City of Bellewood

Minutes – Commissioners Meeting February 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by Mayor Kevin Orr. The meeting was held at 3911 Leland Rd.

Commissioners in attendance were Karen Koch and Wayne Rudloff. Megan Walz and Eric Gunderson were absent.

The minutes from the January 14, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

Financial report – the financial report for January 2013 was reviewed. Payouts for January totaled $4,950.82.

Old Business

Budget review – the budget for January was reviewed. The city continues to be within budget. One large revenue variance was the shortage of $4,418 in Insurance Tax. The variance was due to timing. The quarterly budget is $6,750 and $2,332 was deposited in January. An additional $3,500 has been received and was deposited in February – thus the large variance. There will be an overage in February for this item. Monthly expenses continue to be in line with the budget.

Alley status and next step-trees – Sang Company began clearing brush and tree vines in the alley. Bellewood was billed for a total of 4 hours so far. As weather permits and at the commissioners’ disgression the work will continue.

 Ordinance enforcement-bushes – certified letters were sent to the property owners of 3901 Leland Rd and 3950 Napanee telling them that bushes at the corners of their properties were traffic hazards and the bushes were out of compliance with Bellewood ordinance 9.1 - 9.3. The property owners were given 10 days (until February 20th) to correct the situation or face the bushes being trimmed by a Bellewood contractor. The Sang Company will be contact if nothing is heard from the property owners.

Street repairs-painting – there has not been any more progress on filling street cracks with sealant by the contractor. This is due to winter weather. The contractor will be contacted to check on their schedule, and also to ask for a bid to put speed humps on St. Matthews Avenue between Napanee and Leland in order to slow down speeders.

New Business

Various other issues – LMPD patrol cars have been seen in Bellewood patrolling the neighborhood for speeders and stop sign violators.

The current Rumpke garbage collection contract expires 4/30/13. There is a provision in the current contract to extend it for 2 more years at the same rate of $33,210 per year. Since there was not a quorum of commissioners at this meeting an email vote of the commissioners will take place to extend the contract.

A contractor will be contacted to look at the stone pillars at Elmwood and Chenoweth Lane for a repair estimate.

After numerous past due letters regarding non-payment of 2011 property taxes have not been answered, a property tax lien has been placed on the property at 3950 Napanee at the Jefferson County Courthouse.

Fences and neighbors – a disagreement between residents at 3904 Brookfield and 3902 Leland has arisen because of the erection of a privacy fence. The Mayor and Commissioner Wayne Rudloff are working with the residents to help resolve this issue.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.