

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
JULY 25, 2023 5:00 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call ~~ Supervisor Bill Robertson 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 Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson, also present Clerk Dixon, and Hwy Commissioner Dixon. We have a quorum to do business.

Public Input ~~ Discussion and potential action on NIMEC (Northern IL Municipal Electric Collaborative) Trustee O'Malley made a motion to move the NIMEC presentation up to the public comment portion of the meeting. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Turner and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote. David Hoover from Northern IL Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) presented a municipal aggregation program they offer in the State of Illinois. The program helps with more affordable electric rates. Although they can't beat ComEd supplier prices, they feel they are close. The current offering will start in November and run for twelve months with the Township earning \$5,000 from the supplier through the program. He recommends a twelve month term and then re-assess after that one year. He stated that NIMEC always checks before they renew a program that the program will save the residents money. Trustee O'Malley asked if this is an optional program for our residents and the answer is yes. Any resident who has selected their own supplier is not contacted, however, customers with ComEd as their supplier will get a letter about the program and can choose to opt-in if they would like to switch. They can opt-out, at no charge, at any time and return to having ComEd as the supplier if they are not satisfied. NIMEC will offer support if any one calls the Township. Supervisor Robertson stated that the administrative staff will have a phone number for NIMEC to give out to callers so they will not have to answer questions however, NIMEC will supply them with a list of answers to the most frequently asked questions. Trustee O'Malley made a motion to adopt an ordinance to authorize this aggregation program for electrical load. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Turner and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye and Trustee Culvey indicating nay on a roll call vote.

Discussion and Potential Action on Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes ~~A motion was made by Trustee Turner to approve the minutes from the last regular township board meeting on July 11, 2023. The motion was 2nd by Trustee O'Malley and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote.

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

Reports

Supervisors Report ~~ Information about the TOI Conference in November is on the clipboard. The early bird registration price ends on August 1, 2023 so let the office know if you are attending. TOI sent out someone to check the roof after the hail storm and it was found that we do have a roof issue. We have not received any information yet but guessing the roof needs to be replaced. Would like to hear what everyone thinks of replacing it with a metal roof. We will discuss more when the information is received.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~~ Mowing starts tomorrow. County Highway department started painting yesterday. We will help when they do our roads as it saves from people driving in the fresh paint. Hoping they will get to ours next week.

Assessor's Report ~~ nothing to report at this time

Clerk's Report ~~ nothing to report at this time

Trustee's Report ~~ **Trustee O'Malley**, (Growth Dimensions & Twp/County Liaison) Trustee O'Malley attended the Township Supervisor of IL/Trustee Division workshop last week. The President of TSI spoke and shared information including the fact that there are 72,000 miles of township roads and over 11,000 township officials, and we are 2% of the tax rate. They also shared that they think the townships will be hit with a lot of FOIA requests after the Decennial reports are completed. If the FOIA requests are submitted anonymously, they don't require a response. The IL Municipal League is suggesting a "Civility Pledge" be signed promising to work together. Trustee O'Malley also read off a list of possible community programs the Township could create and start implementing that would benefit our Township and its residents, including obesity programs, daycare scholarships, blood drives, etc. **Trustee Grover**, (Boone County Council on Aging & Twp/City Counsel Liaison) Nothing additional to report at this time except there is a financial committee meeting on July 31, 2023. AUGUST Notable Newsletter Activities: August 10th Keen Age Center CLOSED - Visit FAIR. Senior Mobile Food Pantry: August 11, 1-3pm (2nd Fri every month). Ice Cream Social: Friday, August 25th, 1pm Registration Required Recipe Exchange: Wednesday, August 30th (Last Wed. of month) Bring finished product to share with recipe for No Bake/No Cook. **Trustee Turner**, (Community Building Complex & Senior Trustee Duties) The Back to School food truck event is August 22, 2023 in the parking lot next to the Community Building. The bathroom project has been completed. An inspection has found some cracking in the eaves due to water freezing/thawing. Heritage Days was a success but did have an issue with the amusement company sub-letting the event to another group. Some mess was left to deal with and it was discussed to ask for a clean-up deposit next time. An insurance issue has been found as the wrong square footage was entered. The building is currently insured for \$6 million but after the update it was noted that it would cost \$45 million to replace the Community Building as it stands with a poured concrete building. Still working on designating the building an official storm shelter but the insurance would increase greatly to make sure there is enough overall coverage. A leaky air unit damaged a spot in the floor and is being looked into. **Trustee Culvey**, (Building Maintenance & Twp. Public Safety Coordinator) Alpha Controls came in to change the filters and service the units.

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 ~~ a. Discussion and potential action on the Boone County Council on Aging Fund Application. Trustee O'Malley made a motion to discuss the application. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Turner and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote. Discussion began with Trustee Culvey stating that he doesn't have a problem with keeping them at the same amount as last year which is \$23,000 and \$2,000 for energy assistance (for a total of \$25,000) but does not think we need to also seal their parking lot. Trustee Turner feels they may have asked the Township because we had done it in the past when the State was behind on payments to them. Trustee Culvey feels they have a finance committee and they should budget for the parking lot and other maintenance. Trustee Grover forward e-mail from Director Hillan to Supervisor and Trustees stating "In-kind" donation of blacktop sealing & striping was included in funding request delivered to Township office prior to notification. October 7, 2020 there was a check issued to Roman's Blacktop Sealing for \$3,900.00.

Trustee Turner asked if it had been brought to their attention that the parking lot across the street at the bank has been sold and they may not be able to park their busses there. Trustee O'Malley asked if they did receive grant money for a new bus barn that had been discussed. No one had heard that. He would be in favor of allowing the \$25,000 and if necessary, the BCCOA would have to apply again. Trustee Grover agrees with Trustee Culvey in the fact that the BCCOA should budget for the seal coating or other maintenance. She was also surprised to see the seal coating added to the application as she is on the finance committee and this was not brought up in discussion at a meeting. Trustee Turner wants them to do the research fully before asking for funds. He also expressed disappointment in learning that the med van they asked for years ago was only being utilized for one appointment a day and feels they misrepresented the need when they presented it to the Township board and that it could be used for more. Following discussion, Trustee Culvey made a motion to amend and approve the application and give the Boone County Council on Aging (BCCOA) the same amount as last year which was \$23,000 plus \$2,000 for energy assistance for a total of \$25,000. The motion was 2nd by Trustee O'Malley and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a roll call vote.

b. Discussion and potential action on NIMEC (Northern IL Municipal Electric Collaborative) – see public comment

Discussion and Potential Action on Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bills ~~

Trustee Turner made a motion to pay the town bills the motion was 2nd by Trustee Culvey and passed with Trustees Culvey, Turner, O'Malley, Grover and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a roll call vote.

Adjournment ~~ a motion was made by Trustee Turner to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm, 2nd by Trustee Culvey. The motion passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote.

Next Board Meeting: August 8, 2023, @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Michelle Dixon, Clerk