

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
MAY 23, 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 Grover to approve the minutes from the last regular township board meeting on May 9, 2023. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Culvey 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 ~~ We accomplished a lot at our Decennial meeting and am thrilled that we got started with the Decennial Committee.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~~ We have some more culverts we are going to be doing; one on Thursday and one next week. Rock Roads will be blacktopping will start June 10th in this area. Dan Snow asked Highway Commissioner Dixon for an update on the Squaw Prairie Bridge. Commissioner Dixon explained that the pre-annexation agreement was for 20 years and that means it is the City of Belvidere's until 2025. Others are looking into it now due to some gray areas. The bridge is structurally sound but not up to new Illinois specifications.

Assessor's Report ~~ Working on re-evaluations based on information he shared last meeting.

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

Trustee's Report ~~ **Trustee O'Malley**, (Growth Dimensions &Twp/County Liaison) No Growth Dimensions report at this time. The County is trying to look at ways to spend their money. They have found a metal issue at the jail. **Trustee Grover**, (Boone County Council on Aging & Twp/City Counsel Liaison) Finance Committee meeting was moved to June 7th from May 22nd to discuss upcoming Budget Draft. As advertised in their June newsletter BCCOA, Thursday, June 15th, Summerfield Zoo with transportation available. The cost is \$12.00. QUESTION?: Is \$12.00 including transportation or is cost stated admission fee only? Friday, July 21, (Rain Date, Friday, July 28), "Not Just Junk In The Trunk" Mini Garage Sale in the parking lot. "This is an opportunity for you to donate to the Keen Age Center, as stated in the newsletter. QUESTION?: Whose responsibility regarding disposal of unsold items? Cost to

haul away? Answers will be secured for the next Township Board Meeting. Trustee Grover shared she attended the Chamber meeting today: Informational Meeting for the Lion's Club Playground. Speaker was unable to attend, short report was given in her absence. \$650,000 is needed with \$185,000.00 secured thus far. They have a "Brick Sale" fundraiser to generate additional needed funds. Trustee Culvey, (Belvidere Lion's Club Member) stated that they are currently writing a grant to request matching funds. Trustee Grover was disappointed that the event primarily focused on the Disabilities Program at the Belvidere Park District, not The Lion's Club Playground Project advertised by the Chamber of Commerce. **Trustee Turner**, (Community Building Complex & Senior Trustee Duties) The bathrooms are done at the Community Building and they are still looking into structural cracks. Some residents of Pearl Place are using the parking lot. The Community Building recently hosted the Special Olympics Banquet. **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. ~~ Discussion regarding Annual Energy Assistance/Boone County Council on Aging. Investigation ensued when BCCOA Director, Kelly H. asked if documentation she discovered was pertinent to amount of money awarded to a qualifying resident of Belvidere Township. Currently it is \$100.00 per approved Belvidere Township applicant. The Belvidere Township Board agreed BCCOA will determine the amount given to a resident requesting "Energy Assistance". Upon completion of yearly contract with Board Member approval \$2,000.00 will remain Belvidere Township's Energy Assistance distribution. BCCOA Budget Year begins 7/1/23 – 6/30/24, Contract will be delivered to Kelly H, Director.

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

New Business ~~ there is no new business to discuss at tonight's meeting.

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 O'Malley 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 5:23 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: June 13, 2023, @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Michelle Dixon, Clerk