

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
DECEMBER 13, 2022 5:00 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call ~~ Supervisor Bill Robertson 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 Turner, Culvey, Grover, O'Malley and Supervisor Robertson, also present Clerk Dixon, Assessor St. Angel and Hwy Commissioner Dixon. We have a quorum to do business.

Public Input ~~ no public comment requests submitted by the public.

Discussion and Potential Action on Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes ~~A motion was made by Trustee Grover to approve the minutes from the last regular township board meeting on November 29, 2022. The motion was 2nd by Trustee O'Malley and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote.

Discussion and Potential Action on Transfers ~~ there are no transfers.

Reports

Supervisors Report ~~ Working on trying to get Johnson Controls to inspect the fire extinguishers.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~~ Keeping busy cutting trees.

Assessor's Report ~~ Still transferring data to the new system.

Clerk's Report ~~ A list of Belvidere Township officials needs to be sent to the Boone County Clerk by February 1, 2023. The 2023 Economic Interest Statements will be mailed to all on the list and are due by May 1, 2023. Discussed turning these into the Township Clerk's office and the Township Clerk will make copies and deliver to the Boone County Clerk's office to make sure they all are received.

Trustee's Report ~~ **Trustee O'Malley**, (Growth Dimensions &Twp/County Liaison) Growth Dimensions hosted a nice awards breakfast. Belvidere Township received gold level plaques for both 2021 and 2022. Growth Dimensions had a very good year and presented a balanced budget for 2023. They have increased in construction materials and capital improvements. A new cold storage business is coming to the area which will offer many jobs. Their website activity has become very active, as well. They are also working to translate things to Spanish to increase interest from the Hispanic community. **Trustee Grover**, (Boone County Council on Aging & Twp/City Counsel Liaison) Service Award Recognition was held on December 8, 2022. Employees, including staff, were recognized for service in 5 year increments with gift cards. In appreciation pizza, soda, cupcakes and door prizes were enjoyed. The monthly newsletter recognizes employees each month they reach a yearly anniversary. Darryl Davis, Board President was emcee as Kelly Hillan, Director, had surgery on the same day. FKAC, Friends of the Keen Age Center, is hosting a "free" dinner on December 16, 2022 for the first 75 people that sign up.

Donations secured for dinner enabled FKAC to offer dinner at no additional cost to attendees. The Line of Credit has been approved from Midland States Bank. Kari Humphrey has been welcomed to BCCOA staff as Volunteer Coordinator. Social Call program opportunities are available by contacting Kari. Her business card is available at the Township Information table. Kathy has raised a concern why the BCCOA, as a precaution isn't suggesting masking since the population served at the BCCOA are typically health compromised and most vulnerable. The COVID Transmission rates have increased in Boone & Winnebago County.

Trustee Turner, (Community Building Complex & Senior Trustee Duties) Will be voting at the next meeting December 15, 2022, on a contractor for the basement bathroom remodel and possible light upgrade. There are decisions to be made on how the ground water problem that is causing damage will be addressed. **Trustee Culvey**, (Building Maintenance & Twp. Public Safety Coordinator) Finishing up the light upgrade. Jim will install the eight lights in the hallway as they were not in the quote.

Unfinished Business ~~ Discussion and Potential Action May Occur on the Following Items. There is no unfinished business to discuss at tonight's meeting.

Legal ~~ there is no legal business to discuss at tonight's meeting.

New Business ~~ a. Regarding the town funds tax levy. The town funds include the town, general assistance, insurance, IMRF, social security, etc. We are proposing a decrease of 4% in the town fund levy. A motion was made by Trustee Culvey to approve the Town Fund tax levy. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Turner. Discussion followed with Trustee Grover voicing a concern about decreasing this levy and does not want to go backwards and possibly have the funds fall short with the increases in cost of living at this time. Supervisor Robertson explained that we have been doing well and have a surplus of 1½ times the budget which is recommended. Not decreasing the levy would give us too much. Trustee O'Malley asked about possibly implementing a rebate program to which Supervisor Robertson said that we would have to discuss that with the township attorney and did not think that could be done. The town fund levy passed and was adopted with Trustee Grover indicating nay and Trustees O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote.

b. Discussed the road & bridge tax levy. This has gone up 2% due to the increased costs of everything. A motion was made by Trustee Culvey to approve the road & bridge fund tax levy. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Turner. There was no further discussion. The road & bridge fund levy passed and was adopted with Trustee Grover, Trustees O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote.

Discussion and Potential Action on Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bills ~~ Trustee O'Malley made a motion to pay the town bills the motion was 2nd by Trustee Culvey and passed with Trustees O'Malley, Grover, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a roll call vote.

Adjournment ~~ a motion was made by Trustee Turner to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm, 2nd by Trustee Culvey. The motion passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote.

Next Board Meeting: December 27, 2022, @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Michelle Dixon, Clerk

