

MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Mayor Kennedy opened the workshop meeting of the Belvidere Town Council with the Pledge of Allegiance and Teresa Yeisley 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 Kennedy, Councilman Fitzgerald, Councilman McAleer, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Tutka,

Absent - Councilman Makatura

Budget:

Councilwoman Miers reviewed matters for the budget including committed obligations, contracted obligations and lines that do not have necessary expenses.

Christine Rolef reviewed the cancellations to the general fund from Capital surplus and advised on payments to deferred charges.

Councilwoman Miers advised on plans to streamline our use of professional services in an effort to reduce costs, revaluation and credit card payment acceptance for court. All budget requests should be given to the Administrator by March 1st.

Councilwoman Napolitani explained the sewer expenditures. Councilman McAleer advised on equipment purchases that will need to be made by the fire department this year.

BJ Wauhoh advised Council on the plans for the DPW building and the costs involved. Discussion ensued as to the public contract requirements with a project of this nature.

Esther Sweigert addressed Council about an idea to erect American flags along the Memorial Day parade route and the entrances to Town to show our patriotism. This project would work through donations with a goal of 100 flags. Council was in support of Mrs. Sweigert's idea. Councilman Fitzgerald will work with Mrs. Sweigert to move this project forward.

A motion was made by Councilman McAleer, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to approve Mrs. Sweigert's request regarding the above matter.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried adopting the January 23, 2017 regular meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Raffles:

A motion was made by Councilman McAleer, seconded by Councilman Fitzgerald and carried approving raffle license applications RA2017-02 through RA2017-06.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Matters to be Addressed:

Kevin Benbrook addressed a recent decision of the Planning Board regarding the Skoog property at the corner of Mansfield and Front Streets. Mr. Benbrook advised Council on the process involved in a use variance.

Councilwoman Miers advised that the school and county will be coming to the library building at 302 Second Street to review the remaining books for any items that they might like to have for their facilities.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to appoint Tammy Koop to the Environmental Commission, term expiring 12/31/2019.

Approval of Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried authorizing the payment of the purchase orders in the amount of \$737,851.86.

A motion was made Councilman McAleer, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried approving a request for street closure for the Freedom Run on July 9, 2017.

Kevin Benbrook updated Council on the COAH litigation.

Public Comment:

Linda Stettler asked if overnight parking is now allowed in the municipal parking lot at the corner of Market and Water Streets, and if so, suggested that the residents should be notified of this change. Mrs. Stettler also commented on the Planning Board decision matter that was on the agenda. Kevin Benbrook again addressed this matter.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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