

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
JULY 10, 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 and posted in Belvidere Town Hall, 691 Water Street, Belvidere NJ.

Roll Call:

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

Absent - Councilman Mitchell, Councilman Zmigrodski

Adoption of Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilwoman Koop with Councilman Matlock and Councilman Roth abstaining and all others voting "yes" to adopt the June 26, 2023 regular meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Matters to be Addressed:

Laura Kennedy, NPP Coordinator:

Riverside Park - Lack of proper electric, housing for PA system. Design plan from 2002. Submitted grant for \$170,000 to remove gazebo and red barn. Re-purpose engraved bricks, upgrade electrical, deck for river viewing area, tree removal and increase funding for business facades. Consideration of historic walking tour. State will not approve a management agreement for the boat launch area.

Councilman Roth:

What can we do about road safety and speeding issues? Work with members of the community and Chief of Police on efforts to enhance awareness of this problem. Councilman Roth will bring together an ad-hoc committee to gather ideas.

Mayor Miers:

Will defer sidewalk discussion to another meeting after the tree inventory is completed.

Third Street School is going to be put on the market. What would Council like to see done with the building and property?

Kevin Benbrook:

Will reach out to the owner of 400 Greenwich Street to schedule a meeting to discuss the development of the property.

Jason Stout has met with a contractor to discuss the construction of a salt shed.

Mayor Miers requested that all departments start the completion process of any projects they had planned and closely watch their spending.

CC@B did not get the TMobile grant they applied for.

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 Roth and carried authorizing the payment of the purchase orders, as submitted, in the amount of \$508,146.97.

Public Comment:

Sue Beale - 400 Greenwich Street should be 401. The speed of vehicles seems to be determined by the time of the day.

Rheva Smickle - Council should not consider tearing down Third Street School.

Linda Stettler - National Night Out fast approaching. Scheduled for August 1st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Thank you to all for assistance with the event.

Executive Session:

No executive session was needed at this time.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 7:44 PM.

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