

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

Proclamation:

Town of Belvidere Proclamation
Mental Illness Awareness Week

Whereas, mental illness is a term used for a group of disorders causing severe disturbances of thinking, feeling and relating;

Whereas, mental illness can affect persons of any age, sex, race, religion, social and economic background;

Whereas, during the course of any given year, 5.5 million Americans are disabled by severe mental illness;

Whereas, nearly two-thirds of all people with diagnosable mental disorders do not seek treatment because of stigma, ignorance and lack of appropriate service and treatment options;

Whereas, mental illness impacts 1 in 4 individuals;

Therefore, be it proclaimed that the Town of Belvidere recognizes the week of October 5th through the 11th, 2014 as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

Presentation:

Paul Sterbenz advised Council on the following:

A preconstruction meeting is scheduled with Elizabethtown Gas regarding the Third Street gas main extension. Councilman Makatura initiated a discussion about residents hooking into the gas main free of charge. Councilman Viglianco will discuss this matter with Elizabethtown Gas. The DOT grant for Oxford Street Phase III has been filed.

Stormwater update.

Review of pool bonding matter.

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy and seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani to award a contract to Wires Electric in the amount of \$45,900 to perform the pool bonding work.

Roll call:

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

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Absent - None

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to adopt the September 15, 2014 regular and executive session minutes of the Belvidere Town

Council.

Public Comment:

Des Fitzgerald commented on the Third Street gas main extension.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Kennedy reported on the following:

Belvidere Library Board of Trustees meeting

Recreation Trust account

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy and seconded by Councilwoman Miers to appropriate \$5,000 from the Recreation Trust account for repairs to the tennis courts. **Motion and second rescinded.**

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy and seconded by Councilman Makatura to appropriate \$6,600 from the Recreation Trust account contingent on \$1,600 of the appropriation being approved by the Recreation Committee.

Roll call:

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

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Absent - None

Councilman Viglianco had no report at this time.

Councilwoman Miers reported on the following:

Budget trial balance meeting to be scheduled with Administrator and CFO.

Shade Tree Commission request to attend Core Training.

LEO club to do leaf raking for seniors and disabled.

Councilman Sebold reported on the following:

Review of Police Department activity reports for June, July and August. 2015.

2014 department budget update and 2015 budget request.

Councilman Kennedy initiated a discussion on using SLEO's (Special Law Enforcement Officer) for special events and outside overtime.

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura and seconded by Councilman Kennedy to use SLEO's for special events and outside overtime capping the budget at \$11,000.

Roll call:

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

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Absent - None

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to reinstate SLEO Lawrence Barnes at his previous salary.

Councilwoman Napolitani reported on the following:

Review of DPW activity report.

Surveillance cameras at DPW yard for dumping.

DPW work on PD vehicles.

Nutrition Center ad-hoc committee continuing to meet.

Councilman Makatura reported on the following:

Working out some problems with the website but continuing to move forward.

Mayor Stettler reported on the following:

Contacted by attorney representing owner of property next to boat ramp regarding Council ideas on selling property to State.

A motion was made by Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to respond

to the attorney representing the owners of the boat ramp property requesting that they seek another alternative other than selling the property to the State.
Mayor thanked all involved in the successful yard sale days.
Christmas tree lighting update.

Correspondence:

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried approving a request to hold the annual Crop Walk.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to approve a request to hold the annual Halloween Parade.

Old Business:

Councilman Makatura requested that Elizabethtown Gas be held accountable to the residents of Belvidere and that no permits be issued until we can determine what they are going to do to help the residents with the cost of installation and making sure that the entire Town has access to natural gas.

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy and seconded by Councilman Makatura to appoint Matthew Scott to the position of Chief of Police effective November 19, 2014 pending the successful negotiation of a contract with Mr. Scott.

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 Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to amend the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to include a “Donated Leave Program” as submitted to the Council.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Sebold with Councilman Kennedy abstaining on the appointment of Laura Kennedy and all others voting “yes” to appoint Don Duplisiss, Gigette Colazzo and Laura Kennedy to the Recreation Committee.

Approval of Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to authorize the payment of the purchase orders, with the exception of PO#18767, in the amount totaling \$622,749.19.

Public Comment:

The public commented on the following:

Eileen Scott - leaf pick up

Des Fitzgerald - Citizen Leadership form

Nick Weinstock - website

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Kennedy and carried to recess the Council meeting.

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

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2014x90.

RESOLUTION NO. R2014x90

**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: Contract Negotiations and Personnel
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public:
When Resolved.

Dated: October 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 Councilwoman Miers and seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani approving a 1% salary increase retroactive to 1/1/2014 on the employees highest paid position, for certain positions as discussed, and a salary increase to \$25.00 per hour for the Assistant DPW Supervisor position.

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 Councilwoman Napolitani and seconded by Councilwoman Miers to present the Teamsters contract as submitted by the negotiation committee.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani

Nays - Councilman Kennedy, Councilman Sebold, Councilman Viglianco, Mayor Stettler

Abstentions - None

Absent - None

Motion failed.

A motion was made by Councilman Sebold, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 10:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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