

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
MAY 28, 2019**

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.

Roll Call:

Present - Mayor Kennedy, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers,
Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Roth, Councilman Tutka, Councilman Zmigrodski
Absent - None

Adoption of Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to adopt the May 13, 2019 workshop meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Tutka - the Recreation Committee is working on the Summer Recreation Program. The Third Street School will be closed at the end of the school year for students and the administration office will now be utilizing the building. The Councilman will provide the "Path to Progress" information to Council once received. Quinn Melofchick was announced as the most winning wrestler in Warren County. Mr. Melofchick will be entering the United States Air Force. Pool will open Memorial Day weekend. Lion's Club assisting with the awning. BHS Builder's Club made a donation to the CC@B.

Councilman Roth - LED street light project representative will be at the June 24th Council meeting. A notice has been provided in the Busy Peach, on the municipal website and hand delivered to residents and businesses in the test area. The new fire truck dedication will be held at the Good Will Fire Company on June 10th at 7:00 PM. Reviewing utility bills for first responder agencies. Will be meeting with first responders regarding the Kasson development. Mayor Kennedy added that no funding is being withheld from the first responder organizations. May consider increasing their contributions rather than paying any of the utility bills. Belvidere school district is currently ranked in the middle of all schools and needs to work on moving up in the rankings. Mayor Kennedy suggested that they need to focus on quality, not quantity.

Councilwoman Miers - Town will continue to "pay as we go" in 2019. At the suggestion of the Tax Collector, we are considering Municipipay as our credit servicer for payment of sewer and taxes.

Councilwoman Napolitani - Planning Board had the public hearing on the Master Plan Reexamination Report and worked on the RV ordinance. The Knowlton Street application has been continued.

Councilman Makatura - cameras have been ordered for the PD vehicles. Considering purchase of a taser which will also require training. Mayor Kennedy added that Belvidere has been chosen as a pilot for the "Helping Hands" program through the Warren County Prosecutor's Office.

Councilman Zmigrodski - brush pick-up has been completed. Most pothole repair has been completed and the flags were put up. Completed work at the pool for the opening.

Presentation:

Kalvin Thompson - Belvidere Environmental Commission has been awarded a \$1,500 ANJEC grant for a pollination garden. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to approve the location for the pollenation garden at the park at the corner of Frelinghuysen and Franklin Streets.

Correspondence:

The Belvidere United Methodist Church made a \$500 donation to the CC@B.

Previous Business:

None

New Business:

Correspondence was received regarding FEMA property acquisition of 103 Wall Street. Not all conditions have been met on the previous acquisition. Mitigation efforts have given some flooding relief.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers and seconded by Councilman Zmigrodski to table any action on the acquisition of 103 Wall Street.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Roth, Councilman Tutka, Councilman Zmigrodski, Mayor Kennedy

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Recusal - None

Absent - None

Resolutions:

None

Ordinances:

None

Appointments:

None at this time.

Authorization to Pay Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers and seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani authorizing the payment of the purchase orders in the amount of \$376,612.55.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Roth, Councilman Zmigrodski, Mayor Kennedy

Nays - None

Abstentions - Councilman Tutka

Recusal - None

Absent - None

Public Comment:

Sue Beall - flags

Linda Stettler - FEMA acquisitions

Rheva Smickle - school music program

Councilwoman Miers reminded everyone that June 6th is the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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