

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

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.

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 Councilwoman Koop with Councilman Matlock abstaining and all others voting "yes" to adopt the August 28, 2023 regular and executive meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Matters to be Addressed:

Mayor Miers presented the following proclamation to Ruth Huntington:

***Town of Belvidere
Proclamation***

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and

Whereas, September 17, 2023 marks the two hundred and thirty-fifth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation: and

Whereas, Chapters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution all over the world are requesting proclamations and recognition of the Constitution of the United State of America; and

Whereas, General William Maxwell Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in Belvidere, Warren County, New Jersey, on December 21, 1931; and

Whereas, public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through September 23 as constitution week.

Now, Therefore, Be it Proclaimed by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Belvidere that September 17th through September 23rd, 2023, be designated as:

Constitution Week

In the Town of Belvidere, and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

Matters to be Addressed:

Mayor Miers advised that the Town is committed to constructing a salt shed in 2024. This will be funded through CARES funds and remaining monies from the Parker Street project. Recently received information on a truck for the DPW. Our CFO will need to review this information and advised on the funding choices.

Resolutions:

No resolutions were addressed at this time.

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 Mitchell and carried authorizing the payment of the purchase orders, as submitted, in amount of \$383,083.95.

Public Comment:

Mark Young - Tammy Koop , the Victorian Days Committee and mother nature all made a wonderful Victorian Day 2023.

Tammy Koop stated that it was a successful day.

Mayor Miers requested an update on the “speeding initiative”. Councilman Roth advised that new speed signs will be installed, a RAVE blast went out on September 1st reminding all that school is back in session and that the speed limit on all streets in Town is 25mph. The Chief will be putting out the electronic speed indicator in various spots around Town. Speed bumps are being considered but this will require an ordinance amendment.

Rheva Smickle - completion of Scout Home work

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Roth and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2023x69.

RESOLUTION NO. R2023x69

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 11 2023
Teresa A. Yeisley, R.M.C./C.P.M.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani and seconded by Councilman Roth to approve a three-year (2023-2025) contract with Chief Matthew Scott as presented.

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 to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 7:54 PM.

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