

BELLEVUE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

SUPERVISOR: Don Chase
CLERK: Lisa Lawitzke
TREASURER: Vickie Madry

TRUSTEE: Kyle Lang
TRUSTEE: Don Malinowski

DATE: June 17, 2025

Bellevue Township Board Hearing regarding the Campbell Lane Special Assessment District for Campbell Lane road improvements was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Don Chase.

Present: Don Chase, Vickie Madry, Kyle Lang, Don Malinowski, Lisa Lawitzke

Guests: Moreen Jacobs, Eric Tucker

Campbell Lane Road Assn. members discussed the timeline and requirements of the new assessment district with the Board members, answering questions about the length of the assessment period they would prefer. The road association does have some money saved for road upkeep purposes and will likely make an upfront payment on behalf of all property owners as soon as the work is completed, reducing the amount each owner will need to pay. Chase explained that if any owner has a property tax exemption, that parcel would also be exempt from the special assessment, increasing the amount to be paid by the other owners.

A motion was made by Chase, seconded by Malinowski, to adopt Resolution #2025-4, a Resolution Regarding Campbell Lane Road Improvement Special Assessment District #2. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting Aye: Madry, Lang, Malinowski, Lawitzke, Chase. None voted Nay. The motion passed unanimously.

The Hearing was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Bellevue Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Supervisor Don Chase.

Present: Don Chase, Vickie Madry, Kyle Lang, Lisa Lawitzke, Don Malinowski

Guests: Lynn Eton (Library Director), Janine Novak, Dan Brunner (assessor)

Public Comment: None. Malinowski reported that the community group meeting scheduled for tomorrow, June 18, was rescheduled to next week Wed., June 25. Chase reported that he checked with the building owners about attaching a mast to the building for the network bridge to the library (part of the network upgrade projects with CCS.) He told them that if we don't get a response, we'll assume that we can move ahead.

Minutes: A motion was made by Lang, seconded by Madry, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025, board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: A list of Bellevue Twp. bank account balances as of May 31, 2025, was submitted. Madry reported that tax bills may be paid at Independent Bank starting July 1. Payment by credit card may be available sometime in mid-July.

Expenses: June Bills to be Paid report was submitted. **A motion was made by Chase, seconded by Malinowski, to approve the expenses for June 2025. The motion passed unanimously.**

Sheriff: No report. This item can be removed from future agendas.

County Commissioner: No report.

Assessor: The transfer list for April and May 2025 was submitted. There were 13 transfers. Brunner will determine steps for creating the special assessment roll for Campbell Lane. Madry will ask BS&A what's required to allow real estate agents and lenders to view assessment records through the BS&A system, to cut down calls for that information.

Library: The Michigan Reads program has been cancelled state-wide due to federal funding cuts. The book to read would have been Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant, if anyone is interested in reading it anyway. The house immediately north of the library has been seized by the county for back taxes. The listings for the annual county property auction will be posted in July. If the township would be interested in buying the property to make room for an addition to the library, the auction will open on Sept. 18. A \$1000 deposit must be paid up front in order to receive a bidder number. Etson will check with the Village about the zoning rules that would impact any project. Lawitzke will find the old estimate for demolition and clean up of the lots from the last time the property and the one to its north came up for sale. The summary of survey results was read. 56 were returned out of 1400 sent with the April assessment notices. The average return on most surveys is only 1-2%. The return on the library survey was 4%. Chase reminded everyone that the library budget is not safe from being cut since it relies entirely on state revenue sharing funds, which may go down due to federal funding cuts in other areas.

Fire: Chase reported that the plans for the new fire barn are on hold. The Fire Board had requested a variance from the Village Zoning Board of Appeals. The request was tabled at the last ZBA meeting. Lang reported that the fire department currently has 8 paramedics, 5 EMTs, and a handful of MFRs. They are looking at the possibility of being able to support having an ambulance in the future.

Roads: No report.

Old Business: There was a question about the Consumers Power installation on Hall Rd. that was discussed at the May meeting. Work has started, with the ground prep being done last time Lawitzke drove by. The area involved is not very deep off the road and no bigger than a standard manufactured home.

New Business: None

Clerk/Correspondence: No report.

Supervisor/ Cemetery: Chase reported that some of the new flags at the cemetery are fraying already. It looks like they weren't properly sewn around the edges. Lawitzke will contact the supplier for relief on replacements. Chase will get an estimate of how many flags are affected.

Public comment: None. Lang reported on the Eaton Area EMS quarterly meeting. EAEMS is looking at building a new garage on Marshall Rd. in Walton Twp. if they're able to purchase the 6 acres available there. EAEMS has a new agreement with Dewitt to staff a new ambulance in that area. This will not affect coverage or service in our area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Lisa Lawitzke
Bellevue Township Clerk