

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

Mayor Kennedy opened the regular meeting of the Belvidere Town Council with the Pledge of Allegiance and Teresa Yeisley read the following notice 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 Warren County 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. This meeting was also advertised in accordance with the law as a virtual ZOOM meeting with instructions to the public for attendance and comment.

Discussion of the Municipal Alliance will be added to the agenda

Roll Call:

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

Adoption of Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilman Mitchell, with Councilman Zmigrodski abstaining and all others voting "yes" to adopt the February 8, 2021 workshop meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Roth - the Belvidere Ambulance Corps and BEMS responded to 130 calls in January. Good Will Fire reported that 21-64, the pumper, is in need of repair at a cost of \$64,000. Financial Assistance will be needed. There is a possibility that a grant may be available. Elizabethtown Gas is working on Parker Street.

Councilwoman Napolitani - Chief Scott submitted his 2021 budget request. Warren County is preparing four signs for the entrances to Town regarding the truck weight limit. The new Deputy Court Administrator began work today.

Councilman Mitchell - attended first CC@B meeting. First Pool Commission meeting is scheduled for February 23rd and the Recreation Committee and BOE meetings are coming up.

Councilwoman Miers - received all budget requests. A budget meeting will be scheduled for March 1st at 5:30 PM.

Councilman Zmigrodski - out of Town so no report at this time.

Mayor Kennedy - request Councilman Zmigrodski follow up with Jason Stout on the heating installation at the CCB, finalize with finance any street work to be done by June 1st, complete mowing RFP.

Request Councilman Mitchell meet with the Scout Home Association regarding the heating system.

Request Councilman Roth coordinate a six-month review of the BEMS.

Request Councilwoman Miers and Councilman Mitchell coordinate with the School Administrator to attend Council meeting every two months and also present the school budget to Council.

Correspondence:

No correspondence was addressed at this time.

Previous Business:

Mayor Kennedy initiated a discussion regarding the postponement of the revaluation until next year do to the effects of the pandemic. Council agreed.
Kevin Benbrook will reach out to the vendor to see if they will hold their pricing until that time.

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilman Zmigrodski, seconded by Councilman Roth and carried to approve the following raffle license applications:

- RL2021-01 - Good Will Fire
- RL2021-02 - Belvidere Ambulance Corps
- RL2021-03 - Belvidere American Legion
- RL2021-04 - Good Will Fire

A motion was made by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilman Mitchell and carried to make a donation to Good Will Fire for \$1,000 for the replacement of PPE and necessary supplies used for the Manor as a vaccination site.

Nicole Connelly requested approval to hold a small St. Patrick’s Day parade on March 13th with the plan to grow in the future. Council agreed.

Councilman Zmigrodski will work with Jason Stout to gather information on the purchase of one or two trucks to replace out-dated equipment. Mayor Kennedy advised that Liberty Township Mayor John Inscho offered their assistance with a “loaner” truck should the need arise.

Councilwoman Miers initiated a discussion regarding the Town’s participation in the Municipal Alliance Program. It was decided that Belvidere take one year off from the program for evaluation.

Resolutions:

There were no resolutions to address at this time.

Ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. O2021x03
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 130 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE ENTITLED “SEWERS”

BE IT ORDAINED that the Belvidere Town Council hereby authorizes an amendment to the Code of the Town of Belvidere, Chapter 130 entitled “Sewers” as follows:

§ 130-20 User charge system.

G. Payment of User Charge

(3) Time and Method of payment. Should any bill or part thereof rendered for sewer usage remain unpaid for a period of ten (10) days, said bill or part thereof should be considered delinquent and subject to payment of interest at the prevailing rate fixed for interest on delinquent real estate taxes from the due date until such time as the bill is paid in full. Whenever service shall commence after the first day of any quarterly period, sanitary sewer charges for said quarterly period should be prorated accordingly.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Belvidere Town Council held on January 25, 2021 and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final adoption by the Belvidere Town Council on February 22, 2021 via a virtual meeting held on the Zoom platform at 7:00 PM. or at any time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned. Instructions for attendance and comment can be viewed on the municipal website, belviderenj.net prior to the meeting. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said

ordinance at that time. If you choose not to use this technology, you can mail your comments to the Municipal Clerk at the address below or email your comments to clerk@belvidere-nj.org by 12:00 PM the day of the meeting. Any member of the general public can obtain a copy of said ordinance at no cost at the Municipal Clerk's Office, 691 Water Street, Belvidere, NJ 07823, Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The ordinance is also available on the municipal website.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Mitchell and carried to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. O2021x03.

The ordinance brought bo public comment.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers and seconded by Councilman Roth to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance No. O2021x03.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilwoman Miers, Councilman Mitchell, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Roth, Councilman Zmigrodski, Mayor Kennedy

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Recusal - None

Absent - Councilman Matlock

Appointments:

There were no appointments at this time.

Authorization to Pay Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Roth and carried to authorize the payment of the purchase orders in the amount of \$21,097.73.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Executive Session:

No executive session was needed at this time.

A motion was made by Councilman Zmigrodski to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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