

MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
JANUARY 8, 2024

Mayor Miers opened the workshop 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, posted in Belvidere Town Hall, 691 Water Street, Belvidere NJ and posted on the municipal website belviderenj.net. Council agreed to add the following items to the agenda: CCB Advisory Board appointments and Resolution R2024x11 appointing auxiliary snow plow drivers.

Roll Call:

Present - Mayor Miers, Councilman Allen, Councilwoman Koop, Councilman Matlock, Councilman Roth

Absent - Councilman Mitchell and Councilman Zmigrodski

Adoption of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Koop with Councilman Allen abstaining on the December 11, 2023 minutes and all others voting "yes" to adopt the December 11, 2023 regular and executive meeting minutes and the January 1, 2024 reorganization meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Matters to be Addressed:

A motion was made by Councilman Matlock, seconded by Councilman Allen and carried to approve the membership applications of Tyler Gilmarten and Jonathan Wolfinger for the Good Will Fire Company.

Kevin Benbrook advised that the Samia (600 Fifth Street) tax appeal has been settled with the Tax Assessor's approval. United Telephone has withdrawn their appeal with a modest settlement moving forward and the DSM tax appeal is expected to be withdrawn. The Tax Assessor will be providing a spreadsheet of all changes. She is also going to do a random spot check of 25% of the ratables.

Resolutions:

A motion was made by Councilman Allen, seconded by Councilman Roth and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2024x08.

RESOLUTION NO. R2024x08

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM MONEYS (block 50, lot 13)

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 2023-016 dated November 13, 2023 on block 50, lot 13 was redeemed on December 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the premium paid at the sale in the amount of \$12,500.00 needs to be returned to TAX LIEN FUND BALA PARTNERS, LLC 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 \$12,500.00 representing said refund.

BALA PARTNERS, LLC

PO BOX 303
POTTERSVILLE, NJ 07979

Date: January 11, 2024
Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

A motion was made by Councilwoman Allen, seconded by Councilwoman Koop and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2024x09.

RESOLUTION NO. R2024x09

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Belvidere the following are appointed as the Emergency Management Team of the Town of Belvidere for a three year term from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026:

Susan Reeder - Emergency Management Coordinator

Laurie Christine - Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

Brian Reeder - Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

James Christine - Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

Certification

I, Teresa A. Yeisley, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Town of Belvidere, Warren County, New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Town of Belvidere at a regular meeting held on January 11, 2024

Teresa A. Yeisley, R.M.C./C.P.M.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

A motion was made by Councilwoman Koop, seconded by Councilman Allen and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2024x11.

RESOLUTION NO R2024x11

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AUXILIARY SNOW PLOW DRIVERS FOR 2024

BE IT RESOLVED that the Belvidere Town Council hereby appoints the following as auxiliary snow plow drivers for 2024:

William Bradford
Eric Mattson
Russell Maxwell
Christopher Blanchard
Matthew Frauen
Thomas Iszo
Daniel Inscho
Bruce Hildebrant
Keith Wolfinger

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Ordinances:

No ordinances were addressed at this time.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Koop, seconded by Councilman Allen and carried approving the following appointments to the CCB Advisory Board:

Mark Young - 2026

Ellen Fahey - 2026

Robert Shelton - 2026

Debbie Caflin - 2026

Paul Heiney - 2026

Kelly Rupert - 2026

Dawn Schnezler - 2026

James Smythe, Alt. #1 - 2024

Public Comment:

Rheva Smickle - purchase of vacuum for Scout Home.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Koop, seconded by Councilman Roth and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2024x10.

RESOLUTION NO. R2024x10

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: Contracts, Personnel and Litigation
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public:
When Resolved.

Date: January 8, 2024

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

Municipal Clerk/Administrator

A motion was made by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Koop and carried to return to regular session.

A motion was made by Councilman Allen to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 7:35 PM.

Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM

Municipal CLerk/Administrator