

VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
JULY 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President Allen Grussing called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the village office located at the Bellflower Community Center, 104 W Center St, Bellflower.

The Meeting Notice and Agenda (copy attached) was posted on the Bellflower Community Center exterior bulletin board on July 6, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD ATTENDANCE

Present: President Allen Grussing; Trustees Teresa Drinkwater, Beth Ellis, and Steve Weiss

Absent: Trustees Skee Aldrich, Bart Lytel, and Shane Zimmerman

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

VILLAGE OFFICIALS PRESENT – Clerk Herb Youngblood

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE – Rob Brown, Paul Luther, Rusty Woliung, Jennifer Zimmerman

Because only three trustees were present, President Grussing voted on all action items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on June 10, 2026.

b. Approve expenditures during the period of June 11, 2026, through July 8, 2026.

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

POLICE ACTIVITIES

- June 2026 - traffic citations (5), cases (1 continued)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – no updates.

a. Community Center

1) Conference Room

a. Install electrical outlet at the W wall intersection with the S wall.

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. Tuckpointing – will contact Darren Gray to prioritize.

3) Office (front hall) – purchase file storage shelves.

b. Depot

1) Window trim is in bad shape and needs to be looked at by a window company.

c. Don Harden Field

1) Concession stand

a) Fill around concrete slab with gravel or road scrapings.

b) Paint roof.

- 2) Painting (restroom doors, picnic tables, and bleachers).
- 3) Village Garage – replace roof panel.
- d. Library
 - 1) Estimates needed - bathroom updates; remove old air conditioners and patch interior/exterior openings; replace back door.
- e. Emergency storm siren
 - 1) Noon whistle – programming needed; estimated cost \$400.
- f. Streets
 - 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 upgrades

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Action
 - 1) MOTION by Trustee Ellis to adopt Resolution R2026-03 “A Resolution Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2027” (copy attached). Second by Trustee Weiss. Roll call vote: Yes-Trustees Drinkwater, Ellis, Weiss, and President Grussing; No-None; Absent-Trustees Aldrich, Lytel, and Zimmerman. Vote summary: Yes (4), No (-0-), Absent (3). Motion passed.
 - 2) MOTION by Trustee Drinkwater to adopt Ordinance 2026-02 “Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2027” (copy attached). Second by Trustee Ellis. Roll call vote: Yes-Trustees Drinkwater, Ellis, Weiss, and President Grussing; No-None; Absent-Trustees Aldrich, Lytel, and Zimmerman. Vote summary: Yes (4), No (-0-), Absent (3). Motion passed.
 - 3) MOTION by Trustee Drinkwater to adopt Resolution R2026-04 “MFT Maintenance for Fiscal Year 2027” (copy attached). Second by Trustee Weiss. Roll call vote: Yes-Trustees Drinkwater, Ellis, Weiss, and President Grussing; No-None; Absent-Trustees Aldrich, Lytel, and Zimmerman. Vote summary: Yes (4), No (-0-), Absent (3). Motion passed.
 - 4) MOTION by Trustee Weiss to extend the completion date of GHB Enterprise LLC’s Right-of-Way Permit #ROW25-01 to September 30, 2026. Second by Trustee Ellis. Voice vote: 4 yes; -0- no. Motion passed.
 - 5) Belltown Bombers ball field update proposal (copy attached) was discussed by Rusty Woliung and Jennifer Zimmerman. The projects will be staffed and funded by Belltown Bombers. Once plans and funding are available, additional details will be presented to the board for approval. The board had no issues with the concepts shown in the update proposal.
 - 6) MOTION by Trustee Drinkwater to accept Blue Ridge school district’s offer of used playground equipment. Second by Trustee Ellis. Voice vote: 4 yes; -0- no. Motion passed. *NOTE:* installation at Don Harden Field was discussed, however, there was no commitment to moving and installing the equipment (when, who, how, and where).
 - 7) Sell surplus property located at 201 W South St – no bids received.
- b. Discussion – Mark Howland submitted a request for the village to consider financial assistance to the Sterile Feral Foundation given the number of feral cats in the village (copy attached). The board liked the humane concept but felt costs should be paid by participating residents.

BOARD REPORTS

President Grussing

- Community Center generator reported problems, was serviced, and tested okay.
- July 4th fireworks donations to date \$697.00

ADJOURN

President Grussing adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

JULY 8, 2026

The next regular meeting of the Village of Bellflower Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, July 8, 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

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- Approve expenditures during the period June 11, 2026, through July 8, 2026

POLICE ACTIVITIES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No updates.

NEW BUSINESS

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 - 1) Resolution R2026-03 "A Resolution Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2027"
 - 2) Ordinance 2026-02 "Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2027"
 - 3) Resolution R2026-04 "MFT Maintenance for Fiscal Year 2027"
 - 4) GHB permit #ROW25-01 – request to extend completion date
 - 5) Belltown Bombers ball field update proposal
 - 6) Blue Ridge school district offer of used playground equipment
 - 7) Sale of surplus property – 201 W South St
- b. Discussion – Sterile Feral Foundation participation

BOARD REPORTS

ADJOURN

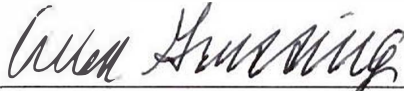
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**FINANCIAL REPORT ACKNOWLEDGMENT
FOR
JULY 8, 2026**

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the following financial reports:

- Heartland Bank Account Reconciliations – 6/30/2026
- Illinois Funds Account Reconciliations – 6/30/2026
- Invoices paid 6/2026 GF and WF
- Invoices paid 7/2026 GF and WF
- Invoices paid 7/2026 MFT
- QuickBooks Account Register (Heartland Bank and IL Funds) – 6/2026
- QuickBooks Balance Sheet – 7/10/2026
- QuickBooks Expenditures 6/11/2026 – 7/8/2026
- QuickBooks Fund P&Ls 5/1/2026-7/8/2026

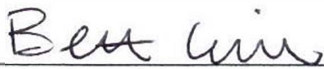


ALLEN GRUSSING, PRESIDENT

SKEE ALDRICH, TRUSTEE



TERESA DRINKWATER, TRUSTEE



BETH ELLIS, TRUSTEE

BART LYTEL, TRUSTEE



STEVE WEISS, TRUSTEE

SHANE ZIMMERMAN, TRUSTEE

**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

RESOLUTION NUMBER R2026-03

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

Allen Grussing, Village President

Village Trustees

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Teresa Drinkwater
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Bart Lytel
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Herbert Youngblood, Village Clerk

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**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION NO. R2026-03
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027**

WHEREAS, the Village of Bellflower is an Illinois Municipal Corporation organized and operating pursuant to Article 7 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1-1, *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, within the first quarter of each fiscal year the corporate authorities of the Village are required to adopt an annual appropriation ordinance which identifies all sums of money deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Village (65 ILCS 5/8-2-9); and

WHEREAS, an operating budget is necessary to develop detailed revenues and expenditures which can be summarized into an appropriation ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois, that the Budgets attached as Exhibit A are approved for use during the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption and approval.

ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellflower this 8th day of July 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Aldrich			X	
Drinkwater	X			
Ellis	X			
Lytel			X	
Weiss	X			
Zimmerman			X	
Grussing (to the extent that the President's vote may be needed)	X			
TOTAL	4		3	

APPROVED this 8th day of July 2026.


Allen D. Grussing
Village President

ATTEST:

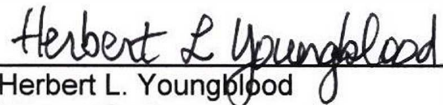

Herbert L. Youngblood
Village Clerk



EXHIBIT A
BUDGET FY27
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Village of Bellflower

Budget FY27

May 2026 - April 2027

	GENERAL FUND	MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND	WATER FUND	TOTAL
Income				
4100 Taxes Received				\$0.00
4110 County Property Tax	42,200.00			\$42,200.00
4130 State Income Tax	50,000.00			\$50,000.00
4140 State Motor Fuel Tax		12,000.00		\$12,000.00
4150 State Replacement Tax	1,000.00			\$1,000.00
4162 State Sales Tax	15,000.00			\$15,000.00
4163 State Use Tax	3,000.00			\$3,000.00
4170 State Telecom Tax	400.00			\$400.00
4180 State Cannabis Use Tax	400.00			\$400.00
Total 4100 Taxes Received	112,000.00	12,000.00		\$124,000.00
4300 Water Bill Receipts			99,000.00	\$99,000.00
4400 Other Revenue				\$0.00
4410 Donations Received	8,300.00			\$8,300.00
4418 Fees Received			3,000.00	\$3,000.00
4420 Fines Received	3,000.00			\$3,000.00
4430 Rental Income	5,000.00			\$5,000.00
4450 Township Community Center Taxes	11,350.00			\$11,350.00
4455 Wind Farm Income	69,000.00			\$69,000.00
4480 Franchise Fees	3,650.00			\$3,650.00
4490 Reimbursements	1,250.00			\$1,250.00
Total 4400 Other Revenue	101,550.00		3,000.00	\$104,550.00
4600 Interest Earned	21,800.00	1,150.00	12,000.00	\$34,950.00
Total Income	\$235,350.00	\$13,150.00	\$114,000.00	\$362,500.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$235,350.00	\$13,150.00	\$114,000.00	\$362,500.00
Expenses				
6100 Bank Service Charges	50.00			\$50.00
6200 Engineering Services				\$0.00
6210 Streets		1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Total 6200 Engineering Services		1,500.00		\$1,500.00
6300 Events				\$0.00
6310 Christmas	100.00			\$100.00
6320 Easter	500.00			\$500.00
6330 Fundraising	75.00			\$75.00
6333 Halloween	300.00			\$300.00
6340 July 4	13,100.00			\$13,100.00
6350 Thanksgiving	3,050.00			\$3,050.00
6360 Village Work Day	1,850.00			\$1,850.00
Total 6300 Events	18,975.00			\$18,975.00
6400 Insurance Expense	15,000.00			\$15,000.00
6500 Office Expense	1,600.00		2,300.00	\$3,900.00
6600 Other Expense				\$0.00
6620 Property Tax	150.00			\$150.00

Village of Bellflower

Budget FY27

May 2026 - April 2027

	GENERAL FUND	MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND	WATER FUND	TOTAL
6630 Library Operations	2,500.00			\$2,500.00
6650 Miscellaneous	100.00			\$100.00
6660 Equipment Rental	300.00			\$300.00
Total 6600 Other Expense	3,050.00			\$3,050.00
6700 Payroll Expenses				\$0.00
6710 Wages-Hourly	6,500.00		1,050.00	\$7,550.00
6720 Wages-Officials	13,800.00			\$13,800.00
6730 Wages-Salaried	1,700.00		12,000.00	\$13,700.00
6760 Payroll Fees	1,000.00		200.00	\$1,200.00
6770 Payroll Taxes	1,775.00		1,100.00	\$2,875.00
Total 6700 Payroll Expenses	24,775.00		14,350.00	\$39,125.00
6900 Professional Fees				\$0.00
6910 Accounting and Audit	9,350.00			\$9,350.00
6920 Dues and Memberships	200.00		400.00	\$600.00
6930 Legal	5,000.00		500.00	\$5,500.00
Total 6900 Professional Fees	14,550.00		900.00	\$15,450.00
6970 Public Safety				\$0.00
6974 Police	24,000.00			\$24,000.00
6978 Security Cameras	2,500.00			\$2,500.00
Total 6970 Public Safety	26,500.00			\$26,500.00
7000 Repairs and Maintenance				\$0.00
7010 Buildings	59,825.00		1,000.00	\$60,825.00
7020 Equipment	11,025.00			\$11,025.00
7030 Grounds	33,600.00			\$33,600.00
7040 Streets	26,200.00	7,850.00		\$34,050.00
7050 Water System			24,250.00	\$24,250.00
Total 7000 Repairs and Maintenance	130,650.00	7,850.00	25,250.00	\$163,750.00
7200 Technology				\$0.00
7210 Internet	750.00			\$750.00
7220 Software	1,425.00		850.00	\$2,275.00
7221 Hardware	520.00			\$520.00
7230 Website	800.00			\$800.00
Total 7200 Technology	3,495.00		850.00	\$4,345.00
7400 Utilities				\$0.00
7510 Trash Disposal	1,100.00			\$1,100.00
7530 JULIE			100.00	\$100.00
7552 Electricity	22,000.00		4,600.00	\$26,600.00
7556 Natural Gas	7,500.00		1,850.00	\$9,350.00
7560 Telephone	1,200.00			\$1,200.00
Total 7400 Utilities	31,800.00		6,550.00	\$38,350.00
7600 Water Quality				\$0.00
7610 Chemicals and Supplies			2,800.00	\$2,800.00
7620 IEPA Testing			4,250.00	\$4,250.00

Village of Bellflower

Budget FY27

May 2026 - April 2027

	GENERAL FUND	MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND	WATER FUND	TOTAL
Total 7600 Water Quality			7,050.00	\$7,050.00
7800 Capital Expense				\$0.00
7801 New water well				\$0.00
7803 Phase 1 design			180,000.00	\$180,000.00
Total 7801 New water well			180,000.00	\$180,000.00
Total 7800 Capital Expense			180,000.00	\$180,000.00
7850 Debt Service				\$0.00
7870 Loan-Interest			2,400.00	\$2,400.00
7880 Loan-Principal			12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Total 7850 Debt Service			14,400.00	\$14,400.00
7999 Contingency	25,615.00		4,485.00	\$30,100.00
Total Expenses	\$296,060.00	\$9,350.00	\$256,135.00	\$561,545.00
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -60,710.00	\$3,800.00	\$ -142,135.00	\$ -199,045.00
NET INCOME	\$ -60,710.00	\$3,800.00	\$ -142,135.00	\$ -199,045.00

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Kathy Michael
COUNTY CLERK

**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-02

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

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**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027**

An ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2027.

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois:

SECTION 1: That the amounts hereinafter set forth, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, and as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the municipality, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois, as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027.

SECTION 2: That the appropriation herein made for any purpose shall be regarded as the maximum amounts to be expended under the respective appropriation accounts and shall not be construed as a commitment, agreement, obligation or liability of the Village of Bellflower, and such appropriation being subject to further approval as to expenditure thereof by the Village Board.

SECTION 3: That the amount appropriated for each object and purpose shall be as follows:

PART I: ESTIMATED REVENUE

FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

ACCOUNT ID	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED REVENUE	FUND TOTAL
GENERAL FUND			
4450-GF	Income-Community Center Township Tax	11,350.00	
4410-GF	Income-Donations	8,300.00	
4600-GF	Income-Interest Earned	21,800.00	
4420-GF	Income-Police Fines	3,000.00	
4490-GF	Income-Reimbursements	1,250.00	
4430-GF	Income-Rentals	5,000.00	
4480-GF	Income-Utility Franchise Fees	3,650.00	
4455-GF	Income-Wind Farm	69,000.00	
4110-GF	Taxes-County Property	42,200.00	
4180-GF	Taxes-State Cannabis Use	400.00	
4130-GF	Taxes-State Income	50,000.00	
4150-GF	Taxes-State Replacement	1,000.00	
4162-GF	Taxes-State Sales	15,000.00	
4170-GF	Taxes-State Telecom	400.00	
4163-GF	Taxes-State Use	3,000.00	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND		235,350.00
MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND			
4600-MFT	Income-Interest	1,150.00	
4140-MFT	Taxes-Motor Fuel	12,000.00	
	TOTAL MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND		13,150.00
WATER FUND			
4418-WF	Income-Fees	3,000.00	
4600-WF	Income-Interest	12,000.00	
4300-WF	Income-Water Usage	99,000.00	
	TOTAL WATER FUND		<u>114,000.00</u>
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE		<u>362,500.00</u>

PART II: ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

ACCOUNT ID	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	APPROPRIATION	CATEGORY TOTALS	FUND TOTALS
GENERAL FUND				
	<u>Administration</u>			
6710-GF	Wages-Hourly Employees	7,150.00		
6720-GF	Wages-Officials	13,800.00		
6730-GF	Wages-Salaried Employees	1,870.00		
6760-GF	Payroll Fees	1,100.00		
6770-GF	Payroll Taxes-Employer FICA and SUTA	1,950.00		
	Total Administration		25,870.00	
	<u>Operations</u>			
6910-GF	Accounting and Audit Services	10,285.00		
6100-GF	Bank Service Charges	55.00		
6920-GF	Dues and Memberships	200.00		
6210-GF	Engineering-Streets (non-MFT)	-		
6660-GF	Equipment Rental	330.00		
6310-GF	Events-Christmas	110.00		
6320-GF	Events-Easter	550.00		
6330-GF	Events-Fundraising	80.00		
6333-GF	Events-Halloween	330.00		
6340-GF	Events-July 4	14,410.00		
6350-GF	Events-Thanksgiving	3,355.00		
6360-GF	Events-Village Work Day	2,035.00		
6400-GF	Insurance	16,500.00		
6930-GF	Legal Fees	5,500.00		
6630-GF	Library Operations	2,750.00		
6650-GF	Miscellaneous	110.00		
6640-GF	Non-Employee Labor	-		
6500-GF	Office Expense	1,760.00		
6974-GF	Public Safety-Police	26,400.00		
6978-GF	Public Safety-Security Cameras	2,750.00		
7010-GF	Repairs and Maintenance-Buildings	65,805.00		
7020-GF	Repairs and Maintenance-Equipment	12,125.00		
7030-GF	Repairs and Maintenance-Grounds	36,960.00		
7040-GF	Repairs and Maintenance-Streets	28,820.00		
6620-GF	Tax-Drainage District	150.00		
7210-GF	Technology-Internet	825.00		
7220-GF	Technology-Software	1,565.00		
7221-GF	Technology-Hardware	570.00		
7230-GF	Technology-Website	880.00		
7510-GF	Trash Disposal	1,210.00		
7552-GF	Utilities-Electricity	24,200.00		
7556-GF	Utilities-Natural Gas	8,250.00		
7560-GF	Utilities-Telephone	1,320.00		
	Total Operations		270,190.00	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND			296,060.00

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ACCOUNT ID	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	APPROPRIATION	CATEGORY TOTALS	FUND TOTALS
MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND				
	<u>Operations</u>			
6210-MFT	Engineering Services	1,500.00		
7040-MFT	Repairs and Maintenance-Streets	7,850.00		
	Total Operations		9,350.00	
	TOTAL MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND			9,350.00
WATER FUND				
	<u>Administration</u>			
6710-WF	Wages-Hourly Employees	1,155.00		
6730-WF	Wages-Salaried Employees	12,000.00		
6760-WF	Payroll Fees	220.00		
6770-WF	Payroll Taxes-Employer FICA and SUTA	1,210.00		
	Total Administration		14,585.00	
	<u>Operations</u>			
6100-WF	Bank Service Charges	-		
7610-WF	Chemicals and Supplies	3,080.00		
6920-WF	Dues and Memberships	400.00		
6220-WF	Engineering Services	-		
7620-WF	IEPA Testing	4,675.00		
7530-WF	JULIE Utility Locating	110.00		
6930-WF	Legal Fees	550.00		
7870-WF	Loan Repayment-Interest	2,400.00		
7880-WF	Loan Repayment-Principal	12,000.00		
6500-WF	Office Expense	2,530.00		
7010-WF	Repairs and Maintenance-Buildings	1,100.00		
7050-WF	Repairs and Maintenance-Water System	26,675.00		
7803-WF	System Upgrades	180,000.00		
7220-WF	Technology-Software	935.00		
7221-WF	Technology-Hardware	-		
7552-WF	Utilities-Electricity	5,060.00		
7556-WF	Utilities-Natural Gas	2,035.00		
	Total Operations		241,550.00	
	TOTAL WATER FUND			256,135.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES			561,545.00

PART III: FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND</u>	<u>WATER FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>
<u>CASH ON HAND MAY 1, 2026 (nearest \$100)</u>				
Heartland Bank-Clearing	500.00		500.00	1,000.00
Heartland Bank-Checking (GF includes CC, Events)	31,800.00		30,900.00	62,700.00
Heartland Bank-Motor Fuel Tax Fund		5,100.00		5,100.00
Illinois Funds-General Fund	374,600.00			374,600.00
Illinois Funds-Motor Fuel Tax Fund		23,700.00		23,700.00
Illinois Funds-Water Fund			296,800.00	296,800.00
Illinois Funds-Wind Farm Income	292,800.00			292,800.00
CASH ON HAND				
MAY 1, 2026	699,700.00	28,800.00	328,200.00	1,056,700.00
PLUS ESTIMATED REVENUE	235,350.00	13,150.00	114,000.00	362,500.00
EQUALS ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE	935,050.00	41,950.00	442,200.00	1,419,200.00
LESS ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	(296,060.00)	(9,350.00)	(256,135.00)	(561,545.00)
EQUALS ESTIMATED CASH ON HAND				
APRIL 30, 2027	638,990.00	32,600.00	186,065.00	857,655.00

SECTION 4: That all unexpended balances of any item or items of any general appropriation made by this Ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: That if any section, subdivision, or sentence of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: That a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the McLean County Clerk within 30 days after adoption.

SECTION 7: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

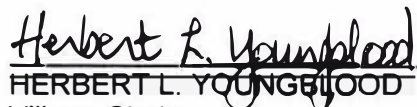
ADOPTED this 8th day of July 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Aldrich			X	
Drinkwater	X			
Ellis	X			
Lytel			X	
Weiss	X			
Zimmerman			X	
Grussing (to the extent that the President's vote may be needed)	X			
TOTAL	4		3	

APPROVED this 8th day of July 2026.


ALLEN D. GRUSSING
Village President

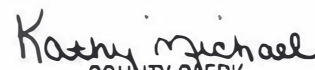
ATTEST:


HERBERT L. YOUNGBLOOD
Village Clerk



FILED
MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

JUL 23 2026


KATHY MICHAEL
COUNTY CLERK

JUL 23 2026

Kathy Michael
COUNTY CLERK

**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027**

CERTIFICATE OF FILING

The undersigned duly appointed and qualified Village Clerk of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois, does hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2026-02, the Appropriation Ordinance of said village for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2027, as adopted and approved on July 8, 2026.

Further, the undersigned duly elected and qualified Village President of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois, does hereby certify that the estimate of revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois, as set forth in said Ordinance as "Estimated Revenues" is a true statement of said revenues.

This certification is made and filed pursuant to the requirement of Public Act 88-455 (35 ILCS 200/18-50) and on behalf of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois. This certification must be filed with the McLean County Clerk within 30 days after the adoption of the Ordinance.

DATED this 8th day of July 2026.

Herbert L. Youngblood
HERBERT L. YOUNGBLOOD
Village Clerk

Allen D. Grussing
ALLEN D. GRUSSING
Village President

FILING RECEIPT:

JUL 23 2026

Kathy Michael
COUNTY CLERK

**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027**

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Herbert L. Youngblood, certify that I am the duly appointed and qualified Village Clerk of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois.

I further certify that on July 8, 2026, the corporate authorities of the Village of Bellflower passed and approved Ordinance No. 2026-02, entitled:

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

which provided by its terms that it should be published in accordance with the law.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 2026-02 was published on July 8, 2026. Beginning on July 9, 2026, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter, a "Notice of Ordinance Publication" was posted at the following locations: 1) the exterior bulletin board of the Bellflower Community Center, where the village office is located; 2) the Bellflower Post Office; 3) the Bellflower Community Library; and 4) the village website. The notice, a copy of which is attached hereto, announced the availability of the ordinance for public inspection, upon request, in the village office.

Dated at Bellflower, Illinois, this 21ST day of July 2026.

Herbert L. Youngblood
Herbert L. Youngblood, Village Clerk

JUL 23 2026

Kathy Michael
COUNTY CLERK

**VILLAGE OF BELLFLOWER
McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027**

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE PUBLICATION

I, Herbert L. Youngblood, certify that I am the duly appointed and qualified Village Clerk of the Village of Bellflower, McLean County, Illinois.

I further certify that on July 8, 2026, the corporate authorities of the Village of Bellflower adopted and approved Ordinance No. 2026-02, entitled:

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

which is now available for public inspection, upon request, at the village office. Please contact the Village Clerk at 309-722-5004 to schedule an appointment to review the ordinance.

This notice shall be posted at the following locations: 1) the exterior bulletin board of the Bellflower Community Center, where the village office is located; 2) the Bellflower Post Office; 3) the Bellflower Community Library; and 4) the village website. The posting shall begin on July 9, 2026 and continue for at least ten days thereafter.

/s/ Herbert L. Youngblood, Village Clerk

POST ON: July 9, 2026

REMOVE ON: July 20, 2026



District	County	Resolution Number	Resolution Type	Section Number
5	McLean	R2026-04	Original	26-00000-00-GM

BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of
Governing Body Type Local Public Agency Type
Bellflower Illinois that there is hereby appropriated the sum of Nine thousand three
Name of Local Public Agency
hundred fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$9,350.00)

of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of Illinois Highway Code from
05/01/26 to 04/30/27
Beginning Date Ending Date

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that only those operations as listed and described on the approved Estimate of Maintenance Costs, including supplemental or revised estimates approved in connection with this resolution, are eligible for maintenance with Motor Fuel Tax funds during the period as specified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Village of Bellflower
Local Public Agency Type Name of Local Public Agency
shall submit within three months after the end of the maintenance period as stated above, to the Department of Transportation, on forms available from the Department, a certified statement showing expenditures and the balances remaining in the funds authorized for expenditure by the Department under this appropriation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit four (4) certified originals of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation.

I Herbert L Youngblood Village Clerk in and for said Village
Name of Clerk Local Public Agency Type Local Public Agency Type
of Bellflower in the State of Illinois, and keeper of the records and files thereof, as
Name of Local Public Agency
provided by statute, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the

President and Board of Trustees of Bellflower at a meeting held on 07/08/26
Governing Body Type Name of Local Public Agency Date

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of July, 2026
Day Month, Year

(SEAL, if required by the LPA)

Clerk Signature & Date

Herbert L Youngblood

Digitally signed by Herbert L
Youngblood
Date: 2026.07.13 11:24:10 -05'00'

APPROVED

Regional Engineer Signature & Date
Department of Transportation

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Submittal Type

Estimate of Maintenance Costs

District Estimate of Cost For

Local Public Agency County Section Number Maintenance Period Beginning Ending

Maintenance Items								
Maintenance Operation	Maint Eng Category	Insp. Req.	Material Categories/ Point of Delivery or Work Performed by an Outside Contractor	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Cost	Total Maintenance Operation Cost
Traffic signage	IIA	No	Material delivery	L SUM	1	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Traffic sign install	IIA	No	Labor	L SUM	1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Aggregate material	IIA	No	Material delivery	TON	40	\$36.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,440.00
Engineering			Base fee		1	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	
			PE IIA (2%)		0.02	\$7,840.00	\$156.80	
Total Operation Cost								\$7,840.00

Estimate of Maintenance Costs Summary

Maintenance	MFT Funds	RBI Funds	Other Funds	Estimated Costs
Local Public Agency Labor				
Local Public Agency Equipment				
Materials/Contracts(Non Bid Items)	\$7,840.00			\$7,840.00
Materials/Deliver & Install/Materials Quotations (Bid Items)				
Formal Contract (Bid Items)				
Maintenance Total	\$7,840.00			\$7,840.00

Estimated Maintenance Eng Costs Summary

Maintenance Engineering	MFT Funds	RBI Funds	Other Funds	Total Est Costs
Preliminary Engineering	\$1,406.80			\$1,406.80
Engineering Inspection				
Material Testing				
Advertising				
Bridge Inspection Engineering				
Maintenance Engineering Total	\$1,406.80			\$1,406.80
Total Estimated Maintenance	\$9,246.80			\$9,246.80

Remarks

Estimate of Maintenance Costs

Submittal Type **Original**

Local Public Agency	County	Section	Maintenance Period	
			Beginning	Ending
Village of Belflower	McLean	26-00000-00-GM	05/01/26	04/30/27

SUBMITTED

Local Public Agency Official Signature & Date

Allen D. Grussing
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Date: 2026.07.13 11:27:42 -05'00'

Title

Village President

County Engineer/Superintendent of Highways Signature & Date

APPROVED

Regional Engineer Signature & Date

Department of Transportation

IDOT Department Use Only

Received Location Received Date Additional Location?

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WMFT Entry By Entry Date

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Local Public Agency

Village of Bellflower

County

McLean

Section Number

26-00000-00-GM

The services to be performed by the consulting engineer, pertaining to the various items of work included in the estimated cost of the maintenance operations (BLR 14222), shall consist of the following:

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING shall include:

Investigation of the condition of the streets or highways for determination (in consultation with the local highway authority) of the maintenance operations to be included in the maintenance program; preparation of the maintenance resolution (BLR 14220 for municipalities and counties), maintenance estimate of cost and, if applicable, proposal; attendance at meetings of the governing body as may reasonably be required; attendance at public letting; preparation of the contract, quotations, and/or acceptance (BLR 12330) form. Also, preparation of the maintenance expenditure statement which must be submitted to IDOT within 3 months of the end of the maintenance period.

ENGINEERING INSPECTION shall include:

Furnishing the engineering field inspection, including preparation of payment estimate for contract, material proposal and/or deliver and install proposal and/or checking material invoices of those maintenance operations requiring engineering field inspection. For operations requiring material testing ensure the testing is completed by a qualified firm.

For furnishing preliminary engineering, the engineer will be paid a base fee PLUS a negotiated fee percentage. Only one base fee can be charged per maintenance period. For furnishing engineering inspection, the engineer will be paid a negotiated fee percentage. The negotiated preliminary engineering fee percentage for each maintenance group shown in the "Schedule of Fees" shall be applied to the total estimated costs of that group. The negotiated fee for engineering inspection for each maintenance group shall be applied to the total final cost of that group for the times which required engineering inspections. In no case shall this be construed to include supervision of the contractor operations.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Total of all Maintenance Operations:

☒ ≤ \$20,000 Base Fee **\$1,250.00**

☐ > \$20,000 Base Fee = \$1,250.00

PLUS

Maintenance Engineering Category	Preliminary Engineering		Engineering Inspection		Operation(s) to be Inspected
	Maximum Fee %	Negotiated Fee %	Maximum Fee %	Negotiated Fee %	
I	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
IIA	2%	2%	1%		NA
IIB	3%		3%		
III	4%		4%		
IV	5%		6%		

The LPA certifies that the selection of the ENGINEER was performed in accordance with the Local Government Professional Service Selection Act 50 (ILCS 510/1-510/8) and procedures outlined in Chapter 5 of the DEPARTMENT's Bureau of Local Roads and Streets Manual.

BY:

Local Public Agency Signature & Date

Allen D. Grussing

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Grussing
Date: 2026.07.13 11:28:59 -05'00'

Title

Village President

BY:

Consulting Engineer Signature & Date

Chad Osterbur

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Title

Project Manager

P.E. Seal & Date

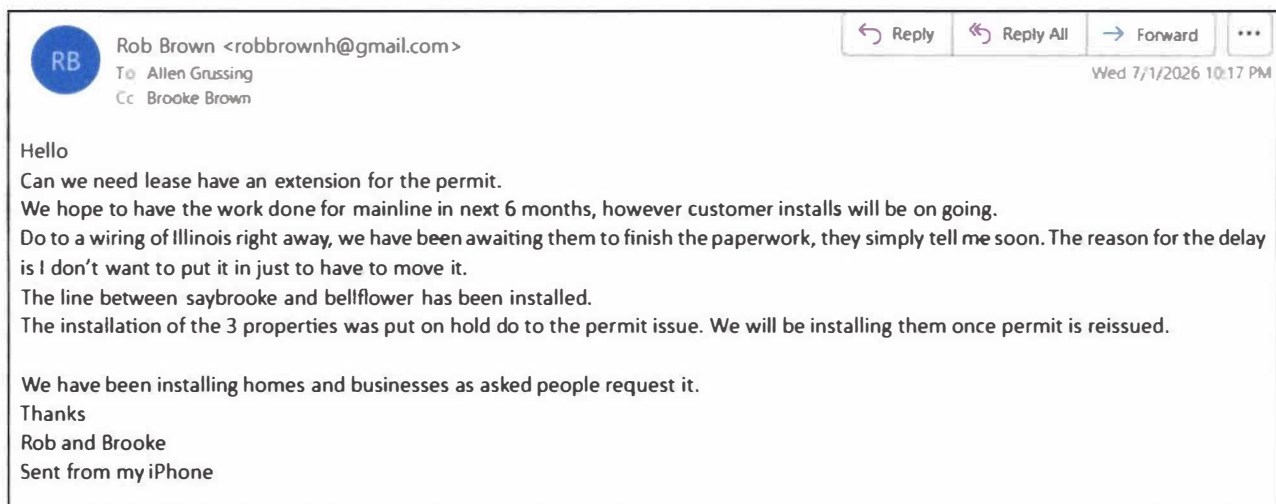
Approved:

Regional Engineer, IDOT Signature & Date

GHB Request for Permit Extension

GHB's Right-of-Way Permit expired on May 13, 2026. See Rob's note below requesting an extension to the permit and answers to the questions that were asked.

1. What is the new end date when all right-of-way work will be complete?
Work for the mainline is estimated to be done in 6 months, which would be January 2027.
2. What is the status of fiber infrastructure installation to the part of town south of the railroad and Route 54?
IDOT is planning some work at the intersection of the Saybrook Road and Rt 54, which will impact the installation of fiber on that side of the railroad and highway.
3. What brings the service into town? Is it the line being installed between Saybrook and Bellflower?
The line between Saybrook and Bellflower has been installed.
4. What is the status of installation to the 3 village properties (Community Center, Library, Depot)?
These were put on hold due to the expiration of the permit since right-of-way digging will be required. They will be installed once the permit is reissued.
5. What is the status of installation to homes and businesses?
Homes and businesses have been installed when requested.



Belltown Bombers Ballfield Update Plans

Location	Work Planned	When is the work planned	who's doing the work	estimated cost
CC Field	make a definite infield and outfield so that we can use it for practice purposes only, dig up the infield	Spring 2027	Bombers	less than \$100 (we will use our equipment to get this completed), this is more of a labor item
CC Field	replace new base sleeves and purchase new base plugs	Spring 2027		
Don Harden Field	Dig up pitchers mound landing area and install clay blocks	Spring 2027		
Don Harden Field	Dig up home plate area and install clay bricks for batters box, replace home plate	Spring 2027		
Don Harden Field	Regrade behind home plate and remove grass to convert all playing areas to turf	Spring 2027		
Don Harden Field	replace new base sleeves and purchase new base plugs	Spring 2027		



Note received from Mark Howland on 6/23/2026

Subject: Sterile Feral Foundation

Website for More Info: <https://www.sterileferal.net/>

The details for the trap neuter and release is as follows. They are based in McLean county. The process of trapping and releasing is up to the homeowner/neighborhood. Sterile feral provides the live traps. The cats will then be spayed/neutered. Once the procedure is done, then the cats will be returned by who trapped them to where they were trapped at. They have to remain in the cages in a safe place for 24 hours to help with the healing. The cost per cat is \$85. If you are unable to pay that amount they also accept the amount you can afford. They currently are only accepting 5 to 6 cats at a time.

If the village is able to assist with the cost or if you have any questions please let me know.

Mark Howland