

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

Mayor Kennedy opened the workshop 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.

Roll Call:

Present - Mayor Kennedy, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Tutka

Absent - Councilman Fitzgerald

A **motion** was made by Councilman Makatura, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2016x14.

RESOLUTION NO. R2016x14

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE AND PAY A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Belvidere Town Council hereby authorizes the hiring of the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Joshua Wittmann	Patrolman (Step 1)	\$50,341 per annum eff 2/1/16

Date: February 1, 2016

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

Teresa Yeisley administered the Oath of Office to Joshua Wittmann.

Councilwoman Miers requested a moment of silence in memory of Terry Lee.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Approval of Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Miers with Mayor Kennedy abstaining and all other voting "yes" to adopt the January 18, 2016 regular meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Councilman Miller initiated a discussion about cleaning up after your pet.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to place an advertisement in the Riverbend reminding residents that failing to clean up after your pet is punishable by a summons and subsequent fine.

Councilwoman Miers initiated a discussion about the Town accepting credit card payments. Dawn Decker will inquire about the court and Teresa Yeisley will discuss with MSI. Councilman Makatura suggested that the Town have a business credit card for use by the department heads.

Councilwoman Miers requested that Council consider revisiting overnight parking in the South

Water Street and Riverside Park lots.

Mayor Kennedy reported that the DPW and PD had a plan for the recent storm that went very well. The Mayor had three conference calls during the storm with JCP&L. Finance, DPW, CFO and Administrator met with the bond attorney to discuss financing options. Councilman Miller is working on a presentation about revaluation for the February 16th meeting.

Resolution:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani with Councilman Tutka abstaining and all others voting “yes” to adopt Resolution No. R2016x13.

RESOLUTION NO. R2016x13

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

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**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE SEWER USER CHARGE
FOR YEAR 2016**

WHEREAS, Ordinance O2004x16 allows the Belvidere Sewer Utility user rate to be established annually by resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the sewer user charge for the year 2016 shall be \$693.00 per equivalent dwelling unit.

Dated: February 4, 2016
Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Makatura with Councilman Tutka abstaining and all others voting “yes” to approve a request from the Sewer Utility Clerk to work on Wednesday evenings from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM to perform sewer utility duties.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to appoint Susan Beal to the Library Board of Trustees for an unexpired term expiring 12/31/2018.

Approval of Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried authorizing the payment of the purchase orders in the amount of \$314,954.86.

Public Comment:

Rheva Smickle - sidewalks and retention basin not shoveled.

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to adjourn the workshop meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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