

**March 12, 2024**  
**VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Belle Center Village Council met in regular session on March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Lance Houchin presiding. Roll call was taken with council members: Legge, Matthews, James, Lowery, Penny and Daniels were present. Village Officers: Mayor Houchin, Solicitor Fansler, Village Administrator Bingham, and Fiscal Officer Ridder were present.

Motion to approve minutes from regular session February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 was made by council person Daniels, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person Legge, all approved.

Motion to pay monthly bills was made by council person Penny, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person Legge, all approved.

Motion to approve the bank reconciliation for February 2024 was made by council person James, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person Matthews, all approved.

Mayor Houchin notified council that the sale of the Main Street property (next to 109 Main St, sight of old rail road tracks) has sold to Ryan Moran for \$12,582.54.

Mayor Houchin notified council that the clean-up effort by the State at the sight of the old Citgo gas station property (101 E Main St) is completed and the Village is now owner of the deed. After much discussion a motion to sell the property was made by council person Daniels and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person Legge, a roll call vote resulted in all approving. Next step is Solicitor Fansler will write an ad to be placed in the Bellefontaine Examiner. He will also suggest a minimum starting bid price for the property.

The eclipse committee is continuing to meet as April 8<sup>th</sup> is approaching. Mayor Houchin and council person Penny both discussed the planned events of the day.

Mayor Houchin said that the Fireworks committee has almost sold all of the raffle tickets for the Progressive Raffle event Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Bingham told council that center line painting on State Street should take place in September.

Administrator Bingham told council that the State Of Ohio is paving route 273 (Buckeye Street) between May and July with the exclusion for July 3 to 5<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Bingham told council that he received a quote form Shelly to pave S Elizabeth Street, from Buckeye to Walnut, milling and paving, for \$49,695.

Administrator Bingham told council that the new F250 is in service.

Administrator Bingham told council that the equipment has sold using GovDeals.com: F150 for \$3,400 and the International Tractor \$2,150. He said that the highest bid for the John Deer was for \$3,960. He asked council if we should accept that bid or try another auction in the future. After discussion, council person Legge made a motion to accept the bid of \$3,960 for the John Deer tractor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person Daniels, a roll call vote resulted in all approving.

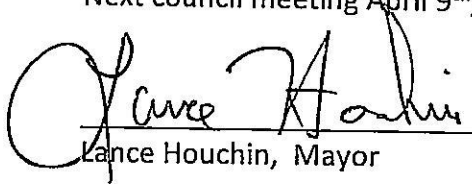
Administrator Bingham told council that the village has received an equipment grant award from the EPA for \$10,000. This can be used to purchase a valve exerciser and leak detection equipment.

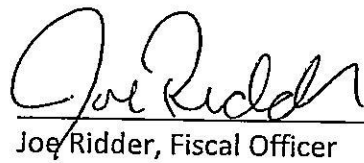
Resolution 2024-4 was to adopt the Logan County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan of October 2023, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and criteria contained in 44 CRF par 201.6. After discussion a motion to approve the resolution was made by council person Legge and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person Lowery, a roll call vote resulted in all approving.

Council discussed several nuisance properties in the village and instructed Administrator Bingham to send letters.

At 7:48 PM a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by council person Lowery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person Daniels, all approved.

Next council meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 PM

 4/9/24  
Lance Houchin, Mayor Date

 4/9/24  
Joe Ridder, Fiscal Officer Date

**February 13, 2024**  
**VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Belle Center Village Council met in regular session on February 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Lance Houchin presiding. Roll call was taken with council members: Legge, Matthews, James, Lowery, Penny and Daniels were present. Village Officers: Mayor Houchin, Village Administrator Bingham, and Fiscal Officer Ridder were present. Solicitor Fansler was absent.

Motion to approve minutes from regular session January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 was made by council person Lowery, and 2nd by council person Legge, all approved.

Motion to pay monthly bills was made by council person Daniels, and 2nd by council person Matthews, all approved.

Motion to approve the bank reconciliation for January 2024 was made by council person Legge, and 2nd by council person James, all approved.

Mayor Houchin notified council that a new zoning officer has been appointed, Scott Coy. It was discussed that the zoning officer's compensation would be \$5.00 per month plus \$15.00 per permit written, all approved.

We had 5 Resolutions to discuss and pass, it was decided to do one motion to pass all resolutions on one reading and on an emergency measure, council person Daniels made the motion to approve, and 2nd by council person Legge, a roll call vote resulted in all approving.

Resolution 2024-1 is a supplemental appropriation for \$55,699 for the purchase of a new Ford F250 vehicle for the village. Mayor Houchin then called for the approval of the resolution, council person James made the motion to approve, and 2nd by council person Daniels, all approved.

Resolution 2024-2 is Authorizing a Vehicle Purchase and Financing. The Union Banking Company requires a detail explanation and a motion to be in the minutes in addition to a resolution:

The council authorizes Village Administrator Brandon Bingham to sign purchase agreement for a new Ford F250 truck in the amount of \$55,699.00. Also, he is able to sign on behalf of the Village on a loan in the amount of \$55,699 for six years at a rate of 7%, plus loan processing fee of \$300.

Mayor Houchin called for the approval of the resolution, council person Penny made the motion to approve, and 2nd by council person James, all approved.

Resolution 2024-3 is an Amended Joint Resolution for the Creation and Continued Operation of the BMRT Ambulance District. Chief Andrew Roy was in attendance to talk about this resolution. The BMRT was created in 1975 but the original creation documents are lost to history. This resolution explains the duties of the BMRT and the members and Roy said that there are no major changes introduced. Mayor Houchin then called for the approval of the resolution, council person James made the motion to approve, and 2nd by council person Legge, all approved.

Resolution 2024-4 was to adopt the Logan County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan of October 2023, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and criteria contained in 44 CRF par 201.6. After discussion it was decided that council needs more information on this topic. Administrator Bingham said that he would gather the information and we can revisit this at the March Meeting. The resolution was not passed.

Resolution 2024-5 is the intent of the Village to sell equipment that is no longer needed. Council discussed 3 different ways of accomplishing this: 1 in house bid process, 2 use the 4H Consignment Sale and 3 use website [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com). After much discussion and comparison of the various fees involved, Mayor Houchin then called for the approval of the resolution using the [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) selling option, council person Legge made the motion to approve, and 2nd by council person Daniels, all approved.

Administrator Bingham discussed Clean-up week which he suggested to be April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Council decided that the cost of a truck load (defined below) would be \$30.00

A truck load is the amount that fits in the bed of a pickup truck



Administrator Bingham Notified Council that he acquired 3 bids, the lowest was \$18,600, to pour the concrete for the new building and it would take place in March.


Council has previously passed a resolution stating that no motor vehicles are permitted on the location of the old rail road tracks. Council discussed putting up signs stating this at the sites but we will revisited next month.

Mayor Houchin discussed the audit finding against a previous fiscal office. Solicitor Fansler said that it was the villages responsibility to file a claim with the bonding company. It was decided to wait for Fansler return and discuss a next month meeting.

At 8:05 PM a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by council person Matthews, 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person Daniels, all approved.

Next council meeting March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 PM

  
Lance Houchin, Mayor                      Date

  
Joe Ridder, Fiscal Officer                      Date

**January 9, 2024**  
**VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Before the meeting began with Council Member Shannon Penny took the oath of office as conducted by Solicitor Steve Fansler.

Belle Center Village Council met in regular session on January 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Lance Houchin presiding. Roll call was taken with council members: Legge, James, Lowery, Troth, Penny and Matthews present, council member Daniels was absent. Village Officers: Mayor Houchin, Administrator Bingham, Solicitor Fansler and Fiscal Officer Ridder were present.

Motion to approve minutes from regular session December 12, 2023 was made by council person Legge, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person Matthews, all approved.

Motion to pay monthly bills was made by council person James, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person Matthews, all approved.

Motion to approve the bank reconciliation for December 2023 was made by council person Lowery, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person Legge, all approved.

Mayor Houchin said council needed to select a Council President for 2024. After discussion a motion to appoint Anita Legge as Council President was made by council person Matthews, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person James, all approved.

Mayor Houchin reported that the Christmas event last month at the Depot was a success with approximately 120 participants.

Administrator Bingham notified council that employee Scott Coy passed his water license exam and was given a \$2/hour raise.

Administrator Bingham notified council that the old lawnmower was traded in for a new mower.

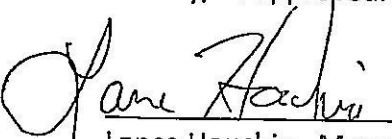
Administrator Bingham notified council that he will begin the process of getting quotes for the concrete for the new building on Keller Ave and that all Village shop activities could be done in the new building. As soon as the new building is completed he will move from the shop at 104 W Buckeye and we can begin the process of selling the property, probably in the spring/early summer.

Solicitor Fansler said that the deed to transfer the property at the site of the old Citgo gas station to the Village was still in process but should be completed soon.

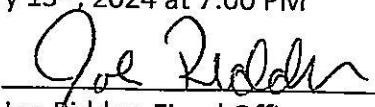
Council person Legge said that we should give Fiscal officer Ridder a pay raise. After much discussion a motion to give Fiscal officer Ridder a \$2/hour raise (beginning on next payroll) was made by council person Legge and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person Matthews. A roll call vote resulted in all members voting yes.

At 7:30 PM a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by council person Legge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by council person Lowery, all approved.

Next council meeting February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 PM

  
Lance Houchin, Mayor

2-14-2024  
Date

  
Joe Ridder, Fiscal Officer

2/13/24  
Date