

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8200 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
BELVIDERE, IL 61008
JUNE 27, 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 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 June 13, 2023. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Culvey and passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote.

Discussion and Potential Action on Transfers ~~ there are no transfers.

Reports

Supervisors Report ~~ We need to discuss the Growth Dimensions fund application and no one has provided any direction on that. They will be asking about an answer soon.

Highway Commissioner's Report ~~ Started blacktopping our roads last week. They are working on the subdivisions now. Completed Townhall Road last Thursday and are supposed to be done this Wednesday or Thursday with Squaw Prairie Road if there are no break downs or weather that change the schedule. Trustee Grover would like some assurance that the problems, caused by a builder at Shaw and Spring Creek as well as Brook Lane will be fixed by the company that did the damage. Hwy Comm. Dixon said he did discuss the issues with the contractor and received a verbal promise and will stay on it to make sure is gets completed when they blacktop the driveways.

Assessor's Report ~~ Now that valuations are complete and have been turned into the County. The final increases are as follows: residential increased 9.36%, commercial increased 4.85%, and industrial increased 4.27% overall.

Clerk's Report ~~ Reminder to please try to fill in what you can on the Decennial packet even though the next meeting is not until December.

Trustee's Report ~~ **Trustee O'Malley**, (Growth Dimensions &Twp/County Liaison) County is having a zoning board meeting tonight due to some people that are wanting to start a Bed & Breakfast business on the Shaw Road. Hwy Commissioner Dixon stated that he made sure to bring up the driveway/parking guidelines when he learned of the request. All else is going well. **Trustee Grover**, (Boone County Council on Aging & Twp/City Counsel Liaison) Trustee Grover asked Supervisor Robertson what organization he was referring to when he stated we have not received applications from some of them. Asked Supervisor Robertson to clarify if he was referring to Boone Co. Council On Aging?

Application was hand delivered to K. Hillan, June 7, 2023. Supervisor Robertson said he didn't feel the organizations were clear enough in explaining why they skipped some questions on the form. In reference to the fund application for BCCOA, Growth Dimensions application is going to be voted on soon and Supervisor Robertson would like to see others turned in for vote as well. Trustee Grover feels all applications should be 100% complete to be considered. Supervisor Robertson stated that some questions do not pertain to the organization completing the form. Trustee O'Malley reiterated his opinion that the form needs a clear instruction page, is too complex and has some unnecessary questions. He feels it will take a while for all to adjust to the new funding application. Trustee Culvey shared ultimately it is up to the board to approve or deny the application and the application is a guide for the board to get information to allow them to see what an applicant does for the community and make an informed decision on what funds, if any, we want to give them. Currently Growth Dimensions application has been returned for consideration. "Supervisor Robertson would like to see others turned in for vote as well". Trustee Grover feels all applications should be 100% complete to be considered. Supervisor Robertson stated that some questions do not pertain to the organization completing the form. BCCOA finance meeting was June 26, 2023 prior to Board of Directors meeting. Volunteers needed to assist staff daily in the Boone Co. Fair Gazebo. Fund Raising opportunities were discussed. The Community Care Program will actively recruit for needed program employees in the Gazebo possibly handing out flyers as well as answering questions. The Buildings & Grounds Committee discussed bids previously secured for window replacements. Current Policy requirements may dictate bids. Funding for the Military Memorial hasn't been secured and dangerously sitting on uneven ground. Investment fees will be researched by the treasurer. Trustee Culvey asked why there are fees being charged on the endowment fund when it is an investment. Typically fees are charged to manage funds in the portfolio. (Currently Endowment at Midland Bank / Boone Co. Community Foundation.). Coming Events: July 14, 2023, August 11, 2023 Senior Mobile Food Pantry, BCCOA parking lot, 1-3 PM. July 21 Junk In The Trunk 9-2PM Rain date Friday, July 28 September Quilt Raffle October 4, 2023 50th Anniversary Celebration. Next Board of Directors Meeting with Finance Committee Prior: August 28, 2023. **Trustee Turner**, (Community Building Complex & Senior Trustee Duties) No report, absent. **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. Final approval of Boone County/Belvidere/Poplar Grove abatements resolution for the upcoming Project Yukon / WalMart distribution center (original "letter of support" approved at February 28, 2023 Township board meeting). A motion was made by Trustee O'Malley to approve Resolution # 03-2023-2024 authorizing the property tax abatement schedule amendments within the Belvidere-Boone County Enterprise Zone. The motion was 2nd by Trustee Culvey and passed with Trustees O'Malley, Culvey, and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye in a roll call vote. Trustee Grover indicated nay in a roll call vote and Trustee Turner was absent from the meeting.

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

Adjournment ~~ a motion was made by Trustee O'Malley to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 pm, 2nd by Trustee Culvey. The motion passed with Trustees Grover, O'Malley, Culvey and Supervisor Robertson indicating aye on a voice vote.

Next Board Meeting: July 11, 2023, @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Michelle Dixon, Clerk