

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
MARCH 10, 2015**

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
Absent - None

Public Comment:

Eileen Scott stated that a flat budget with no increase is not fiscally responsible.

Budget Discussion:

Christine Rolef presented updated budget worksheets and advised that she has been working with Councilman Kennedy on reductions.

Councilman Kennedy recommended the following reductions:

DPW salary through attrition
PD salary - no Sergeant
Capital Improvement - cut by \$39,000
Sewer surplus of \$40,000 to current fund
Sub-contract street sweeping and leaf pick-up

Councilwoman Miers advised on the Recreation Committee budget request of \$5,000.

Councilwoman Napolitani advised that there was an \$8,000 reduction to the DPW O/E.

Councilman Makatura reviewed the PD expenditures and the decrease in their S/W budget.

Councilman Kennedy thanked everyone for their hard work on finding reductions in the budget.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers and seconded by Councilman Kennedy to introduce the budget as discussed at the March 16th Council meeting.

Roll call:

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

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Absent - None

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Kennedy and carried to lower the flag at Town Hall to half staff on honor of Gerald Metzgar.

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adjourn the budget meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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