

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN OF BELVIDERE  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
691 Water Street  
September 25, 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. Mayor Miers advised that the dam removal update would be removed from the agenda and a discussion on overweight truck fees will be added.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Adoption of Minutes:**

A **motion** was made by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Koop with Councilman Zmigrodski abstaining and all others voting "yes" to adopt the September 11, 2023 regular and executive meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment at this time.

**Committee Reports:**

Councilman Mitchell - Good Will Fire had 18 calls and 132 man hours in August. A meeting between representatives of Good Will and the Nature Conservancy will be scheduled to address Good Will's concerns about the dam removals.

Councilman Roth - pool is now closed and they are in the process of shutting everything down for the season. The revenue for the year appears good at this time. Final numbers will be available once the CFO has reconciled all the accounts. A new manager will be needed for next season. The last Sunset Serenade at the CCB was terrific with about 100 in attendance. Tree lighting is coming along and they are considering a possible wassail tour. The municipal website is now live and content is being added frequently. NPP is finalizing plans with Warren County for the Greenwich Street cross-walks. They are continuing their efforts for the refurbishment of Riverside Park.

Councilwoman Koop - continuing to work with the Mayor and CFO on financial matters

Councilman Matlock - nothing at this time

Councilman Zmigrodski - nothing at this time

**Correspondence:**

The annual CROP Walk will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Previous Business:**

Mayor Miers explained the financing being considered to purchase a truck for the DPW.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Zmigrodski, seconded by Councilman Matlock and carried authorizing the CFO and DPW Deputy Director to move forward with the purchase of an International dump truck through the Co-op.

**New Business:**

A copy of the August grant report was distributed to the Council. A meeting has been scheduled

with our grant writer from Bruno to discuss ideas and concerns. If any of Council has any matters to be discussed at this meeting, please email the Mayor.

Councilman Zmigrodski initiated a discussion regarding the sidewalk permit/road opening fees. The Councilman felt that the fees inhibited residents from repairing their sidewalks. Councilman Zmigrodski would like Council to consider reducing the fees or eliminating them entirely. This matter will be reviewed with Paul Sterbenz.

Councilwoman Napolitani initiated a discussion about amending the overweight vehicle fees. Council agreed to reduce the initial fee to \$750. An ordinance amendment will be prepared for the next Council meeting.

**Resolutions:**

**A motion** was made by Councilman Matlock, seconded by Councilman Zmigrodski and carried to adopt Resolution Nos. R2023x70 and R2023x71.

**RESOLUTION NO. R2023x70**

**TOWN OF BELVIDERE**

**WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM MONEYS (block 16, lot 9)**

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 2022-006 dated November 14, 2022 on block 16, lot 9 was redeemed on August 30, 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: September 25, 2023  
Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

**RESOLUTION NO. R2023x71**

**TOWN OF BELVIDERE**

**WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM MONEYS (block 4, lot 15)**

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 2021-001 dated October 7, 2021 on block 4, lot 15 was redeemed on August 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the premium paid at the sale in the amount of \$8,500.00 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 \$8,500.00 representing said refund.

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**Ordinances:**

No ordinances were addressed at this time.

**Appointments:**

No appointments were made at this time.

**Authorization to Pay Purchase Orders:**

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Koop, seconded by Councilman Roth and carried authorizing the payment of the purchase orders, as submitted, in the amount of \$112,371.19.

**Public Comment:**

Rheva Smickle - truck traffic, stop them at Rt. 46. Update on Scout Home work.

Sue Beale - go after the non-payers of truck summons

Mark Young - PA company offering grants, will reach out to Bruno. History trail.

**Executive Session:**

**A motion** was made by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Matlock and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2023x72.

**RESOLUTION NO. R2023x72**

**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
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public:  
When Resolved.

Date: September 28, 2023

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

Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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

Kevin Benbrook advised that Council was advised by Steve Gouin on a potential contract with the redeveloper of the Manunkachunk Road tract.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Matlock to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 8:52 PM.

Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM

Municipal Clerk/Administrator