

BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING JANUARY 12, 2010

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, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy. Also present Clerk Schabacker, Highway Commissioner Lee and Assessor Helnore we have a quorum to do business. Trustee Robertson had an emergency business call and had to leave the meeting prior to it starting but returned at 5:07 pm.

Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes ~ A motion was made by Trustee Zeien to accept the minutes from the last regular board meeting on December 22nd 2009. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Carlson and passed with Trustees Carlson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a voice vote.

Transfers ~ there are no transfers.

Reports

Supervisors Report ~ nothing to report at this time.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~ more road salt has been ordered. Even though we have had more snow than anticipated this winter we should be ok with our salt supply. After finalizing things with neighboring homeowners we should be ready to go out for bids on the Regina and Shaw road project.

Assessor's Report ~ a handout produced by John Elder was given to all Board Members by Assessor Helnore showing the average sale price of all homes from 2000 thru 2009 along with the average sale price per sq. ft. for the same time period. The graph shows a marked decline in the average sale price and price per sq. ft. for homes in Belvidere Township and Boone County. Trustee Carlson would like to know how many sales went into these calculations; Assessor Helnore did not have that information with her but said she would get it for Trustee Carlson. Assessor Helnore went on to explain the Board of Review process and stated that Belvidere Township had 80 residential appeals that were reviewed and submitted to the Board of Review by Linda Treu, Kris Hall, and Tami Torrance. Commercial/Industrial Assessor John Elder reviewed 47 Commercial/Industrial appeals and submitted his findings to the Board of Review. Other actions going on in the assessment office updating the website/software, starting the 2010 assessment year and preparing for the 2011 quadrennial year.

Clerk's Report ~ in the January issue of the "Township Perspective" dates and locations for the 2010 Educational Sessions for Township Officials are listed. The most convenient Educational Session for our Township will be held on July 9th 2010 at the Clock Tower Resort in Rockford. If you are interested in attending this Educational Session see Terri in the office.

Trustee's Report ~ **Trustee Carlson**, the ceiling at the Community Building has been spray painted, which has caused some problems with debris going elsewhere in the Building. **Trustee Robertson**, the new

canopy at the BCCA looks good. The State is still behind on their payments to the BCCA which could require them to tap into their line of credit to continue operating. **Trustee Zeien**, nothing new to report at the Salvation Army. **Trustee Turner**, everything looks good with the Township Building, the parking lot lights are all on and seem to be cycling just fine. Snow removal is going good, the parking lot is clear and as far as we know everything else is fine.

Unfinished Business ~ **Government Technology Use Policy**, Trustee Zeien is working on a draft to create a Township Policy regarding government office equipment and information technology. Trustee Zeien asked Assessor Helnore if she could provide someone from her office to assist with this project, Assessor Helnore said she would. Those involved with the project at this time are Trustee Zeien, Supervisor Murphy and Executive Assistant Terri Bullard.

Legal ~ there is no legal business to discuss tonight.

New Business ~ **FOIA Resolution**, Trustee Robertson made a motion to adopt “Resolution # 01-2010 Compliance with Freedom of Information Act” the motion was 2nd by Trustee Zeien and passed with Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a roll call vote.

Treasurer’s Report and Approval of Town Bills ~ Trustee Robertson 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.

Public Comments ~ Thadd Loffelmacher a Candidate for State Representative in the 69th District introduced himself to the Board and gave the Board his reasons for wanting to run for the office of State Rep. in the 69th District.

Adjournment ~ a motion was made by Trustee Zeien to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm, 2nd by Trustee Turner motion passed with Trustees Carlson, Robertson, Zeien, Turner and Supervisor Murphy indicating aye on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted
Judy Schabacker Clerk