

BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
MAY 24, 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 Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson, also present Clerk Schabacker, 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 Culvey to approve the minutes from the last regular township board meeting on May 10, 2022. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Turner 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 ~~ Supervisor Robertson recognized the Executive Director of the BCCOA Kelly Hillan and Darrel Davis the President of the BCCOA.

BCCOA Report ~~Ms. Hillan discussed the BCCOA Strategic Plan and handed out a list of their goals to the Board and how they plan on reaching those goals. Ms. Hillan also thanked the Board for their contributions to the center. Mr. Davis spoke about the golf outing and how successful it was. This was accomplished with a lot of volunteer's and sponsors. Naomi Schultz a past Board member did a lot to help make the event successful. The car dealership Kunes also one of our Sponsors stepped forward and helped a lot. New members on the Board are Amy Gallano, Penny Billman and Deb Yunk. Mr. Davis also talked about the Transportation Services and how they can expand on that service.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~~ we are out doing ditch work now and will be out mowing next week. We will also be starting some of our culverts projects soon.

Assessor's Report ~~ we are busy doing field work and valuations.

Clerk's Report ~~ this being my last meeting I want to thank the Board and everyone I have been able to work with over the years.

Trustee's Report ~~ **Trustee O'Malley**, (Growth Dimensions &Twp/County Liaison) there is a meeting tomorrow with Growth Dimensions and I have their Financial Statement and it looks pretty good. **Trustee Grover**, (Boone County Council on Aging & Twp/City Counsel Liaison) Trustee Grover attended a Finance Meeting at the BCCOA this afternoon at 3:30. The meeting focused on the new budget for 2023. The next full Board Meeting will be on June 20th. **Trustee Turner**, (Community Building Complex & Senior Trustee Duties) nothing at this time. **Trustee Culvey**, (Building Maintenance & Twp. Public Safety Coordinator) the sign out front has been fixed.

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 ~ Discussion and Potential Action Acceptance of Clerk's Resignation, Trustee O'Malley made a motion to accept Clerk Schabacker's Resignation effective May 31, 2022. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Turner and passed with five ayes no nays on a roll call vote.

Discussion and Potential Action on Appointment of Clerk, Supervisor Robertson asked for a motion to appoint Michelle Dixon Clerk effective June 1, 2022. Trustee O'Malley made a motion to appoint Michelle Dixon Clerk effective June 1, 2022. The motion was 2nd by Supervisor Robertson. Before a roll call vote was taken Clerk Schabacker said that Michelle came into her office and they discussed Michelle's office experience. Michelle currently does Board Minutes for an organization she is affiliated with. She also does office work and payroll for a church. I personally feel she is very qualified to do the job of Belvidere Township Clerk. Trustee Culvey voiced concerns about a husband and wife working at the Township together and that the position was not advertized. Trustee O'Malley stated at the County level the County Board Chairman appoints people to positions and they don't always advertize those positions. Trustee Grover read a Township Resolution/Policy #88.4 dated 1988. It states that members of the same immediate family cannot be employed at the Township. Supervisor Robertson stated that she will not be an employee she will be acting as an elected official. Trustee Culvey stated they looked up nepotism. Trustee Turner stated that he wasn't a fan of the husband and wife combo and didn't want to rush it. He wanted to be transparent about the whole thing. Supervisor Robertson met with Julie Bliss Boone County Clerk and together they called the State Board of Elections. The State Board of Election stated that there is no conflict of interest, it is allowable. Supervisor Robertson called for a vote. Trustee Grover abstained from voting. Trustee O'Malley voice aye, Trustee Turner voiced nay, Trustee Culvey voiced nay, Supervisor Robertson voiced aye. There being two ayes two nay and one abstention Clerk Schabacker voiced aye. The Clerk is only allowed to vote when there is a tie vote to fill a vacant elected position on the Township Board. Motion to appoint Michelle Dixon to the position of Belvidere Township Clerk passed with three ayes two nays and one abstention effective June 1, 2022.

Discussion and Potential Action on Patrick J. Murphy Scholarship, after discussion by the Board, Culvey made a motion to sign a one year contract with the YMCA for \$5,000. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Turner and passed with five ayes no nays with Trustee Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson voicing aye on a roll call 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 Supervisor Robertson and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a roll call vote.

Adjournment ~ a motion was made by Trustee O'Malley to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 pm, 2nd by Supervisor Robertson. The motion passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote.

Next Board Meeting: June 14, 2022, @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Judy Schabacker Clerk