

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
AUGUST 9, 2011 5:00 PM**

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, Assessor Helnore and Hwy Commissioner Lee. We have a quorum to do business.

Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes ~~ A motion was made by Trustee Carlson to approve the minutes from the last regular township board meeting on July 26, 2011. The motion was 2nd 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 ~~ last week Rockford Blacktop spoke with Supervisor Murphy and Hwy Commissioner Lee about the new batch plant planned for Business 20 at the County Line. The Township is concerned about the truck traffic doing damage to Shaw Road.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~~ Hwy Commissioner Lee stated that the Township Road District will be receiving an extra \$17,522.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Money through the County. He has also received two bids for fencing to be installed along the West side of Road District property from Dach Fence for \$2,880 and a bid from Rockford Fence for \$3,672. County Treasurer Curt Newport said the Township Road District would be \$38,000 short in tax money because the Village of Cherry Valley had not been given their share of the Road Tax Money from 2002-2008 for their share of the roads in Boone County. The Road District will receive 75% of \$38,880 for reimbursement due to the cost of cleanup from our last storm. Spring Creek Road is done except for being painted and shouldered.

Assessor's Report ~~ Assessor Helnore stated that today her office just completed their work for the 2011 assessment year and will be posting and turning over their books the rest of this week. Their work shows a drop in values of 10.78% for the 2011 assessment year. Assessor Helnore also said she has a new person starting next Tuesday the 16th.

Clerk's Report ~~ no report at this time.

Trustee's Report ~~ **Trustee Carlson**, nothing new to report. **Trustee Robertson**, the BCCA will be out to the Boone County Fair this week so if anyone needs some water or just to rest be sure and stop in. **Trustee Zeien**, the minutes on the web site have been updated. **Trustee Turner**, thanked those working in the Assessor's office for keeping all the new landscape watered.

Unfinished Business ~~ **Acquisition of Eagles Club**, Supervisor Murphy introduced Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer with the firm Ancel Glink this firm writes the Legal Handbook for (TOI) Township Officials of Illinois. Attorney Krafthefer stated that Board should do two things, go ahead with the tests necessary to address everyone's concerns with the building and secondly call for another Special Meeting of Electors to get the item off the table. Supervisor Murphy asked the Board if they wanted to go forward with the purchase to use the building for Youth Services and Community projects. Trustee Robertson made a motion to authorize the necessary environmental tests related to the property and to address the concerns of the electors related to the possible acquisition of the property at 110 W. Locust. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Zeien and was opened for discussion by Supervisor Murphy. Trustee Turner asked if we had a dollar amount for all the testing that would be needed; Supervisor Murphy stated that he did not. Trustee Robertson said we can't answer the questions that have been asked if we don't have the testing done. Trustee Robertson called for the question 2nd by Trustee Carlson. Motion passed with four ayes and one nay with Trustee's Carlson, Robertson, Zeien and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye and Trustee Turner indicating nay on a roll call vote. Supervisor Murphy stated this would be discussed at our next board meeting on August 23rd Attorney Krafthefer said before another Special Town Meeting could be called the Township Board would have to file a request with the Township Clerk and the meeting would have to take place in 14 to 45 days after that and advertised in the local paper along with the meeting agenda 10 days prior to the meeting. Supervisor Murphy asked for a motion to put on the meeting agenda for the August 23rd board meeting to call for a Special Town Meeting at a designated date. Trustee Carlson made the motion, the motion was 2nd by Trustee Zeien and passed with five ayes no nays with Trustee's Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a roll call vote.

Legal ~~ no legal business to discuss tonight.

New Business ~~ no new business to discuss.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Town Bills ~~ Trustee Zeien made a motion to pay the town bills the motion was 2nd by Trustee Robertson and passed with Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a roll call vote.

Public Comments ~~ Bill Wolf asked that when another Special Town Meeting is called that it be put in more than one newspaper. Vicky Buhl asked if we had the actual wording of the motion made at the Special Town Meeting on Friday August 5th. Clerk Schabacker responded that those minutes are not done and that she is still working on them. Cathy Ward asked if we had ruled out a referendum. Supervisor Murphy said the board has not discussed a referendum. Assessor Helnore thought the motion made by Mr. Reid at the Special Town Meeting August 5th was to table the action and go to referendum. Local Township Attorney John Maville stated that he didn't think you could put conditions on a motion to table. Attorney Maville felt that all we have now is a motion to table. Cathy Cadie is not concerned with just the environment issues the price, financial interests, rental agreements, repair costs are her other concerns. Matt Branom wanted to commend the Township for being in the red and being fiscally responsible when others are not.

Adjournment ~~ a motion was made by Trustee Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm, 2nd 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