

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
JULY 10, 2012 5:00 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call ~ Supervisor Pat Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 Terri Bullard taking notes for Clerk Schabacker who is unavailable for tonight's meeting, Assessor Helnore, Hwy Commissioner Lee and Township Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer. 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 June 26, 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 ~ nothing to report at this time.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~ the Township Hwy Dept is grinding up blacktop on some of their Township roads this week and will also help Caledonia Twp this week with some of their road work. Next week the Belvidere Twp Hwy Dept will be helping Boone Township with some of their road work. Black topping will begin the end of this month.

Assessor's Report ~ gave the Township Board an update on their work with assessments.

Clerk's Report ~ the clerk is out of town so there is no report at this time.

Trustee's Report ~ **Trustee Carlson**, no report at this time. **Trustee Robertson**, no report at this time. **Trustee Zeien**, asked that on the next meeting agenda we start discussion on setting salaries. **Trustee Turner**, no report at this time.

Unfinished Business ~ **RAMP**, a few minor changes have to be made to the contract with RAMP and then the new contract will be presented to the Board of Trustee's for approval. **Orth Road Contract**, nothing has been done with the contract at this time.

Legal ~ there is nothing to discuss for legal at tonight's meeting.

New Business ~~ **Illinois Policy Institute Transparency Audit**, information will be coming from the institute regarding their audit process.

FOIA Requests, as of January 1, 2012 the Township has had 5 FOIA requests from Cathy Ward and 3 FOIA requests from Pat Mattison. With the last FOIA request from Mr. Mattison the office has at least 16 hours invested in gathering information requested. Supervisor Murphy is concerned that the Township might not be able to get all the information requested from Mr. Mattison in the time allowed by the FOIA request guidelines, since some of the information has to come from the banks. Mr. Mattison stated that time is not a factor.

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 ~~ Township resident Pat Mattison commented on Town Fund 011058500 Contingency. Township resident Marion Thornberry commented on time spent on issues. Township resident Bill Wolf called point of order, he did not know what to do with the request for comment sheet he had filled out in order to speak at the meeting. Mr. Wolf would like to set up a program to honor returning home town veterans.

Adjournment ~~ a motion was made by Trustee Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 pm, 2nd by Trustee Turner motion passed with Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted
(with Terri Bullard's assistance)
Judy Schabacker Clerk