

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
MARCH 26, 2024 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 Dixon, 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 March 12, 2024. 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 ~~ A transfer is needed. The phone company has raised the cost and we are short for the last month of the 2023-2024 budget year in the amount of \$250. A motion was made by Trustee Turner to approve the \$250 transfer from the contingency fund to the line item. The motion was 2nd by Trustee O'Malley and passed with Trustees Grover, Culvey, Turner, O'Malley, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a roll call vote.

Reports

Supervisors Report ~~ Regarding the levy, he would like to apologize for misspeaking at the Budget Review meeting on March 19, 2024. The town fund levy lowered but not the road & bridge fund as reported.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~~ Doing a lot of tree trimming and handled the snowstorm on Friday. Trustee Turner asked if we had enough part time help this winter and the answer was yes it worked out well even though were short one person.

Assessor's Report ~~ nothing to report at this time.

Clerk's Report ~~ Reminding all that the economic interest statement is due May 1st

Trustee's Report ~~ **Trustee O'Malley**, (Growth Dimensions &Twp/County Liaison) Growth Dimensions is concerned with a housing shortage of nearly 1,000 homes due to Chrysler opening back up, General Mills, and the Walmart warehouse coming in. Need to get more built in the next two years. Also, visited the Salvation Army and looked at all their programs. Learned they do a lot with high school kids and have computers to use. Was surprised they have to pay business rate for Comcast. **Trustee Grover**, (Boone County Council on Aging & Twp/City Counsel Liaison) Finance meeting was March 25th. The next finance meeting is April 29th prior to the full board meeting. The Keen Age Center will be closed on

Good Friday. There is a seminar on identity theft coming up hosted by Midland State Bank on April 17 at 2:00pm. This seminar requires prior registration. Trustee Grover asked if a pill collection or shred day has been set up. Supervisor Robertson stated they have not heard of any. The Belvidere Police Department sets up the medication collection so Supervisor Robertson will contact them and see if they have any date ideas. Trustee Grover also stated that there are a lot of banks that are not doing shred days any more. **Trustee Turner**, (Community Building Complex & Senior Trustee Duties) Letters were sent to the owner and the occupant of the house next to the “Manley block” property to ask to not use that property and clean up what they have there. The owner lives out of state. The letters were sent certified but not picked up. Signage is ordered for that parking lot because police won’t enforce unless there is signage. The Community Building has interest in building a shelter and restroom for outside use in that area. This is in a very preliminary phase. **Trustee Culvey**, (Building Maintenance & Twp. Public Safety Coordinator) Saw the blueprints and the architect will include a flat roof option in the bid process. Want to remind that we have to talk about salaries for the next term. After discussion, it was stated they must be set 180 days or more before the general election. Trustee Grover shared an article that stated the deadline for setting the salaries for the next term is November 20, 2024.

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 ~~ there is no new business to discuss at tonight’s meeting.

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

Adjournment ~~ a motion was made by Trustee Turner to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 pm, 2nd by Trustee O’Malley. The motion passed with Trustees Grover, O’Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote.

Next Board Meeting: April 9, 2024, @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Michelle Dixon, Clerk