

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
AUGUST 14, 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, Hwy Commissioner Lee and Township Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer. We have a quorum to do business.

Public Input ~ Patrick Mattison asked about a response to previously asked questions. Dan Snow asked about setting salaries. Les Reid had salary comments.

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 24, 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 ~ the Township received another FOIA request from Mr. Patrick Mattison requiring totaling 418 pages and 11 hours and 20 minutes by the office staff to complete the FOIA request.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~ Spring Creek Road was painted today with the counties help. Tomorrow we will be starting shouldering with the help of Norm Pierce (Hwy Commissioner) in Caledonia Township.

Assessor's Report ~ our office will finish posting all of our work for the year tomorrow and we are right on the money and should not get a factor.

Clerk's Report ~ no report at his time.

Trustee's Report ~ **Trustee Carlson**, likes having the Public Input section moved up on the agenda so that people can voice their opinion on a topic before the board discusses it. **Trustee Robertson**, the BCCA had a booth at the Fair and had a lot of people visit the booth. The BCCA Board will have a meeting soon and Trustee Robertson will report on their finances at that time. **Trustee Zeien**, nothing to discuss at this time. **Trustee Turner**, nothing to report at this time.

Unfinished Business ~ **Orth Road Contract**, the Township sent a copy of the contract to Timberlane and are now waiting for a response from them before we can move forward. **Setting of Salaries**, Trustee Zeien gave the board a schedule of a possible pay method to be used for the upcoming salaries for elected officials. This schedule is used by the Federal Government and the salaries have to be set 180 days before the election.

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

New Business ~ **Harvest Fest Request**, Trustee Carlson was concerned about how the donation money would be spent; she would like to see it go to a physical improvement in Belvidere Township. Trustee Robertson made a motion to table the discussion for a donation to Harvest Fest to a future date to better research how that money would be spent; the motion was 2nd by Trustee Carlson and passed with five ayes no nays on a voice vote. **Electric Aggregation Ordinance**, Steve Nailor and Sharon Durling (NIMEC) explained the advantages and savings for Belvidere Township residents if the Township was to pass the Electric Aggregation Ordinance, this would allow Belvidere Township to negotiate a better electric rate for the unincorporated areas in Belvidere Township. A motion was made by Trustee Robertson to pass the Ordinance for Electric Aggregation, the motion was 2nd by Trustee Carlson and passed with five ayes no nays on a roll call vote with Trustee's Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a roll call vote. **Wind Turbines Special Use**, a motion was made by Trustee Robertson to table the discussion on wind turbines to a future date to give the board more time to research the topic. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Carlson and passed with five ayes no nays on a voice 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.

Adjournment ~ a motion was made by Trustee Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm, 2nd by Trustee Robertson motion passed with Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted
Judy Schabacker Clerk