

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
TOWN OF BELVIDERE  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
691 Water Street  
DECEMBER 19, 2022**

Mayor Miers opened the special 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.

**Roll Call:**

Present - Mayor Miers, Councilwoman Koop, Councilman Matlock, Councilman Mitchell, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Roth, Councilman Zmigrodski  
Absent - None

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment at this time.

**Matters to be Addressed:**

Kevin Benbrook advised that the revaluation was ordered by the Warren County Board of Taxation. This is a statutory requirement that is many years overdue.

Rich Buscemi, Project Manager for Professional Property Appraisers joined the meeting through Zoom to answer resident questions. Inspections were done over this past summer. Appraisals were determined using recent sales, market analysis, deeds and inspections. The goal of the revaluation is to put everyone on the same playing field.

Brenda Hoppi - her assessment more than doubled.

Kevin Benbrook - a tax appeal can be filed between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jennifer Carabelli, Tax Assessor - there will be informal reviews

Virginia Walton - what is being done to make sure that we keep up with the revaluation requirements and make sure that this doesn't happen again.

Councilman Roth - reports will be shared with Council and the Tax Assessor will give an annual review.

Robert Hoppi - evaluating property in a flood area.

Brenda Hoppi - the effect on the Senior Freeze.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Zmigrodski, seconded by Councilman Mitchell and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2022x109.

**RESOLUTION NO. R2022x109**

**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: December 19, 2022  
Teresa A. Yeisley, R.M.C./C.P.M.  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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

Kevin Benbrook advised that the Council discussed the DPW contract. This is a four-year contract ending 12/31/2025. Council has negotiated a 2-3-2-3 percentage wage increase.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Roth and seconded by Councilman Mitchell approving a four-year contract with the Teamster members of the DPW as negotiated.

**Roll call:**

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

**Nays - None**

**Abstentions - None**

**Recusal - None**

**Absent - None**

**A motion** was made by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Zmigrodski and carried authorizing the payment of the purchase orders, as submitted, in the amount of \$33,580.45.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Mitchell to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 6:59 PM.