

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
May 4, 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 Petre, Councilman Sebold

Absent - None

Approval of Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to adopt the April 20, 2015 regular and executive meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Makatura - review of PD activity for April. Firing range fully operational, department fully staffed and OT down. Discussion of cost incurred for video taping of meetings.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Makatura, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried authorizing the purchase of the necessary equipment for video taping of Council meetings.

Councilwoman Napolitani - provided report on Library meeting. Discussion regarding library and administration salaries. Review of DPW activities. John Snyder advised that locks have been changed on the pool filter house.

Councilman Sebold - no report at this time.

Councilwoman Miers - attended sewer committee meeting on April 23rd. Will meet again the end of May. Attended BOE meeting. Recreation Committee working on tennis courts. Pool proceeding with lighting project.

Councilman Kennedy - review of budget expenditures

Councilman Petre - no quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting but reviewed with Councilman work being done.

Teresa Yeisley - met with Councilwoman Miers and Councilwoman Napolitani and begin code book review process.

Mayor Stettler - attended meeting in Hope Township with legislators. Reported on attendance at Mayor's Conference.

Correspondence:

Councilman Kennedy congratulated Ray and Rheva Smickle for being honored by the HMRC Foundation and chosen to be a member of their Senior Hall of Fame. Mayor Stettler also offered her congratulations.

Previous Business:

Councilwoman Miers initiated a discussion regarding credit card payments to the Town.

Councilman Kennedy and Councilman Makatura will proceed and schedule a meeting with Valley National Bank.

There was discussion regarding “open burning”. Mayor Stettler provided an ordinance used in Hackettstown. Katrina Campbell advised that the State fire prevention will respond to any complaints by the following day.

Councilman Sebold reviewed the progress thus far regarding the snow emergency parking ordinance.

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried authorizing the reduction of sewer charges for 8 Adams Street, block 10/lot 29.

There was discussion on joining Warren County in filing a hazard mitigation grant for the acquisition of severe repetitive loss properties. Council will discuss this matter further after the affected home owners attend a scheduled meeting in Harmony Township and receive further information.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried authorizing that coverage of the contents of the Scout Home be added to the Town’s insurance policy.

There was discussion of legislation to combine pension and healthcare. There has been no movement in the legislature on this issue so the matter will be tabled for discussion at a future Council meeting.

Mayor Stettler initiated a discussion regarding a plan for the repair of streets.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Petre and carried approving a social affairs liquor permit for the Warren County Tall Cedars for June 20, 2015.

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried approving raffle license R2015-08 for the Belvidere Woman’s Club and R2015-09 for the Quilter’s Guild.

Resolutions:

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2015x47.

RESOLUTION NO. R2015x47

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM MONEYS (block 34, lot 18)

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 2014-039 dated October 20, 2014 on block 34, lot 18 was redeemed on April 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the premium paid at the sale in the amount of \$1,200.00 needs to be returned to BANK CUST FOR BV001 TRUST, lienholder of the aforementioned certificate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Belvidere hereby authorizes the CFO to make payment in the amount of \$1,200.00 representing said refund.

US BANK CUST BV001 TRUST
50 S 16TH ST STE 2050
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102-2513

Date: May 4, 2015

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

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2015x48.

RESOLUTION NO. R2015x48

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FOR LIGHTS AT THE BELVIDERE POOL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Belvidere Town Council hereby authorizes the purchase and installation of lights for the Belvidere Pool in the amount of \$14,950 from:

Wires Electric
105 W. Valley View Ave.
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Date: May 4, 2015

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

Appointments:

There were no appointments at this time.

Approval of Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried authorizing the payment of the purchase orders in the amount of \$653,364.07.

Public Comment:

Rich Newman - open burning and video of Council meetings
Heather Stokes - Harvest Fest October 11th, rain date October 18th
Rheva Smickle - Elizabethtown Gas has a monopoly in the Town

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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