

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD  
BELVIDERE, IL 61008  
JULY 22, 2025 5:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order/Roll Call** ~ Supervisor Bernard O'Malley 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 Snow, Turner, Grover, Nelson and Supervisor O'Malley, also present Assessor St. Angel, Clerk Dixon and Hwy Commissioner Dixon. We have a quorum to do business.

**Public Input** ~ Linda Treu, Amy Ohlsen, Katelynn Flynn and Lindsay Fish from SIKICH were present. Amy Ohlsen submitted a public comment request to announce that she is running for Boone County Clerk in the March primary.

**Discussion and Potential Action on Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes** ~A motion was made by Trustee Snow to approve the minutes from the last regular township board meeting on July 8, 2025. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Turner and passed with Trustees Grover, Nelson, Turner, Snow and Supervisor O'Malley indicating aye on a voice vote.

**Audit Report Presentation** ~ A motion was made by Trustee Turner to move up the Discussion and Potential Action on the Annual Audit Report presented by Lindsay Fish of SIKICH. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Snow and passed with Trustees Nelson, Grover, Turner, Snow and Supervisor O'Malley indicating aye on a voice vote. Ms. Fish reviewed the Financial Statements and Independent Auditors Report. The Township was issued a clean, unmodified opinion on our financial statements which is the highest level opinion one can receive. No deficiencies were reported this year. She also noted that our Administrative Assistant, Katelynn Flynn did a great job with providing information for the audit this year.

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

## Reports

**Supervisors Report** ~ Shared that we are starting a software search for a new finance program. Our current system is provided by one person and we would like to have something with more back up. This will not be changed until next year. He was looking at the property tax rates and was surprised that the Ida Public Library has a higher rate than our Township Road District. The Supervisor, office staff, Assessor, and deputy assessor re-mulched around the building, weeded, edged and trimmed the bushes recently. It was a nice team effort and saved us approximately \$1,100 by doing it ourselves and not paying a landscaping company. Growth Dimensions is looking to replace a staff member who is taking another job.

**Highway Commissioner's Report** ~ We paid our final Rock Roads invoice so all the blacktopping is complete and bills have been paid. We started the several culvert replacements on Shaw Road yesterday and the last one will be done tomorrow. It has been tedious work as there are so many wires/lines in the area making for a lot of hand digging, etc. Trustee Grover gave accolades on the radius repairs around the township this summer.

**Assessor's Report** ~~ We have finished our 2025 re-valuations. We did a good job this year and went through everything very thoroughly. Overall, residential was up 12%, commercial was up about 9½%, and industrial was up about 13%.

**Clerk's Report** ~~ Reminder to sign up if you will be attending the Growth Dimensions dinner on 8/28.

**Trustee's Report** ~~ **Trustee Nelson**, (Community Building Complex) Nothing to report at this time. **Trustee Grover**, (Boone County Council on Aging) Tickets are still available for the Quilt Raffle. A flyer was shared about the "Inside Scoop" Ice Cream Social / Re-Branding announcement on August 22, 2025 at 1:00pm at the Keen Age Center. It states "We're unveiling a new name and logo that better reflect the warmth, service and human connections we've delivered for decades." Ice Cream Social tickets are available now. Please let Trustee Grover know if you would like to come as a Township Representative. **Trustee Turner**, (Building Maintenance & Senior Trustee Duties) Wanted to thank everyone and tell them they did a great job on the mulch work. **Trustee Snow**, (Growth Dimensions & City Council/County Board Liaison) Growth Dimensions shared their audit report and had a presentation on their data base reach at the last meeting.

**Unfinished Business** ~~ **Discussion and Potential Action May Occur on the Following Items.** There is no unfinished business to discuss at tonight's meeting.

**Legal** ~~ there is no legal business to discuss at tonight's meeting.

**New Business** ~~ Discussion and Potential Action on Belvidere Township Policy #07-2025 Emergency Assistance ~~ Trustee Snow made a motion to approve Belvidere Township Emergency Assistance Policy #07-2025. This policy is for the purpose of updating the amount that the State has set for emergency assistance. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Turner and passed with Trustees Nelson, Grover, Turner, Snow and Supervisor O'Malley indicating aye on a roll call vote.

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

**Adjournment** ~~ a motion was made by Trustee Turner to adjourn the meeting at 5:29pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Snow. The motion passed with Trustees Grover, Turner, Nelson, Snow and Supervisor O'Malley indicating aye on a voice vote.

**Next Board Meeting:** August 12, 2025, @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted  
Michelle Dixon, Clerk