

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
MAY 24, 2021**

Mayor Kennedy 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 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.

Roll Call:

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

Adoption of Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Zmigrodski, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani with Mayor Kennedy abstaining and all others voting "yes" to adopt the May 10, 2021 workshop meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Mitchell - the BOE has proposed a 0% increase in this year's school budget. They are working on a five-year facilities plan. The craft/food truck event held at the Belvidere Community Pool was well attended.

Councilman Roth - Good Will Fire had 13 calls for service in April. All equipment is operational. The pumper has been repaired and the company is requesting assistance with the cost. JCP&L has identified all poles for the LED project and they will provided a report.

Councilwoman Miers - distributed budget expenditure reports. Sent two emails to Municipal Alliance regarding Council's questions about services and funding. No response was received.

Councilwoman Napolitani - received PD stats for March and April. Averaging 350 calls per month. Judge Lenar has suggested that the court begin some in-person trials to cut down on the backlog.

Councilman Matlock - Environmental Commission is completing the pollinator garden and coordinating the roadside clean-up. The Planning Board has scheduled the completeness hearing for Belvidere Urban Renewal. The Historic Commission has had no applications submitted.

Councilman Zmigrodski - deferred to Mayor Kennedy

Mayor Kennedy - the County has had their last "Mayor's" call for the COVID emergency and they have done a brilliant job with vaccinating the County's residents. Attended a "meet and greet" with Congressman Gottheimer and Governor Murphy. The Shade Tree Commission budget has been frozen due to the cost of the downed tree clean-up on Fourth Street. The cost is now at \$6,500 with invoices still expected from Sunshine and possibly JCP&L. Councilman Zmigrodski suggested that we need a more aggressive approach to our tree management. There was discussion of hiring a professional arborist to formulate a tree trimming and removal plan. The 2022 DOT grant is due at the end of July. The matter is being reviewed by Paul Sterbenz and Councilman Zmigrodski. The Fifth Street project has been completed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Roth and carried authorizing Paul Sterbenz to proceed with advertising the bid for the Paul/Wall Streets project. Reviewing with Councilman Zmigrodski the alleys and working with the County on the mis-striping on Greenwich Street. Met with State at the boat ramp. The port-o-john has been placed and the property is being maintained. Four cars have been removed from the Douglas property and the remainder are scheduled to be removed by the end of the week. Mayor Kennedy will be meeting with Paul Sterbenz, David Gill and Kevin Benbrook regarding the BASF property. The dam removal project is progressing. There will be no Victorian Days this year but a small scale event is in discussion with a 911 recognition, art show, car show and fireworks on September 11th.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Mitchell authorizing Virginia Walton and Belvidere Heritage to move forward with the 911 weekend plans.

There was discussion of roosters and a community calendar on Facebook.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers and seconded by Councilman Matlock to authorize payments pursuant to approvals from Paul Sterbenz for the Fifth Street project.

Roll call:

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

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Recusal - Councilman Zmigrodski

Absent - None

There was discussion of renewing our participation in Municipal Alliance. The requested information has not been received so no action was taken.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Zmigrodski and carried to have one Council meeting in June, July, August, September and October on the second Monday of the month.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence addressed at this time.

Previous Business:

Kevin Benbrook advised on foreclosures on the Great Norther property and 56 Front Street.

A motion was made by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Roth and carried authorizing Kevin Benbrook to proceed with the Great Northern foreclosure including any additional cost that have been incurred.

The 56 Front Street foreclosure will be further addressed at the June Council meeting.

New Business:

No new business was discussed at this time.

Resolutions:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Roth and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2021x33.

RESOLUTION NO. R2021x33

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM MONEYS (block 50, lot 14.03)

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 2020-020 dated October 28, 2020 on block 50, lot 14.03 was redeemed on May 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the premium paid at the sale in the amount of \$1,400.00 needs to be returned to US BANK CUST/PRO CAP 8/PRO CAPITAL MGT II, 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 \$1,400.00 representing said refund.

US BANK CUST PRO CAP 8/PRO CAPITAL MGT II
50 SOUTH 16TH STREET - SUITE 2050
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

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A motion was made by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2021x34.

RESOLUTION NO. R2021x34

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE AND PAY EMPLOYEES FOR THE BELVIDERE POOL

BE IT RESOLVED by the Belvidere Town Council that the following be paid to Pool Utility employees of the Town of Belvidere, and that salaries/hourly wages be effective for the 2021 Pool Utility Season unless otherwise noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Section 6</u>	<u>Salary/Hourly</u>
Beaney, Jake	Lifeguard		11.60
Durr, Andrew	Lifeguard		11.10
Durr, Benjamin	Lifeguard		11.60
Franceschino, Gianna	Lifeguard		11.10
Garzon, Louis	Lifeguard		11.10
Horvath, Grace	Lifeguard		11.10
Hubert, Julie	Lifeguard		11.60
Johnson, Kenna	Lifeguard		11.60
Kelley, Emma	Lifeguard		11.60
LaBar, Ashleigh	Lifeguard		11.60
Marusic, Joseph	Lifeguard		11.60
Serrao, Gabriel	Lifeguard		11.60
Stanski, Christopher	Lifeguard		11.60
Stanski, Elizabeth	Lifeguard		11.10
Teidemann, Allie	Lifeguard		11.10
Carlie, Jonathan	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.10
D'Imperio, Tiffani	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.10
DeYong, Samuel	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.35
Divine, Liela	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.10
Dultz, Taylor	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.10
Eaton, Stephanie	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.10
Henry, Kara	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.35
Horvath, Patrick	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.35
Horvath, Sarah	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.10
Kiminski, Cody	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.35
Mitch, Tucker	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.10
Nikolopoulos, Alexandra	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.10
Peola, Anthony	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.10
Pinto, Gabrielle	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.10
Roberts, Elijah	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.35
Spronz, Jacob	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.10
Zmigrodski, Jack	Front Desk/Snack Bar		11.10

Hubert, Peter	Certified Pool Operator	5,000 per season
Hubert, Peter	Mowing	11.10 per hr
Maquire, Rosemarie	Manager	11,000 per season
Anglum, Max	Assist Manager	12.50
Dultz, Samantha	Assist Manager	12.00

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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 Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried authorizing the payment of the purchase orders as submitted in the amount of \$39,116.41.

Public Comment:

Aaron Perkins - Wurtz Street resident concerned about increase in truck traffic on Market Street. Council had previously advised that new signs would be installed on Manunkachunk Road. Mr. Perkins was advised that this matter will be addressed.

Virginia Walton - suggested reaching out to Google to reevaluate the mapping.

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 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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