

MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
APRIL 6, 2015

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

Absent - Councilman Petre

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adopt the March 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to adopt the March 10, 2015 budget meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adopt the March 16, 2015 regular and executive meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Public Comment:

Laura Kennedy requested that employment applications be put on the Town website and the Recreation Committee Facebook page. Teresa Yeisley advised that she would put the applications on the website when positions are open and forward a copy for the Recreation Committee to put on their page. Mrs. Kennedy also suggested that the Town start to accept credit cards.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Kennedy - PD and DPW S/W and O/E are on track and in good shape. Town has been approved for a \$90,000 DOT grant for Oxford Street Phase III. Thank you to John Snyder for allowing the Councilman to review street repairs with him. Working on dog park information. Write thank you letter to Jim Thomas for cleaning the streets in the downtown area.

Councilwoman Miers - The Pool Commission is working on phase II of the lighting project. Nick Healy is taking th CPO course and they are reviewing a more efficient way to notify the public of any pool closing. The LEO Club will be volunteering to clean up the grounds at the pool in exchange for a pool party. Electrical repairs and upgrades at the Scout Home are being handled by Jack Shade.

Councilman Sebold - no report at this time.

Councilwoman Napolitani - library adopted their budget and discussed their financial status. All upgrades under the grant will soon be completed. DPW would like to install the signs at Riverside Park as soon as the agreement is completed. The draining and refilling of the pool has been scheduled. Review of street sweeping schedule. John Snyder and Paul Sterbenz will meet to review the drainage and condition of Howell Street. Members of the Senior Ad-hoc committee will continue to meet on a quarterly basis.

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy and seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani to dedicate the Firing Range to Gerald Metzgar. **Motion and second withdrawn.** The matter will be tabled and discussed at a future meeting.

Councilman Makatura - PD should be back up to full staffing soon. Patrolman Pappalardo is completing his initial training. DPW repaired the Tahoe at a significant cost savings. Trying to schedule meeting with Mayor Inscho from Liberty Township regarding shared court. Waiting on

email addresses for website.

Mayor Stettler - PAIC elected officials training scheduled for April 14th at 6:00 PM at Town Hall. Deadline for filing FDS is April 30th. Attended declared emergency incident command training and met with Red Cross representative regarding their restructuring.

Correspondence:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to authorize the following street closures:
Belvidere High School Swim Team 5K
Belvidere Farmer's Market
"Peggy's Run" 5K
Belvidere Woman's Club "Belvidere in Bloom"

Previous Business:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to add the following to the meeting agendas:
"This agenda is subject to last minute additions and/or deletions by the Belvidere Town Council".

New Business:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the Municipal Alliance grant agreement.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried approving a request from Paul Sterbenz to do work for the Belvidere Board of Education.

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried approving raffle license application R2015-06 for the Warren County American Legion.

Resolutions:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy and seconded by Councilwoman Miers to adopt Resolution No. R2015x35.

RESOLUTION NO. R2015x35

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAND SWAP BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, in 2001 the State of New Jersey purchased a .397 acre lot in the center of the Town of Belvidere, known as Block 14, Lot 10 for \$42,000 intended for fishing access and general open space; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Belvidere is the owner of a 6.32 acre parcel of land known as Block 10, Lot 3.02, which is listed on the Town's ROSI as unfunded parkland; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Belvidere is also the owner of a 24.5 acre parcel of land known as Block 10, Lot 49 which was donated to the Town by Hoffman-LaRoche; and

WHEREAS, a 6 acre portion of Block 10, Lot 49 contains a 200 foot corridor including portions of the Pequest River; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Belvidere wishes to own Block 14, Lot 10 in order to make a small downtown park with fishing access; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey wishes to own Block 10, Lot 3.02 and a 6 acre portion of Block 10, Lot 49 as it will connect two parcels of land already owned by the State as part of the

Pequest Wildlife Management Area; and

WHEREAS, this transfer of property between the parties is commonly referred to as a “land swap” and is permitted under N.J.S.A. 13:1D-51 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 13:8A-48(a); and

WHEREAS, the parties received approval for this “land swap” from the State House Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Belvidere, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Town of Belvidere hereby approves the transfer of title to Block 10, Lot 3.02 and a portion of Block 10, Lot 49 to the State of New Jersey in exchange for the Town acquiring title to Block 14, Lot 10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Belvidere hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute all documents necessary to complete this transfer.

CERTIFICATION

I, Teresa A. Yeisley, Municipal Clerk for the Town of Belvidere, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Council at their April 6, 2015 meeting.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilman Kennedy, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Sebold, Mayor Stettler

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Absent - None

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Kennedy and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2015x36.

RESOLUTION NO. R2015x36

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE AND PAY AN ASSISTANT POOL MANAGER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Belvidere, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the following Pool Utility employee of the Town of Belvidere, be hired and paid for the 2015 pool operating season:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Section 6</u>	<u>Salary/Hourly</u>
Nicholas Healy	Assistant Pool Manager		\$ 3,000 per annum

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

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2015x37.

RESOLUTION NO. R2015x37

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE AND PAY A CAMP DIRECTOR FOR THE SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council hereby authorizes that the following employee be hired and paid for the Summer Enrichment Program:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
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