

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
MAY 9, 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, Culvey, Turner 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 April 25, 2023 Town Funds Budget Hearing & Adoption. The motion was seconded by Trustee Culvey and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote. A motion was made by Trustee O'Malley to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2023 Road & Bridge Funds Budget Hearing & Adoption. The motion was seconded by Trustee Turner and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Turner, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote. Lastly, a motion was made by Trustee Grover to approve the minutes from the last regular township board meeting on April 25, 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 ~~ would like opinions from the board on a time for the Decennial committee meeting on May 23, 2023. Trustee O'Malley suggested setting the time for 4:30 pm. Trustee Turner asked if the residents that have agreed to be on the committee, can attend if the time is set at 4:30 pm. Supervisor Robertson will contact the committee volunteers to make sure they can attend at that time. Trustee Grover asked if there will be some kind of list of topics for that meeting. Supervisor Robertson would like each Trustee to look over the information in the Perspective regarding the Decennial committee so they have a basic understanding and email any items so we can make a topic list. Clerk Dixon is working on an agenda and a list of more information. Also, we received an incomplete funding form from Growth Dimensions so watch for that on a June agenda as it should be completed by that time.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~~ we have gotten some culverts installed in the Overland Trail Subdivision. We have more to do, in a couple busier intersections, but will wait for school to get out for the summer.

Assessor's Report ~~ we have been busy answering questions since the tax bills have gone out. Also, we have received the information from the State on the next increase and it looks like it will have to go up 8% township wide and is broken down among residential, commercial and industrial.

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

Trustee's Report ~~ **Trustee O'Malley**, (Growth Dimensions & Twp/County Liaison) At the Growth Dimensions meeting, they did a presentation on the computer program they are using to show how much activity is on their website and to help to promote jobs in the area. As of now, Project Yukon is supposed to make a decision in June on where they will locate. Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 5:00 pm, the State will be presenting an online public presentation about their plans to make Highway 20 four lanes from the Belvidere City limits to Shaw Road. **Trustee Grover**, (Boone County Council on Aging & Twp/City Counsel Liaison) Reminder: Jack Wolf Memorial Golf Outing is May 19th, events beginning at noon. The next finance committee meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2023 at 3:30pm. *Discussion regarding Belvidere Township Energy Assistance, currently \$2,000.00 to Boone County Council on Aging under New Business. **Trustee Turner**, (Community Building Complex & Senior Trustee Duties) There is a Community Building meeting next week. **Trustee Culvey**, (Building Maintenance & Twp. Public Safety Coordinator) The sign out front is fixed and we were able to add the current temperature to the display.

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 ~~ Discussion Only – “Township Assistance” Boone County Council on Aging ~ Trustee Grover brought up the \$2,000 that we give the Boone County Council on Aging, every year, for their energy assistance program. BCCOA Director, Kelly Hillan approached Trustee Grover with questions about possibly increasing the amount BCCOA can give to recipients from that program. Currently, a qualifying client is allowed \$100 towards their energy bill and they would like to see this amount increased to \$200 but did not know who set the original amount (the Township or Boone County Council on Aging). Trustee Grover also shared that the township has never been provided with a list of recipients of the yearly \$2,000 and that, upon investigation, it was found that last year's energy assistance line item was never used by BCCOA. Trustee Grover feels we should get a list of recipients and doesn't agree on the BCCOA increasing their pay-out to \$200 per application. In researching, no one seems to know who set the parameters for this program that has been in place for over 18 years, at least. The board does not think we should be involved with deciding how much the BCCOA gives to a qualifying applicant. Supervisor Robertson also brought up that we should possibly remove the title of “energy assistance” so it falls under the guidelines we have to follow from the State which was a topic brought up by Trustee O'Malley. After this discussion, Trustee Grover asked that no changes be made right now and would like to talk to our administrative assistants in the office to get some budget questions answered. This topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

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 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 5:28 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: May 23, 2023, @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Michelle Dixon, Clerk