

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
JANUARY 22, 2018**

Mayor Kennedy opened the regular meeting of the Belvidere Town Council with the Pledge of Allegiance. 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.

Mayor Kennedy stated that an oath of office for a police officer would be added to the agenda.

Roll Call:

Present - Mayor Kennedy, Councilman Fitzgerald, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Tutka, Councilman Zmigrodski

Absent - Councilman Makatura

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Councilman Makatura joined the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Teresa Yeisley administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman John Robinson.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Tutka - attended reorganization of the Historic Commission. Gas hook-up on Greenwich Street in the hands of the Warren County Engineer's office for review, with completion hopefully by spring.

Councilwoman Miers - approaching budget season. Requests will be distributed to Council in the next few days with discussion beginning at the February 12th meeting.

Councilwoman Napolitani - DPW removed Christmas decorations and picked up discarded Christmas trees in addition to their regular duties. The Blum sewer inspection has been completed.

Councilman Makatura - PD had 265 calls for service in December. New vehicle has been ordered. Preliminary budget is complete.

Previous Business:

Councilwoman Napolitani initiated a discussion about cars on streets during the recent storm and basketball stantions in or near the street. Councilman Tutka asked if the DPW plows the school parking lot or does the school contract for their own snow removal. Councilman Zmigrodski stated that the DPW does help out the school on occasion by salting.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to adopt the January 8, 2018 workshop meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Correspondence:

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura, seconded by Councilman Zmigrodski and carried approving requests for street closures for the County Seater Sprint and the Belvidere Fox Trot.

New Business:

Council discussed a report from the Community Center Advisory Committee (CCAC) reviewing 2017 and their goals for 2018. Teresa Yeisley will work on wifi installation for the Center.

Kevin Benbrook advised that the CCAC is advisory in nature. The chairman will be meeting

with the CFO and auditor to discuss funding matters. Councilwoman Miers will determine the cost of the utilities for the building.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Fitzgerald and carried to approve the following raffle license applications: RL201801 for the Belvidere Lions Club and RL201802 for the Warren County Community College.

Resolution:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Fitzgerald and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2018x13.

RESOLUTION NO. R2018x13

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM MONEYS (block 2, lot 10)

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 2017-002 dated October 11, 2017 on block 2, lot 10 was redeemed on December 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the premium paid at the sale in the amount of \$400.00 needs to be returned to US BANK CUST FOR PC7 FIRSTRUST BANK, 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 \$400.00 representing said refund.

US BANK CUST FOR PC7 FIRSTRUST BANK
50 S 16TH ST STE 2050
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

Date: January 8, 2018
Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to appoint Nikki Jones Duplissis to the CCAC to fill the unexpired term of John Rusin.

Approval of Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani with Councilman Tutka abstaining and all others voting “yes” to authorize the payment of the purchase orders in the amount of \$545,171.05.

Public Comment:

Heather Stokes - received zoning complaints regarding her property and made accusation of selective enforcement. Contended that Councilman Fitzgerald was “driving” the complaints. Councilman Fitzgerald stated that he did speak with the zoning official regarding violations at Mrs. Stoke’s property. Discussion ensued. Kevin Benbrook advised that there should be no selective enforcement and no councilperson can direct the zoning official to issue a complaint. Mayor Kennedy advised that this matter will be addressed and that he will use any means to assist a resident.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2018x14.

RESOLUTION NO. R2018x14

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: Contracts
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public:
When Resolved.

Date: January 22, 2018
Teresa A. Yeisley, R.M.C./C.P.M.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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

Kevin Benbrook advised the residents that Council discussed the revisions to the PD contract in executive session.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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