

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD  
BELVIDERE, IL 61008  
February 11, 2013 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 and Township Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer. We have a quorum to do business.

**Public Input** ~ Township resident Bill Wolf's public input question was insurance to members.

**Discussion and Potential Action on 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 29, 2013. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Robertson and passed with Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a voice vote.

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

**Reports**

**Supervisors Report** ~ no report at this time.

**Highway Commissioner's Report** ~ Rich has ordered road salt to replenish what the Township Highway Dept. has used so far. Rich also has ordered door tags to notify residents when the Highway Dept will be in their area trimming trees and doing other types of road work.

**Assessor's Report** ~ Assessor Helnore had a visual presentation for the Board and public to see and explained what the assessment office is working on and the progress they are making.

**Clerk's Report** ~ a correction needs to be made to our posted meeting schedule for the Township Annual Town Meeting it will be held on April 16, 2013 at 6:00 pm not on April 9, 2013 as previously listed. On Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup> there was a lottery drawing at the Township to determine party placement for the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election. Present for the drawing was Mike Guthrie representing the Democratic Party and Don Menge representing the Republican Party. The outcome of the drawing is that the Democrats will be listed first on the ballot for the April 9<sup>th</sup> Township Consolidated Election.

**Trustee's Report** ~ **Trustee Carlson**, no report at this time. **Trustee Robertson**, the "Love Is In The Air" Fundraiser Dinner for the BCCA is tomorrow night at the Belvidere Moose, tickets can still be purchased at the door. The search committee is still looking for a replacement for Director John Slattengren at the BCCA. **Trustee Zeien**, not report at this time. **Trustee Turner**, no report at this time.

**Unfinished Business ~ Discussion and Potential Action May Occur on the Following Items. Follow up report on Belvidere Twp. Aggregation,** Larry Shover who works for NIMAC the group that helped the Township get through the Electric Aggregation process. Larry is here to let the Township know that the Electric Aggregation conversion will take place this month (February) this should be reflected in your March bill. There are 1,778 households that enrolled in the program and 48 households that opted out. The rate that the 1,778 households will receive is 5.229 which will be a 40% saving on the electricity portion of their bill.

**Legal** ~ there is nothing to be discussed for legal at tonight's meeting.

**New Business ~ Insurance,** Assessor Helnore voiced concern that she will be paying more for her health insurance than the other elected officials. Township Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer tried to explain to Assessor Helnore that the Assessor's term of office begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> after the Consolidated Election in April of the previous year. Where the other elected officials the Supervisor and Highway Commissioner, (the only other elected officials eligible for Health Care Insurance) their terms begin on the third Monday in May after the Consolidated Election in April of the same year. The compensation package begins and ends with the elected person's term of office, according to Attorney Krafthefer there is no way to change that.

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

**Adjournment** ~ a motion was made by Trustee Zeien to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Turner motion passed with Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a voice vote.

**Next Board Meeting:** February 26, 2013 @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted  
Judy Schabacker Clerk