

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
APRIL 1, 2014**

Mayor Stettler opened the budget meeting of the Belvidere Town Council with the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 Star Gazette and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Belvidere Town Hall, 691 Water Street, Belvidere NJ.

Roll Call:

Present - Mayor Stettler, Councilman Kennedy, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Sebold, Councilman Viglianco
Absent - None

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

2014 Municipal Budget Discussion:

Mayor Stettler stated that Dave Evans had advised that all budget decisions need to be completed this evening so that Council can introduce the budget on April 7th.

There was discussion about the purchase of a PD vehicle and the PD having a full-time vs. part-time secretary.

A motion was made by Councilman Sebold to purchase a Chevy Tahoe for the PD through Capital. **No second. Motion fails.**

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy and seconded by Councilman Sebold to purchase a 2014 Ford Police Interceptor through a three-year lease without an extended warranty.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilman Kennedy, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Sebold, Councilman Viglianco

Nays - Mayor Stettler

Abstentions - None

Absent - None

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura and seconded by Councilman Kennedy to reduce the police secretary position to 22.5 hours per week.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilman Kennedy, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers

Nays - Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Sebold, Councilman Viglianco,

Mayor Stettler

Abstentions - None

Absent - None

Motion fails.

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura and seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani to cap the expenditure for patrol hours for special police at \$10,000 leaving outside road duty unrestricted.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilman Kennedy, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Sebold, Councilman Viglianco, Mayor Stettler

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Absent - None

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura and seconded by Councilman Kennedy to reduced the proposed police department S/W by \$10,000, making the total S/W appropriation \$615,000 and adding \$10,000 to the proposed police department O/E, making the total appropriation \$50,000.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilman Kennedy, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Sebold, Councilman Viglianco, Mayor Stettler

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Absent - None

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to recess the Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to return to regular session.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to move forward with John Snyder's recommendations to purchase an F350 truck and an equipment lift for the DPW utilizing the \$50,000 from the sale of the garbage truck.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers and seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani to give a 1% salary increase to non-contractual employees subject to completion of evaluations.

Motion and second withdrawn.

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to reduce the proposed Mayor and Council O/E by \$2,500 and add \$2,500 to the proposed Administration O/E for web design.

Public Comment:

Howard Thompson commented on the budget process and complimented Christine Rolef on her input during the process.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Viglianco and carried to adjourn the budget meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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