

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
NOVEMBER 20, 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 Robertson, Turner and Supervisor Murphy. Also present Clerk Schabacker, Assessor Helnore, Hwy Commissioner Lee and Township Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer. Trustees Carlson is on her way and should be here in 15 to 20 minutes; Trustee Zeien notified the Board that he would be out of state and not be in attendance for tonight's meeting. We have a quorum to do business.

Public Input ~ no public comment requests submitted by the public.

Discussion and Potential Action on Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes ~ A motion was made by Trustee Robertson to approve the minutes from the last regular township board meeting on November 6, 2012. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Turner and passed with Trustees Robertson, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a voice vote.

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

Reports

Supervisors Report ~ Supervisor Murphy met with members of ATCOY, a committee at TOI involved with setting up youth programs for Townships. Supervisor Murphy told them about the Flaming Monkeys, a group of young people at the two local high schools that are into robotics which is a 4-H sponsored program. They will be working on their project in the lower level of the Township building. The members of ATCOY are interested in learning more about the program.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~ the road crew was trimming trees until the chipper broke down, all of the parts have been ordered and they should be able to start back up next week.

Assessor's Report ~ Belvidere Township had 386 appeals turned in and the Board of Review is working on them. With the nice weather the Assessor's office is out doing their field work.

Clerk's Report ~ petitions can be filed tomorrow Wednesday November 21st from 12:00- 5:00 pm and again Monday November 26th from 12:00-5:00 pm for the February 26, 2013 Township Primary.

Trustee's Report ~ Trustee Carlson, no report. Trustee Robertson, the State paid the balance of the money owed for the grant for the portico at the BCCA. The BCCA Director John Slattengren will be retiring the end of March. Trustee Zeien, no report. Trustee Turner, no report at this time.

Unfinished Business ~ Discussion and Potential Action May Occur on the Following Items.

Orth Road Contract, nothing new to report on the Orth Road project.

Salvation Army Thanksgiving Request, Trustee Robertson made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Salvation Army for the Thanksgiving meal they provide to those in need. Trustee Turner 2nd the motion. The motion passed with three ayes no nays and two absent with Trustees Robertson, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a roll call vote.

Tax Levy-Town Fund and Road & Bridge Funds-Discussion and possible action on, Supervisor Murphy read the Township Tax Levy amounts for 2012-2013 they are, Corporate Tax \$700,000.00, General Assistance Tax \$45,000.00, IMRF \$60,000.00, General Insurance \$15,000.00, Social Security \$ 75,000.00. With a Total Township Levy amount of \$895,000.00. This represents a 22% decrease from last year's Township Tax Levy.

Supervisor Murphy also read the Township Road District Tax Levy amounts for 2012-2013 they are Road & Bridge Tax \$850,000.00, Equipment & Building Tax-Machinery & Housing \$200,799.26, Bridge-Joint Construction with County Tax-Joint Bridge \$10,189.81, Permanent Road Fund \$200,799.26. With a total Township Road District Tax Levy amount of \$1,261,788.33. This represents a 24% decrease over last year's Road District Tax Levy. A final vote on the 2012-2013 levy amounts will be at the Township Board Meeting on December 18, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

Review Aggregation Bids/Select Winning Supplier, after the Board reviewed the seven Aggregation Bids from various suppliers Trustee Robertson made a motion to contract with Constellation for a two year rate guaranty of 5.229 with no early termination fee. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Turner and passed with three ayes no nays and two absent, with Trustees Robertson, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a roll call vote.

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

New Business ~ there is no new business to discuss at tonight's meeting.

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 2nd by Trustee Turner and passed with three ayes no nays and two absent with Trustees Robertson, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a roll call vote.

Adjournment ~ a motion was made by Trustee Turner to adjourn the meeting at 5:23pm, 2nd by Trustee Robertson the motion passed with Trustees Robertson, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a voice vote.

Next Board Meeting: December 4, 2012 @5:00P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Judy Schabacker Clerk