

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
JUNE 2, 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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Kennedy and carried to adopt the May 19, 2014 regular meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to adopt the May 19, 2014 executive meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Proclamations:

Mayor Stettler presented the following proclamations:

Town of Belvidere

Proclamation

Congratulating Nellie Rinehart for her induction into the Hackettstown Regional Medical Center Senior Hall of Fame

Whereas, Nellie Rinehart has been an outstanding citizen of the Town of Belvidere; and

Whereas, She has been actively involved in the community and has made positive contributions to the Town of Belvidere through her many efforts as a volunteer and citizen; and

Whereas, The Hackettstown Regional Medical Center recently inducted Nellie Rinehart into the Senior Hall of Fame; and

Now, Therefore, Be it Proclaimed, that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Belvidere hereby formally congratulates
Nellie Rinehart on her induction into the Senior Hall of Fame and express our gratitude for her positive contributions to our community.

Dated this 2nd day of June 2014.

Town of Belvidere

Proclamation

Celebrating the opening of the 2014 season of the Belvidere N.J. Farmer's Market

Whereas, The Belvidere N.J. Farmer's Market is quickly becoming an integral part of the fabric of Belvidere; and

Whereas, The Town of Belvidere supports the "farm to table" ideals that a farmer's market brings to the community; and

Now, Therefore, Be it Proclaimed, that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Belvidere hereby offers our support and wishes continued success for the Belvidere N.J. Farmer's Market

Dated this 1st day of June 2014.

Public Comment:

The following comments were made:

Howard Thompson - inquired about executive session.

Beth Makatura - asked if the Mayor's video recording of the meeting could be posted to Youtube.

Amy Lewis - simplify process for establishing recreation committee.

Susan Beale - recreation committee wonderful opportunity to have young people get involved.

Debbie Fuhrmann - asked why Chief matter was being discussed in executive session.

Des Fitzgerald - Chief matter should not be done in executive session.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Kennedy reported on the following: swim team, pool maintenance, scout home, BOE review of anti-bullying, midget football, library.

Councilman Makatura introduced representatives from Computer Images who gave a brief overview of their company's website design work. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy and seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani to contract with Computer Images for the design of a new website for the Town.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilman Kennedy, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Sebold, Councilman Viglianco

Nays - None

Abstentions - Mayor Stettler

Absent - None

Councilman Viglianco had no report at this time.

Councilwoman Miers had no report at this time.

Councilman Sebold reported on the following: April and May Police Department activity and vehicle reports.

A motion was made by Councilman Sebold, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to allow Police Department review of all street closure applications prior to Council approval.

Councilwoman Napolitani reported on the following: DPW activity, sweeper and leaf machine.

John Snyder updated the Council on the construction projects and his concern with the floor load at the library.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence discussed at this time.

Old Business:

Councilman Kennedy initiated a discussion about establishing a recreation committee.

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy and seconded by Councilwoman Miers requesting Mayor Stettler appoint to a standing recreation committee the following members: Andy Lewis, Amy Lewis, Heather Stokes, Sarah Johnson, John Hatchman, Don Duplissis, Noelle Kornegay and Kristen Kane. Discussion ensued. **Motion and second withdrawn.**

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to request Mayor Stettler appoint Amy Lewis, Heather Stokes, Sarah Johnson, Noelle Kornegay and Kristen Kane to a standing recreation committee with the remainder of the applicants to be appointed once the Mayor has met with them.

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to allow the Library Board of Trustees to conduct their monthly meetings at Belvidere Town Hall if they so choose.

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura, seconded by Councilman Kennedy and carried to “Rice Notice” Chief Yeisley for the next Council meeting to discuss the pool vandalism investigation and the offer of a \$500 reward.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried approving raffle license application RA2014-10 for the Warren County American Legion.

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to approve a Good Will Fire Company membership application for Louis Navarra.

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried requesting that the Planning Board review and consider an amendment to the current fence ordinance, specifically section 160-22 A.(1), height limit.

Resolutions:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani with Councilman Kennedy voting “no” and all others voting “yes” to adopt Resolution No. R2014x57.

**RESOLUTION NO. R2014x57
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
A RESOLUTION TO HIRE AND PAY SEASONAL DPW EMPLOYEES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Belvidere, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the following seasonal DPW employees be hired and paid :

Section 2

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Steven Mattola	Laborer 6/9/14	9.00/hour eff.
John Snyder III	"	9.00/hour eff. 5/20/14

Dated: June 2, 2014
Teresa A. DeMont, RMC/C.P.M.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani with Councilman Sebold abstaining and all others voting “yes” to adopt Resolution No. R2014x58.

**RESOLUTION NO. R2014x58
TOWN OF BELVIDERE**

**WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
A RESOLUTION TO HIRE AND PAY
EMPLOYEES FOR THE BELVIDERE POOL**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Belvidere, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the following be paid to Pool Utility employees of the Town of Belvidere, and that salaries/hourly wages be effective for the 2014 Pool Utility Season unless otherwise noted:

Section 6

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary/Hourly</u>
Mark Horvath	Lifeguard	9.25
Kerry Kennedy	Lifeguard	9.25
Tanner Schanzlin	Lifeguard	9.25
Vivian Simone	Lifeguard	9.25
Matthew Green	Lifeguard	9.25
Jacob Seibert	Lifeguard	9.25
Olivia Simone	Lifeguard	9.25
Enzo Frasca	Lifeguard	9.25
Kelly Smigel	Lifeguard	9.25
Blake Rader	Lifeguard	9.25
Billy Eppell	Lifeguard	9.25
Angela Hubert	Lifeguard	9.25
Deidra Ramano	Lifeguard	9.50
Louis Navarra	Lifeguard	9.25
Jake Carlson	Lifeguard	9.25
Tyler Crotty	Lifeguard	9.25
Andrew Edsoren	Lifeguard	9.25
Josee Ritter	Lifeguard	9.25
Nick Tatarian	Snack Bar	8.25
Renee Anderson	Snack Bar	8.25
Nicole Williams	Snack Bar	8.25
Ashley Sebold	Snack Bar	8.25
Sarah Gross	Snack Bar	8.25
Michael Fox	Snack Bar	8.25
Cooper Kornegay	Snack Bar	8.25
Alyssa Fields	Office Attendant	8.25
Christine Casterline	Office Attendant	8.25
Hailey Tipton	Office Attendant	8.25
Alexandra Navarra	Office Attendant	8.25
Hope Roedel	Office Attendant	8.25
Payton Jean	Office Attendant	8.25
Rowan Bienes	Office Attendant	8.25
Shanay Healy	Senior Manager	7,500.00 per season
Hillary Sadlon	Assistant Manager	11.75
Deidra Romano	Assistant Manager	11.75

Dated: June 2, 2014
Teresa A. DeMont. R.M.C./C.P.M.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

A motion was made by Councilman Sebold, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2014x59.

RESOLUTION NO. R2014x59

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE LEGISLATURE TO MAKE PERMANENT THE

2% CAP ON INTEREST ARBITRATION

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2010, Governor Christie signed into law reforms to the Arbitration process that took effect January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the reforms capped arbitration awards on economic factors to no more than 2%, provided for random selection of arbitrators, expedited the determination of awards, required the arbitrator to provide a written report detailing the weight accorded to each of the required considerations and expedited the appeal process; and

WHEREAS, these reforms marked a dramatic change to the arbitration process and have helped municipalities to control the never-ending rise in public safety personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, a key component of the reforms, capping arbitration awards on economic factors to no more than 2% of the property tax levy, expired on April 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, while municipalities are statutorily limited to raise their property tax levy by no more than 2%, with very limited exceptions, failure to extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards will force municipalities throughout the State to further reduce or even eliminate crucial services, personnel and long-overdue infrastructure improvement projects in order to fund an arbitration award; and

WHEREAS, the 2% Interest Arbitration cap has controlled one of the largest municipal expenses, public safety salaries, not only through arbitration awards but through contract negotiations; and

WHEREAS, absent further action by the Legislature, any contract that expired on or after April 1, 2014, will be subject to all new procedures and requirements, EXCEPT the 2% awards cap; and

WHEREAS, without these limits, arbitrators will be able to impose awards that do not account for the 2% limit on the property tax levy, which would immediately threaten funding for all other municipal services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Town of Belvidere strongly urges the Legislature to permanently extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this duly adopted Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate Legislative representatives, Governor Chris Christie and the New Jersey league of Municipalities.

Certification

I, Teresa A. DeMont, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Town of Belvidere to hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Belvidere Town Council at a regular meeting held on June 2, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura, seconded by Councilman Kennedy and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2014x60.

RESOLUTION NO. R2014x60

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A-2280/S-1305 MANDATING VIDEO RECORDERS ON POLICE VEHICLES

WHEREAS, companion bills A-2280/S-1305 mandating video recorders on police vehicles are rapidly moving through the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, these bills would require certain new or used police vehicles to be equipped with mobile video recording systems or in lieu of a recording device being worn by a police officer; and

WHEREAS, these bills impose a \$25.00 surcharge on persons convicted of driving while intoxicated to fund the cost of this equipment; and

WHEREAS, these bills impose a new unfunded mandate and a \$25.00 surcharge will not begin to fund the costs incurred by municipalities for this recording equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Town of Belvidere that we hereby voice our opposition to A-2280/S-1305 mandating video recorders on police vehicles and that we respectfully request that the decision regarding the need for this technology be left to the discretion of local elected officials;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this duly adopted Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate Legislative representatives, Governor Chris Christie and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Certification

I, Teresa A. DeMont, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Town of Belvidere to hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Belvidere Town Council at a regular meeting held on June 2, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2014x61.

RESOLUTION NO. R2014x61

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXCHANGE OF LAND AND EXECUTION OF DEED BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NJDEP)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Belvidere Town Council hereby authorizes the following exchange of land between the Town of Belvidere and the NJDEP:

Town of Belvidere, Block 10/ Lot 49.01 and Lot 3.02

For:

NJDEP, Block 14/Lot10 (Riverside)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the deed on behalf of the Town of Belvidere to effectuate said land exchange.

Certification

I, Teresa A. DeMont, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Town of Belvidere hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Belvidere Town Council at a regular meeting held on June 2, 2014.

Appointments:

Mayor Stettler made the following appointments to the Recreation Committee: Amy Lewis, Heather Stokes, Sarah Johnson, Noelle Kornegay, Kristen Kane

Public Comment:

Harold Hess - street paving

Eileen Scott - meeting recordings and library building safety

Des Fitzgerald - appointment of Chief discussion should be heard in public

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura and seconded by Councilman Kennedy to discuss the appointment of a Chief of Police in open public session.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilman Kennedy, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani

Nays - Councilman Sebold, Councilman Viglianco, Mayor Stettler

Abstentions - None

Absent - None

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura and seconded by Councilwoman Miers to request that all interested members of the police department submit a resume for the position of Chief of Police.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilman Kennedy, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilman Napolitani

Nays - None

Abstentions - Councilman Sebold, Councilman Viglianco, Mayor Stettler

Absent - None

Rheva Smickle - applicants for recreation committee should not be interviewed

Debbie Fuhrmann - library building dangerous and should be inspected

Howard Thompson - matters concerning appointment of Chief should be discussed in open session

Beth Makatura - Mayor should share video recordings of meeting with public, library building should be inspected for safety, Chief appointment matters should be heard in public

John Snyder and Pat Stefanelli will meet to inspect the library building. Councilman Viglianco will also attend this inspection as an observer.

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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