

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN OF BELVIDERE  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
691 Water Street  
JANUARY 6, 2014**

Mayor Stettler opened the regular meeting of the Belvidere Town Council with the Pledge of Allegiance and read the following notice in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice filed with the Star Gazette and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Belvidere Town Hall, 691 Water Street, Belvidere NJ.

**Roll Call:**

Present - Mayor Stettler, Councilman Kennedy, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Sebold, Councilman Viglianco  
Absent - None

**A motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adopt the December 16, 2013 regular meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adopt the December 16, 2013 executive meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

**Public Comment:**

Howard Thompson welcomed the new Council people and all those returning.

**Committee Reports:**

Councilman Makatura had no report at this time.

Councilwoman Napolitani reported that all went well with the recent snow storm. The Councilwoman will be meeting with John Snyder to develop a plan for monitoring the fuel at the Scout Home.

Councilman Sebold had no report at this time.

Councilwoman Miers reported that she wrapped up with the DPW and reached out to the CFO for financial reports and will be meeting with her to review financial matters.

Councilman Kennedy had no report at this time.

Councilman Viglianco had no report at this time.

Mayor Stettler reported that Elizabethtown Gas has applied for a road opening permit for Third Street to begin the gas main installation.

Council will be holding a budget meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

**Correspondence:**

There was discussion about an email received from Mike Moyer in reference to snow removal in the business district.

A request was received from Pohatcong Township for support of a resolution to establish a water tax. Discussion ensued. No action was taken.

**Old Business:**

There was discussion about the snow emergency ordinance. Mayor Stettler requested that Councilwoman Napolitani and Councilman Sebold discuss this matter with John Snyder and Chief Yeisley.

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to apply to the Municipal and Charitable Trust Fund Committee for an extension to the library and scout home grants.

Councilman Kennedy asked for an update on Howell Street and the Riverside Park land swap. Dominick Santini advised that Paul Sterbenz is working on marking out our property on Howell Street and is corresponding with the State on the metes and bounds for the Riverside Park land swap.

**New Business:**

There was discussion regarding an article that appeared in the Express-Times about the condition of our streets.

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to authorize Teresa DeMont to send a letter to the editor of the Express-Times in response to their “streets” article.

Councilman Makatura stated that he was disappointed in the Mayor’s Council committee appointments. The Councilman went on to say that the Mayor disregarded the strengths and talents of the Council adding that there was an inconsistency with the appointments and that it would be better to keep liaisons in the same positions from year to year. Mayor Stettler defended her choices stating that her Council appointments were not decided lightly and that she wants people to be cross-trained and doesn’t want anyone to get too comfortable in one position. Councilman Kennedy stated that the appointments should be known in advance of the reorganization meeting so that the old can mentor the new.

Councilwoman Miers reported that she was working with Teresa DeMont and Councilwoman Napolitani on the ordinance book revision project but that it is a tedious process.

Jake Carlson reported that the student government is sponsoring “jeans for teens”. There will be additional information to follow.

**Appointments:**

Mayor Stettler had no appointments at this time.

**Public Comment:**

Rheva Smickel addressed Council about the siding proposed for the scout home. Discussion ensued.

Eileen Scott asked about our last revaluation adding that it was time to address this matter. Mayor Stettler responded that reassessments have been done and that Council is watching this issue closely.

Heather Durr stated that she would like to see natural gas on Parker Street.

Howard Thompson commented on the heating oil at the scout home, a proposed water tax, the amount of time that it is taking to complete the scout home grant work and the Council appointments.

**Executive Session:**

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2014x11.

**RESOLUTION NO. R2014x11**

**TOWN OF BELVIDERE**

**WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings act, Chapter 231,P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Belvidere, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter; and
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is:  
Subject: Possible Litigation, contracts
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public:  
When Resolved.

Dated: January 6, 2014  
Teresa A. DeMont, R.M.C./C.P.M.  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to return to regular session.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilman Viglianco and carried to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa A. DeMont, RMC/CPM  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator