

MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
October 23, 2023

Mayor Miers opened the regular meeting of the Belvidere Town Council with the Pledge of Allegiance and the following notice was read in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice filed with the Express Times NJ Zone and/or the Express-Times or Newark Star Ledger, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Belvidere Town Hall, 691 Water Street, Belvidere NJ and on the municipal website, belviderenj.net.

Roll Call:

Present - Mayor Miers, Councilwoman Koop, Councilman Matlock, Councilman Mitchell, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Roth

Absent - Councilman Zmigrodski

Adoption of Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilman Mitchell with Councilman Matlock abstaining and all others voting "yes" to adopt the October 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Mitchell - efforts moving forward to schedule a meeting between representatives for the Good Will Fire Company and the dam removal people.

Councilman Roth - the CCB had over 800 visitors to the Center in September. In April 2024 the CCB will sponsor a program by the West Point Glee Club at the high school.

The Pool Committee is researching the purchase of a storage shed to be paid through the pool grant.

NPP is working with the DPW on the improvements at Riverside Park. They are in the process of purchasing and installing a new gazebo. A meeting was held with County representatives regarding the crosswalks on Greenwich Street.

The Board of Education provided a review of the NJ student assessments. Belvidere fell below the State average in all categories. SAT scores are above the national average. A contract has been authorized for a regionalization study.

Councilwoman Koop had no report at this time.

Councilwoman Napolitani - reviewed the court revenues and expenditures thus far for 2023. PD is advertising for a substitute crossing guard. The "Chat with the Chief" was successful.

Councilman Matlock had no report at this time.

Mayor Miers - thanked all responding law enforcement for their efforts in last week's eluding event.

Scout Home - furnace installed, electrical panel installed, beginning light installation, construction to begin soon.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to address at this time.

Previous Business:

There was no previous business to address at this time.

New Business:

There was no new business to address at this time.

Resolutions:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2023x76.

RESOLUTION NO. R2023x76

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN SIGNS AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON COUNTY ROUTE #620 (GREENWICH STREET/MARKET STREET) IN THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WHEREAS, the Town of Belvidere desires to install “Pedestrian Crossing Sign Assemblies”, “Ladder Type Crosswalks” and “Diagonal Striping Areas” on County Route #620 in the Town of Belvidere; and

WHEREAS, approval from the County of Warren is required prior to installing the striping, crosswalk and signage improvements; and

WHEREAS, the County requires verification from the Town that it will maintain the striping, crosswalk and signage improvements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Belvidere Town Council:

Section 1. That the Town of Belvidere agrees to install ten (10) “Pedestrian Crossing Sign Assemblies”, twelve (12) “Ladder-type Crosswalks” and seven (7) “Diagonal Striping Areas” on County Route #620 in the Town of Belvidere.

Section 2. The signs, pavement marking design and placement shall be in accordance with the current manual on traffic control devices for streets and highways, NJDOT and County standards.

Certification

I, Teresa A. Yeisley, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Town of Belvidere, Warren County, New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Belvidere Town Council at a regular meeting held on October 23, 2023

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Koop, seconded by Councilman Mitchell and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2023x77.

RESOLUTION NO. R2023x77

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM MONEYS (block 16, lot 2)

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 2022-005 dated November 14, 2022 on block 16, lot 2 was redeemed on October 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the premium paid at the sale in the amount of \$3,000.00 needs to be returned to TAX LIEN FUND LP, lienholder of the aforementioned certificate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Belvidere hereby authorizes the CFO to make payment in the amount of \$3,000.00 representing said refund.

TAX LIEN FUND LP
PO BOX 132
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

Date: October 23, 2023

Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

Ordinances:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Roth and seconded by Councilman Matlock to introduce Ordinance No. O2023x11.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023x11

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 485 OF THE CODE F THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

This ordinance shall be subject to the approval by consenting resolution fo the County of Warren. The Town of Belvidere shall thereafter be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the weight limits established herein, including the installation, placement and maintenance of signage conforming with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT ORDAINED be the Belvidere Town Council that Chapter 485 of the Code of the Town of Belvidere is hereby amended to add the following to § 485-38, Schedule V as follows:

ARTICLE XIV

§ 485-38

Schedule V: Vehicles Over Designated Weight Limits Excluded

Name of Street	Weight (Tons-GVWR)	Limit
Greenwich Street (County Route 620)	8	Between Belvidere/White Township municipal boundary and Water Street
Water Street (County Rout 620)	8	Between Market Street and Belvidere/White Township municipal boundary
Water Street Spur	8	Between Market Street and railroad trestle

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Belvidere Town Council held on October 23, 2023 and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final adoption by the Belvidere Town Council at a meeting to be held on November 27, 2023 at Belvidere Town Hall, 691 Water St., Belvidere at 7:00 PM or at any time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance at that time. Any member of the general public can obtain a copy of said ordinance at no cost at the Municipal Clerk’s Office, 691 Water St., Belvidere, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilwoman Koop, Councilman Matlock, Councilman Mitchell, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Roth, Mayor Miers

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Recusal - None

Absent - Councilman Zmigrodski

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Koop and seconded by Councilman Roth to introduce Ordinance No. O2023x12.

ORDINANCE NO. O2023x12

**TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF NOT MOR THAN \$25,000 FROM
THE CAPITAL FUND IN CONNECTION WITH THE COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO
THE MANSFIELD STREET REAR BRIDGE DEMOLITION**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Belvidere wishes to appropriate the sum up to \$25,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund in conjunction with the demolition of the Mansfield Street Rear bridge demolition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Belvidere Town Council that:

1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of up to \$25,000 form the General Capital-Capital Improvement Fund for the aforementioned purpose.
2. There is no debt authorized by this ordinance.
3. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage following a public hearing to be conducted thereon and publication of notice of final passage with the requirements of the law.

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Roll call:

Ayes - Councilwoman Koop, Councilman Matlock, Councilman Mitchell, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Roth, Mayor Miers

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Recusal - None

Absent - Councilman Zmigrodski

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani and seconded by Councilwoman Koop to introduce Ordinance No. O2023x13.

ORDINANCE NO. O2023x13

**TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF NOT MORE THAN \$20,000 FROM
THE CAPITAL FUND IN CONNECTION WITH THE COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO
THE PURCHASE OF AN ALCOTEST 9510 SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Belvidere wishes to appropriate the sum up to \$20,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund in conjunction with the purchase of an Alcotest 9510 System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Belvidere Town Council that:

1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of up to \$20,000 form the General Capital-Capital Improvement Fund for the aforementioned purpose.
2. There is no debt authorized by this ordinance.
3. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage following a public hearing to be conducted thereon and publication of notice of final passage with the requirements of the law.

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Roll call:

Ayes - Councilwoman Koop, Councilman Matlock, Councilman Mitchell, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Roth, Mayor Miers

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Recusal - None

Absent - Councilman Zmigrodski

Appointments:

No appointments were made at this time.

Councilman Zmigrodski joined the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 7:30 PM.

Authorization to Pay Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Koop, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried authorizing the payment of the purchase orders, as submitted, in the amount of \$453,718.46.

Public Comment:

Rheva Smickle - insurance report on Scout Home, fire extinguishers need to be checked.

Councilman Ross suggested that we may want to request a waiver from the insurance company on a commercial kitchen.

Mark Young - The "Chat with the Chief" went well. Plan on having this event every six months.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Roth and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2023x78.

RESOLUTION NO. R2023x78

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings act, Chapter 231,P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Belvidere, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter; and
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is:
Subject: Litigation
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public:
When Resolved.

Date: October 23, 2023

Teresa A. Yeisley, R.M.C./C.P.M.

Municipal Clerk/Administrator

A motion was made by Councilman Matlock, seconded by Councilman Mitchell and carried to return to regular session.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 8:48 PM.

Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk/Administrator