

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD  
BELVIDERE, IL 61008  
MARCH 14, 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** ~~ Trustee O'Malley made a motion to allow the Project Yukon presentation to occur during this part of the meeting. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Culvey and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote. Pamela Lopez Fettes, from Growth Dimensions, presented a report on Project Yukon. Growth Dimensions began working with the developers of this project since 2021. Project Yukon is a Fortune 500 company and is looking to build a distribution center for their fresh foods, would service the Midwest and be one of the largest projects in their company. It will be a state of the art, high volume, highly automated case ready distribution facility with fresh, dried and frozen food projects. This property is across from the Stellantis Plant. Their goal is to make a location decision in April 2023. They would like to break ground in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023 with a completion date of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2026. Some of the deciding factors of building this in Boone County include work force availability, state and local tax, affordable real estate, strategic vision for company leadership, and their greatest return. Asking for a higher EAV, a letter supporting an intergovernmental agreement and extension of the enterprise zone, property tax abatements (85% of new EAV for first 5 years and 50% for next 5 years) an application beyond the expiration date of 2030, and to be grandfathered in to the abatements if the enterprise zone program does not extend beyond 2030. She feels the rate of return for this particular business will be great. No questions followed as the size, number of jobs, etc was discussed at the prior board meeting.

**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 28, 2023. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** ~~ Two general assistance applicants qualified for funds. We have to hold a Decennial Committee meeting before June 1, 2023. Looking for a few residents to serve on the committee. There is information on the TOI website and in the Perspective.

**Highway Commissioner's Report** ~~ Got through the last couple snow storms well. Any spots in the right of way that were pealed up from the ground not being frozen this season will be fixed in the next couple of weeks.

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

**Clerk's Report** ~~ Reminded on the Decennial Committee that has to be formed and that the first meeting will be sometime in May.

**Trustee's Report** ~~ **Trustee O'Malley**, (Growth Dimensions & Twp/County Liaison) Nothing to report at this time. **Trustee Grover**, (Boone County Council on Aging & Twp/City Counsel Liaison) Jack Wolf Memorial Golf Outing flyer was discussed. Discussed sponsorship/participation opportunities: Gold/Silver/Bronze/Solo, Hole Sponsor, Meal(s). Reminder: after your Federal taxes have been filed, you may apply for the Property Tax Assessment Freeze. If you meet qualifications, deadline is November 1, 2023. Forms available @ BCCOA or Boone County Assessment office. Alzheimer's/Dementia presentation "Spring Into Health" March 27, sign-up is required. Next Finance Committee meeting 3/27/23 @ 11:15 a.m. Compiling list of former BCCOA/KeenAge board members to send invitations for the 50th Anniversary Celebration/ Ribbon Cutting, October 4, 2023. **Trustee Turner**, (Community Building Complex & Senior Trustee Duties) Bathroom remodel is going as planned but there have been some not unexpected overtures. Overall the changes are looking good. **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.** ~~ a. The Growth Dimensions presentation on Project Yukon moved to Public Input.

b. Belvidere Township Application for Funding 2023 – Supervisor Robertson shared up the cover letter for the application and cleared up the question #18 asked on the form regarding citizenship explaining that it is on there to make sure the organization is not discriminating. Trustee Grover verified that the funding forms would not be mass mailed. Supervisor Robertson responded that we would not be mass mailing but they would be available upon request. Trustee O'Malley made a motion to accept the Belvidere Township Application for Funding. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Turner and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a roll call vote.

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

**New Business** ~~ Supervisor Robertson discussed the Annual Town meeting agenda, budget hearing schedule and budget review agenda. Trustee O'Malley made a motion to accept these three items. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Turner and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Culvey, Turner and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice 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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Turner and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Culvey, Turner and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a roll call vote.

**Adjournment** ~~ a motion was made by Trustee Turner to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 28, 2023, @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted  
Michelle Dixon, Clerk