

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
DECEMBER 27, 2011 5:00 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call ~ Supervisor Pat Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. The pledges to the Flag were said and roll call taken with the following Board Members present Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy. Also present Clerk Schabacker and Hwy Commissioner Lee, We have a quorum to do business.

Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes ~ A motion was made by Trustee Carlson to approve the minutes from the last regular township board meeting on December 13, 2011. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Robertson and passed with Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a voice vote.

Transfers ~ there are no transfers.

Reports

Supervisors Report ~ no report at this time.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~ the 2nd batch of road salt will be coming in soon.

Assessor's Report ~ Assessor Helnore is not in attendance for tonight's meeting.

Clerk's Report ~ no report at this time.

Trustee's Report ~ **Trustee Carlson**, no report at this time. **Trustee Robertson**, the BCCA is still waiting for money from the State. **Trustee Robertson** mentioned that there are a couple of lights out in the parking lot. **Trustee Turner** asked if we had gotten feedback from the LED program, **Supervisor Murphy** stated that the Township has been approved for LED lighting and should be receiving a check soon from DCEO (Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) for exterior lighting in the back building parking lot. **Trustee Zeien**, software for the Township Web Site will be reviewed with Terri. **Trustee Turner**, no report at this time.

Unfinished Business, Disposal of Equipment, Trustee Robertson made a motion to adopt the policy for Disposal of Equipment, the motion was 2nd by Trustee Zeien and passed with five ayes no nays with Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor indicating aye on a roll call vote.

Financial Request Forms, the Board has a number of issues with the current Financial Request Forms and have suggested some potential changes they would like to see made regarding boundaries, insurance, and the physical site of the requesting organization and have asked for this to be on the next agenda for further discussion and possible changes.

Belvidere/Boone Co. Food Pantry Request, Trustee Robertson made a motion to deny the request by the Belvidere/Boone Co. Food Pantry for a \$5,000 donation, the motion was 2nd by Trustee Zeien and passed with five ayes no nays with Trustee's Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a roll call vote.

Legal ~ nothing new to discuss for legal tonight.

New Business ~ there is no new business to discuss at tonight's meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Town Bills ~ Trustee Robertson made a motion to pay the town bills the motion was 2nd by Trustee Turner and passed with Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a roll call vote.

Public Comments ~ resident Dean Marcellus does not feel the Board is representing the interest of the community regarding the request of funds by the Belvidere/Boone County Food Pantry, since the Township has a surplus of funds. Tori Funderburg who lives in Bonus twp. stated that for the last 20 years she has helped the Food Pantry by asking for donations during the Christmas Craft Show held at her Antique Shop. All donations are given to the Food Pantry along with turkeys that she personally purchases herself. Ms. Funderburg stated that the Food Pantry services a large number of people in Belvidere Township. Supervisor Murphy stated that the Township does support the Salvation Army Food Pantry located within the boundaries of Belvidere Township. Trustee Zeien stated that he feels donations requested from the Township should go to organizations physically located within the Township boundaries. Ms. Gustafson a resident of Belvidere Township stated that she volunteers at the Belvidere/Boone County Food Pantry and stated that a very large number of those people helped by the pantry come from Belvidere. Ms. Funderburg asked if the Township would have a monthly food collection to be donated to the Food Pantry. Trustee Zeien stated that if Ms. Funderburg wanted to present a proposal to that effect the Board would look at it. Trustee Robertson stated that the Board does not question the good that the Food pantry is doing only that they (the board) have certain guidelines to follow.

Adjournment ~ a motion was made by Trustee Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 pm, 2nd by Trustee Turner motion passed with Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted
Judy Schabacker Clerk