

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
JANUARY 13, 2026 at 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 Nelson, Grover, Turner, Snow and Supervisor O'Malley, also present Clerk Dixon and Hwy Commissioner Dixon. We have a quorum to do business.

New Business ~ Presentation by RAMP ~ A motion was made by Trustee Nelson to move the new business item up on the agenda to before the public comment portion. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Snow and passed with Trustees Grover, Nelson, Turner, Snow and Supervisor O'Malley indicating aye on a voice vote.

Jessica Wexell and Amanda Fair were present from RAMP-DeKalb and Jessica led the presentation informing the board what services RAMP provides to people with disabilities. Services include, helping establish an IEP during school years, TNT and Fast Track for after high school, job assistance, housing after a nursing home stay, amplified phones/tablets, disability trainings, etc. All services/programs are free as they receive funds from grants, donations, fund raisers and federal government. Client referrals are always welcome.

Public Input ~ Linda Treu, Kris Hall, Jessica Wexell and Amanda Fair were present. Kris Hall submitted a request to speak on two items. First was a thank you to the Township for the new furnaces and Supervisor O'Malley for all the research and work that went into the new furnaces. They work great, include Aprilaire and have made a big difference. The second item was letting the board know of the change to the Senior Freeze eligibility starting in 2026. The household income will go from a max. of \$65,000 to a max. of \$75,000.

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 December 23, 2025. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Nelson and passed with Trustees Grover, Nelson, Turner, Snow and Supervisor O'Malley indicating aye on a voice vote.

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

Reports

Supervisors Report ~ We have two of the three new furnaces installed. The last one needs a gas line hook-up and is for the basement and will use the old duct work so will not take as long to finish. The elevator company has split into two divisions and renamed themselves and we were lost in the change. They will now be here in February.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~ Four of the five speed limit signs are up and running (two on Spring Creek, one on Olson, and one on Shaw). The County has two of their ten done (both on Caledonia by Orth). We have been working with the County on the installations and using our man lift. The signs all

have computer memory. The Sheriff's department can use the gathered information to possibly increase patrols in the areas that are a problem. The sign company has said they will honor the price of the signs that were bought with grant money, if we would like to buy more. Also, we have been cutting brush. The new chipper works great and is able to take bigger wood.

Assessor's Report ~ No report submitted.

Clerk's Report ~ Nothing to report at this time

Trustee's Report ~ **Trustee Nelson**, (Community Building Complex) Next meeting is 1/15. The alarm company has been updating the system. They had two furnace pipes plugged with bird nests that had to be repaired. **Trustee Grover**, (Boone County Council on Aging) Finance meeting is January 26 at 3:30pm. AARP tax appointments are starting mid-January. Appointments are required; no walk-ins will be accepted. February 6th from 1-3pm we are invited to an open house to celebrate the Excaliber & Excelsior Community Champion award that Senior Connections just received. February 13th is the next senior food distribution for 55 and over from 1-3pm. **Trustee Turner**, (Building Maintenance & Senior Trustee Duties) Nothing to report at this time. **Trustee Snow**, (Growth Dimensions & City Council/County Board Liaison) Growth Dimensions has a meeting coming up on January 21, 2026.

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.

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

Adjournment ~ a motion was made by Trustee Snow to adjourn the meeting at 5:42pm, 2nd by Trustee Nelson. The motion passed with Trustees Grover, Turner, Nelson, Snow and Supervisor O'Malley indicating aye on a voice vote.

Next Board Meeting: January 27, 2026, @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Michelle Dixon, Clerk