

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
AUGUST 9, 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.

Mayor Kennedy added the following items to the agenda: Block 10/Lot 45 survey and sale, Resolution No. R2021x52 and the appointment of the Chairperson of the Pool Commission

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 Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adopt the July 12, 2021 regular and executive meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Public Comment:

Virginia Walton - as an adjacent owner to block 10, lot 45, she will provide a copy of her survey.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Mitchell - attended Pool Commission meeting and pool is operating very well. There was no Board of Education meeting to report on.

Councilman Roth - the gas meter will soon be installed at the Scout Home and the meter has been installed at the pool. The Belvidere Ambulance Corps and Belvidere Emergency Services had 132 calls in July.

Councilwoman Miers - met with CFO and Auditor to discuss the possibility of a bond for road improvements and equipment. A specific list will be needed and the Councilwoman will provide an amortization schedule.

Councilwoman Napolitani - body cameras are on backorder. Manunkachunk truck sign not making a huge difference in the truck traffic. The pay rate for truck tickets has improved. Frelinghuysen and Franklin now have credit card payments available.

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to hire Thomas Tutka as a Police Officer effective 9/1/21.

Councilman Matlock - Environmental Commission continues to work on the pollinator garden and available grants. The Historic Commission has two applications to review.

Councilman Zmigrodski - street sweeping and a fall voucher clean-up have been scheduled.

Correspondence:

Teresa Yeisley read a letter thanking first responders for their efforts during a fire on Depue Street.

Letters of resignation from the Shade Tree Commission were received from Gordon Meyer, Dawn Piazza and Robert Piazza.

Previous Business:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Zmigrodski and carried to offer block 10, lot 45 to Jeffery and Traci Berezny for the cost of a survey plus \$1,000.

New Business:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Zmigrodski, seconded by Councilman Matlock and carried authorizing the necessary street closures for Heritage Day.

A Notice of Intent to Commence Negotiations has been received from Teamsters Local Union No. 469. They will be submitting proposals for a successor labor agreement.

Resolutions:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Roth and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2021x52.

RESOLUTION NO. R2021x52

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY AND OBTAIN A NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM (NPP) GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Town of Belvidere desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately **\$125,000** to carry out a project for neighborhood revitalization activities with Neighborhood Preservation Program funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Belvidere does hereby authorize the application for a such a grant and recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement, and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Town of Belvidere and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons whose names, titles and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Signature

Joseph Kennedy

Name

Mayor

Title

Signature

Teresa A. Yeisley

Name

Municipal Clerk/Administrator

Title

Certification

I, Teresa A. Yeisley, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Town of Belvidere, Warren County, New Jersey do hereby certify the above resolution was duly adopted by the Belvidere Town Council at a regular meeting held on August 9, 2021.

Ordinances:

There were no ordinances to address at this time.

Appointments:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Matlock and carried to appoint Kurt Nillson as Chairman of the Belvidere Pool Commission.

Authorization to Pay Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Roth and carried authorizing the payment of the purchase orders, as submitted, in the amount of \$897,235.06.

Public Comment:

Virginia Walton - Heritage Day has received over \$6,000 in sponsorships. They will have 40 vendors, 4 musical groups, a petting zoo, 10 authors as well as other events. They need to resolve parking issues and they need more volunteers.

The Recreation Committee raised \$240 selling hot dogs at the Duck Race.

Walter Tutka - commented on the absence of the municipal attorney.

Aaron Perkins - requested there be additional maintenance at Hriczak Field.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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