

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
JANUARY 24, 2012 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 January 10, 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 ~ no report at this time.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~ no report at this time.

Assessor's Report ~ informational handouts were given to the board members by the Assessor. There have been 90 property tax appeals heard so far for Belvidere Township. Assessor Helnore updated the board about a court ruling concerning golf courses and open space valuation for them. This would be a significant lose of tax revenue for taxing bodies.

Clerk's Report ~ will discuss the Open Meetings Act later on the agenda.

Trustee's Report ~ **Trustee Carlson**, nothing to report at this time. **Trustee Robertson**, the BCCA will have their "Love Is in the Air" Fundraiser Feb. 14th at the Belvidere Moose Club, tickets are \$10.00 each. **Trustee Zeien**, nothing to report at this time. **Trustee Turner**, nothing to report at this time.

Unfinished Business ~ no unfinished business.

Legal ~ nothing to discuss for legal tonight.

New Business ~ **Open Meetings Act**, Clerk Schabacker, all the elected officials should have received a letter from Attorney General Lisa Madigan outlining new State law regarding the Open Meetings Act (OMA), 5ILCS 120/1 et seq. (West 2010). The new law requires that all elected officials take online training before 1/1/2013 except those designated as the Open Meetings Act Designee they must successfully complete the electronic training annually.

Board Meetings for 2012-Conflicts, the schedule for the 2012 township board meetings needs to be sent to the media for publication but there are some conflicts. The meetings are generally held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month but this will conflict with a Holiday in December and a conference in Springfield in November. After discussion by the board Trustee Robertson made a motion to change the November and December board meetings to November 6th & 20th at 5:00 pm, and the December board meetings to December 4th & 18th at 5:00 pm. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Zeien and passed with trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a roll call vote.

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

Public Comments ~ no public comments.

Closed Session ~ Trustee Carlson made a motion to go into closed session at 5:21pm to discuss personnel issues. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Robertson and passed with five ayes no nays with Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a roll call vote. The board came out of closed session at 5:45 pm.

Adjournment ~ a motion was made by Trustee Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 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