

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
JUNE 26, 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, Township Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer and Township Auditor Gary Kuhl. Hwy Commissioner Lee is unable to attend tonight's board meeting. We have a quorum to do business.

Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes ~ A motion was made by Trustee Zeien to approve the minutes from the last regular township board meeting on June 12, 2012. 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 ~ through TOI (Township Officials of Illinois) Belvidere Township will be offering a drug discount card. These cards should arrive at the Township office around August 15th and will be distributed to anyone who needs one at no charge. Our Public Comment Resolution #04-12 passed by the Board on March 27, 2012 will be enforced. We have a number of forms you can pick up at our office to fill out for a free credit report compliments of State of Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka. We also have a link on our web site to her office.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~ Supervisor Murphy stated the road bids did come in lower than expected; the bids were approved last week by the County.

Assessor's Report ~ the assessor's office has been receiving mailings from the public in response to the Assessor's office requesting information about their homes.

Clerk's Report ~ County Treasurer Curt Newport will be hosting a Breakfast Before Business this Thursday 7:30am at the BCCA, the topic will be the Tax cycle and what it all means.

Trustee's Report ~ **Trustee Carlson**, no report at this time. **Trustee Robertson**, stated that the BCCA has received their new Med Car, the Med Car is parked outside of our building for anyone to look at it tonight. **Trustee Zeien**, no report at this time. **Trustee Turner**, asked if the sealer had arrived for the cement block on the outside of the Township building. Supervisor Murphy stated that the sealer cannot be purchased in Rockford so they will have to go to Chrystal Lake next week to pick it up.

Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Attorney Krafthefer answered many questions the public had concerning the Township budget and the meetings associated with the budget. The Township has met all the legal requirements associated with the budget.

Unfinished Business ~ **RAMP**, Trustee Carlson made a motion to enter into a contractual agreement with RAMP providing them with \$10,000 to make certain homes within Belvidere Township handy cap assessable for those individuals in need that meet the requirements. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Robertson 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 ~ there is nothing to discuss for legal at tonight's meeting.

New Business ~ **Gary Kuhl-Auditor**, explained the Township budget for those that had concerns that the Township was holding over too much money from year to year. Mr. Kuhl stated that the Township is legally allowed to have 3 times the yearly expenditures held in reserves in a Contingency Fund or Rainy Day Fund for any unexpected situation that could arise. **Orth Road Bridge**, this bridge belongs to Timberlane and is out and needs to be replaced. Timberlane does not have the funds to begin the repair process, so Belvidere Township Hwy Commissioner Rich Lee will lend them \$25,000 from his funding to help get the process started. This will be repaid through an intergovernmental agreement between Timberlane and the Belvidere Township Highway Department. The State and Boone County will also share in the cost of the bridge.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Town Bills ~ Trustee Robertson made a motion to pay the town bills 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.

Public Comments ~ Belvidere Township resident Don Sattler commented about the Township budget. Trustee Carlson stated that since the Board planned on adhering to the Public Comment Policy starting tonight that the Board might let the public ask their question without filling out the comments slips because we do have our Attorney and Auditor hear for questions. The Board was in agreement with Trustee Carlson. Township resident Cathy Ward asked about the RAMP funding. Township resident Marion Thornberry commented about RAMP. Township resident Pat Mattison commented on the Township Budget. Township resident Vicky Buhl asked about Town Fund Balances. Township resident Don Sattler asked about road maintenance in his subdivision.

Adjournment ~ a motion was made by Trustee Zeien to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 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