

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
MARCH 28, 2023 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 O'Malley, Grover, Culvey 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 O'Malley to approve the minutes from the last regular township board meeting on March 14, 2023. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Culvey and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote.

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

Reports

Supervisors Report ~~ a thank you was noted to Dan Snow, who was present at this meeting, for volunteering to serve on the Decennial committee. At least one more person is needed for this committee. The Police Department will have their drug collection here at the township garage on April 22, 2023.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~~ waiting for Spring to finally arrive to remove the snowplows from the trucks. There is a tentative bid opening date of April 7, 2023 for road paving bids. Trustee Culvey asked what we are doing this year. This year we are re-paving Townhall from 20 to Squaw Prairie and Squaw Prairie from Town hall to the county line but County Engineer, Justin Kroehn may add more depending on the prices he receives. A problem was just found with the bridge on Squaw Prairie between Beaver Valley Road and Olson. It is deteriorating quickly and a weight limit of 26 tons has been put on it. He is talking to the County Engineer and Danny Anderson at the City. It was widened and repaved in 1999. This bridge was annexed to the City of Belvidere several years ago and does not belong to Belvidere Township. Trustee Grover stated that she was under the impression that the annexation never officially happened. He will continue looking into this issue. Supervisor Robertson questioned whether the bridge could be repaired with box culverts and Hwy Com Dixon said that may be a possibility but it should not be the Township's problem.

Assessor's Report ~~ started working on how we want to approach values because they are thinking they will have to increase again. They are waiting for sales information from the State to know what sort of percentage the change will become. Field work will be starting again soon. Trustee Culvey asked if the houses in the area are selling for more now and the answer is yes, in some areas.

Clerk's Report ~~ nothing at this time

Trustee's Report ~~ **Trustee O'Malley**, (Growth Dimensions & Twp/County Liaison) Nothing new at this time. **Trustee Grover**, (Boone County Council on Aging & Twp/City Counsel Liaison) Finance committee meeting, March 27, 2023. New board member, Ellen Olson, RVC VP/Chief Financial Officer, formerly VP Controller & Cashier @ Alpine Bank. She will consider assuming BCCOA Board Treasurer, replacing Jim Cox. R.S.V.P. reminder if attending Jim Cox recognition event April 12, 2023 at Boone Co. Council on Aging. Discussion began for next year's fiscal budget. Community Care Program, regulated by the State of Illinois mandates service is provided until 8PM & weekends. Additional employees are needed to extend the current hours of service impacting the upcoming budget. ERC (Employee Retention Credit) requires extensive eligibility documentation. This credit is part of a Coronavirus tax relief program and is a refundable tax credit for business that continued to pay employees while shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic or had significant declines in gross receipts from March 13, 2020 to December 31, 2021. Local banking institutions are offering fee based services re-eligibility for a percentage of awarded grant. Reminder: Produce Plus food event coming up on April 5, 2023 from 2-3pm. Upcoming FREE Event: Boone County Health & Services Community Fair at the Community Building from 11am-1pm, April 20th. **Trustee Turner**, (Community Building Complex & Senior Trustee Duties) No report. **Trustee Culvey**, (Building Maintenance & Twp. Public Safety Coordinator) Our maintenance person found some areas that needed some tuck pointing around the building near the window sills. The work has already been done and done well.

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 O'Malley, Grover, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a roll call vote.

Adjournment ~~ a motion was made by Trustee Culvey to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 pm, 2nd by Trustee O'Malley. The motion passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote.

Next Board Meeting: April 11, 2023, @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Michelle Dixon, Clerk