cooling & Plumbing, Inc.
304 E 1st Street
Gibson City, IL 60936



PROPOSAL

Presented to:
Village of Bellflower
PO BOX 244
Bellflower, IL 61724

Customer Contact:
H: (309) 929-9059
M: (347) 334-4386
E: vob.treasurer@outlook.com

Job # 35185
Job Name PRICE ON PART &
URINAL
Proposal # P-35185-4
Technician
Issue Date May 18 2026

Service Location:
104 W Center St
Bellflower, IL 61724

Price: \$1,200.00

Description	Qty	Price
Estimate HOLDING TANK	1	\$1,200.00

This is an estimate to take out holding tank going to urinals. Then re-pipe water line going to urinal with new shut off and a flush valve for urinals.

Price \$1,200.00

Review and Sign

Customer Approval:

☐ I accept this proposal and agree to the terms and conditions.

VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BID FORM

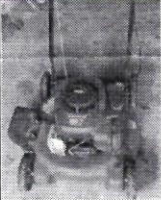
SUBMITTED BY (PLEASE PRINT):

NAME Gary Sedberry

PHONE (309) -722-3744 Home
309-830-1270 mobile

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

ITEM	BID AMOUNT
 YARD MACHINES 20-INCH PUSH MOWER Model #11A-02BT729	\$ <u>50.00</u>

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

SIGNATURE Gary Sedberry

DATE 6/8/26

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 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.

\$50.00 cash received 6/10/2026