

## **BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2011**

### **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, Assessor Helnore is out of town and unable to attend tonight's meeting. We have a quorum to do business.

**Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes** ~ A motion was made by Trustee Zeien to accept the minutes from the last regular board meeting on February 8, 2011. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Township roads will be posted effective this Thursday.

**Assessor's Report** ~ the Assessor is out of town and unable to attend tonight's meeting.

**Clerk's Report** ~ every six months the Township Board is required to review closed session meeting minutes that took place the previous six months, and either keep those minutes closed or open them to the public. The last time the Board did this was six months ago on August 24, 2010 since that time there have been no closed meetings so there are no closed meeting minutes to review. We will again bring this up again in six months at the Township Board Meeting on August 23, 2011. There will be a "Breakfast Before Business" this Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am at the BCCA. The topic is "Heart Disease-Prevention, Care & Treatment" given by Dr. Kenneth Brin. The Belvidere Chamber will have their 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Clock Tower; the cost is \$45.00 per person. The Township received a memorandum from TOI regarding Senate Bill 1811. This bill if passed would eliminate all Township Road Districts with less than 100 miles of road. TOI is asking Township Officials to contact your legislators to oppose Senate Bill 1811.

**Trustee's Report** ~ **Trustee Carlson**, no report at this time. **Trustee Robertson**, no report at this time. **Trustee Zeien**, no report at this time. **Trustee Turner**, asked if the weather was warm enough to change the bulbs in the parking lot lights? There have been problems with light bulbs in the parking lot burning out too quickly; this problem is being worked on. **Supervisor Murphy**, expressed concern for a drain further out in the parking lot, he said it seems to be sinking and plans to keep an eye on it.

**Unfinished Business** ~ no unfinished business.

**Legal** ~~ nothing to discuss under legal.

**New Business** ~~ **Michelle Courier-Boone County State's Attorney**, Ms. Courier introduced herself saying she wanted to give the Township an update to what is going on within her office. Ms. Courier is looking for any suggestions or comments the Board might have. She stated her office is taking a zero tolerance stance against gangs and have given gang activity a priority in her office. The State's Attorney's office is also forming a gang task force. Another area of concern is child abuse and neglect which has doubled in the last four years from 19 cases in 2007 to 39 cases in 2010. The State's Attorney's office has also prosecuted two murder cases in the last two years and gotten convictions in both cases. These are just a few of the cases being worked on by the State's Attorney's office. The Board thanked Ms. Courier for attending the meeting and for keeping them informed about the work going on within the State's Attorney's office.

**RAMP**, was on the agenda but no one showed up for the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report and Approval of Town Bills** ~~ Trustee Carlson made a motion to pay the town bills; the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Robertson. Supervisor Murphy asked if there was any question regarding the bills. Trustee Zeien asked that all governmental bodies within the Township building be encouraged to use local vendors when possible. Trustee Carlson questioned the bill for electric heaters for the building, she noted that last month there was an electric fireplace unit requested by the Assessor's office and wondered why we needed so many electric heating units. Supervisor Murphy explained that the Assessor had asked for an electric fireplace unit for her office but it was never purchased. He explained that only two electric heating units were purchased one for the Assessor's office and one for her outer office, because that part of the building tends to be cold. Trustee Robertson called for a vote on the town bills. The motion passed to pay the town bills with Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a roll call vote.

**Public Comments** ~~ no public comments.

**Adjournment** ~~ a motion was made by Trustee Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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