

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
FEBRUARY 28, 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, Assessor St. Angel and Hwy. Commissioner Dixon. 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 O'Malley to approve the minutes from the last regular township board meeting on February 14, 2023. 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 and Potential Action on Transfers ~~ there are no transfers.

Reports

Supervisors Report ~~ Lobby Day is coming up. Check your emails for more information.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~~ Have been busy cleaning up the many trees and branches that came down in the ice storm last week. Trees covered in ice are hard on chainsaw blades. We attended a meeting with County Engineer, Justin Krohn and 7 of the 9 area road commissioners yesterday. Justin is going to place an ad about all the free wood, wood chips, fill, etc. available so County residents can benefit from it. This will benefit us as well. The Beaver Bridge on Poplar Grove Road is being redone this year.

Assessor's Report ~~ Started the new quadrennial. Been busy re-valuing properties, entering sales data, and working on the software transition. Trustee Grover asked if the assessor's office has received any calls about the fire department referendum and they have not.

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

Trustee's Report ~~ **Trustee O'Malley**, (Growth Dimensions & Twp/County Liaison) Trustee O'Malley discussed the information about Project Yukon that he received at the Growth Dimensions meeting. The company, Grant Thornton, is still deciding between a site in Wisconsin or Illinois. They are asking for an extension to the enterprise zone that currently ends in 2028. They would also like a tax abatement of 100% for the first 5 years and 50% over the next 5 years. The business will sit on 177 acres, be 1.2 million square feet, cost \$1.2 billion to build, and will open in 2026. They do handle refrigerated and frozen food and the building will be automated. The company estimates about 450 full time employees at a base pay of \$55,000, administrative level job pay will be \$110,000, and they plan to have 600-700 employees. Grant Thornton would like a letter of support for the extension of the enterprise zone and for the project from the Township. See more under New Business. **Trustee Grover**, (Boone County Council on Aging & Twp/City Counsel Liaison) I attended the BCCOA Finance Committee meeting preceding the Full Board meeting February 27, 2023. Full Board members voted to accept Ellen Olson to replace Jim Cox as the Treasurer/Board of Directors & Chairman of Finance Committee.

Date Reminder: "Spring Into Health" March 27, 2023 Alzheimer's & Dementia: hosted by Alzheimer's Association. Surprise Celebrating Jim Cox" in conjunction with Health Department, April, 12, 2023.

Kidney Mobile Screening, collaborating with BCHD, April 27, 2023. Golf Outing Fundraiser, Timberlane, May 19, 2023. Committee is looking for additional sponsors. Ribbon Cutting (Gazebo) Pavilion, 50th Anniversary, October 4, 2023. Kari Humphrey spoke to Full Board re: Social Call Program. Bi-lingual. Volunteers would be appreciated. Refrigerator Magnets are available at the BCCOA. Vote was approved to increase full board meetings, adding 2. Boone County Board has added Erin, P-COM (Transportation Grant Manager). Government Funding may result in "Bus Barn". Discussion ensued regarding sharing space with Boone County Sheriff's Department. Concern: Increased operating expenses not incurred by BCCOA and responsibility for payment? Remember SENIOR "Produce Plus", 1st Wednesday of each month, 2-3PM with no financial requirements. Next scheduled Finance Committee meeting is Monday, March 27, 2023 at 11:15AM. New Member, Ellen Olson will attend. Advantage Plan Open Enrollment is January 1-March 31, 2023. Information & Assistance Specialists are available by appointment. Donations are welcome. **Trustee Turner**, (Community Building Complex & Senior Trustee Duties) Nothing to report at this time. **Trustee Culvey**, (Building Maintenance & Twp. Public Safety Coordinator) Nothing to report at this time.

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

Items. ~~ Belvidere Township Application for Funding 2023 – Trustee O'Malley does not like all the questions on the funding form and feels it has unnecessary questions and not easily filled out nor understood by those needing funds. He discussed the brief cover letter he created for the Funding Form and believes an explanation needs to be included with the form. His explanation states "The attached application for funding by Belvidere Township is meant to meet the Township Code in the Illinois statute 60 ILCS 1/. The form will require yearly updates and quarterly reporting of requested documentation. All funding will need to be in the Belvidere Township budget and as the funding source is tax revenue from taxpayers in Belvidere Township a benefit to them is necessary." Trustee O'Malley does not like question 18 on the form that asks if the filer is a U.S. Citizen. The point he made was you can be a non-U.S. Citizen and still own property and pay taxes. He feels this question should be changed to ask if they are a resident of Belvidere Township as it is tax dollars from Belvidere Township that make up the funds. Trustee O'Malley made a motion to accept the Funding Form with the change to question 18, changing it to "Belvidere Township Resident" instead of "U.S. Citizen". The motion failed due to no one seconding it. Trustee Turner asked if there would be any length of residency requirements. Supervisor Robertson said we are just cleaning up this funding form but the board will still have to make the decision to approve any completed applications as they are presented. Trustee Grover reiterated the need to clear any changes with Township Attorney, Keri-Lyn Krafthefer. Trustee Turner stated that he did not feel comfortable voting on this funding form as there are too many questions. It is much different from the old form. A member of the board will contact Attorney Krafthefer with these questions.

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

New Business ~~ Presentation on Project Yukon by Grant Thornton. A representative from Grant Thornton did not attend the board meeting, however, Trustee O'Malley shared the information received from a Growth Dimensions meeting. After the report given about this project, a motion was made by Trustee O'Malley to approve a letter of support for Project Yukon and for the state renewing the enterprise zone for ten years (taking it to 2038). The motion was 2nd by Trustee Turner and passed with Trustee Grover indicating nay and Trustees O'Malley, Culvey, Turner and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a roll call vote.

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

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

Adjournment ~~ a motion was made by Trustee Turner to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 pm, 2nd by Trustee O'Malley. The motion passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote.

Next Board Meeting: March 14, 2023, @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Michelle Dixon, Clerk