

BELLEVUE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

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

TRUSTEE: Kyle Lang
TRUSTEE: Don Malinowski

DATE: August 19, 2025

Bellevue Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Don Chase.

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

Guests: Lynn Etson (Library Director), Dan Brunner (Tax Assessor)

Public Comment: None.

County Commissioner: None

Sheriff report: Township received a letter stating that we could meet with the sheriff department to discuss contractual patrol services if so desired.

Minutes: A motion was made by Madry, seconded by Chase, to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2025, board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: A list of Bellevue Twp. bank account balances as of July 31, 2025, was submitted. A motion was made by Malinowski, seconded by Chase, to approve Resolution 2025-6 for the acceptance of payments by financial transaction device in accordance with PA 280 of 1995. A roll call vote was held with Madry, Lang, Malinowski, and Chase voting “Aye.” There were no “Nay” votes. The motion passed unanimously. People will be able to pay at the office with credit card when the card reader arrives and training for its use is completed. They may also pay at the bank.

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

Assessor: The transfer list for July 2025 was submitted. There were 5 transfers.

Library: Etson and other volunteers had a booth at the Antique Tractor Show. 250 bottles of water were given out. The library has been giving visitors bookmarks that are colorful, and some have jokes printed on them. Etson is going to order 500 pencils for \$195 that say “Bellevue Township Library, Go Broncos” on them. Etson and other volunteers will start running the library’s website and adding updates and information to it. Chase mentioned about maybe getting a SOP in place about what should and shouldn’t be posted to website. Etson reported she received a check for \$5,182.88 from Eaton county and a check for \$10.02 from Kent county. Also received a bill for \$880.22 for Woodlands.

Fire: No report.

Roads: No report.

Old Business: Ideas and possibilities for new Township office were discussed. Owners of a house next door to the neighbor of the library are willing to sell and the board talked about ways to use property if the Township purchased it. Township can't give an offer due to tax reasons. There is a drain nearby that could not be built on. DDA setbacks are smaller than village setbacks. Could look at that for any future sidewalk/parking lot. There is an auction of the house right next door to the library on Sept 18th. Township might be interested. Will discuss more at next month's meeting.

To tear down old houses near library if purchased and build Township building could start at \$700,000. To build afresh on property by Fun Services could start at \$500,000. Both options could be explored.

New Business: Telecad Rep, Mark Burnes, talked about the site of the new tower being proposed and its intended use and possible safety concerns.

Eaton Co. Drain Commission Special Assessment Resolution was discussed and the board did not have any major objections that needed to be brought up to the county. A vote on a resolution to authorize the Eaton Co. Drain Commissioner to expend funds in excess of \$10K per mile of drain for the repair and maintenance of the Coburn and Martens Drain and to levy a special assessment to the extent that the drain fund contains insufficient funds for the expense was tabled until the September meeting.

Library HVAC – Possible vandalism of the furnace unit outback. BB gun were found nearby. Chase cleaned out the evaporator. Hodgson Quote was talked about, and the board approved the replacement of the air conditioning unit only.

Clerk/Correspondence: None

Supervisor/ Cemetery: None

Public comment: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by Kyle Lang
Bellevue Township Deputy Clerk