

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
MAY 2, 2016**

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 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 Kennedy, Councilman Fitzgerald, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Tutka
Absent - None

Approval of Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to adopt the April 18, 2016 regular and executive meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Presentation:

Dawn Piazza presented a flag honoring the Town's 20th year as a "Tree City USA". Mrs. Piazza thanked Councilman Miller for participating in the Arbor Day ceremony and presented a gift of appreciation to Mayor Kennedy for his support of the efforts of the Shade Tree Commission.

Public Comment:

Linda Stettler - Belvidere Ambulance Corps, public comment at meetings, meeting recordings, summer meeting schedule

2016 Municipal Budget:

ORDINANCE NO. O2016x04

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CALENDAR YEAR 2016

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Belvidere in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2016 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$87,083 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated, as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Belvidere, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2016 budget year, the final appropriations of the Town of Belvidere shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$87,083 and that the CY 2016 municipal budget for the Town of Belvidere be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated

as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with the said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Belvidere Town Council held on April 4, 2016 and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final adoption by the Belvidere Town Council at a meeting to be held on May 2, 2016 at Belvidere Town Hall, 691 Water Street, Belvidere, NJ at 7:00 P.M. or at any time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance at that time. 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, Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Belvidere Town Council at a regular meeting held on May 2, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. O2016x04.

The ordinance brought no public comment.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Fitzgerald and carried to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. O2016x04.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers and seconded by Councilman Makatura to adopt Ordinance No. O2016x04.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilman Fitzgerald, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Tutka, Mayor Kennedy

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

Absent - None

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to open the public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget.

Harry Brown - Sewer Utility budget, Sewer Utility surplus, amount of sewer moneys used to balance 2015 budget. John Mooney responded to Mr. Brown's questions.

A motion was made by Councilman Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to close the public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers and seconded by Councilman Fitzgerald to adopt the 2016 Municipal Budget as presented at introduction.

Roll call:

Ayes - Councilman Fitzgerald, Councilwoman Miers, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Tutka, Mayor Kennedy

Nays - Councilman Makatura

Abstentions - None

Absent - None

Matters for Discussion:

Belvidere Ambulance Corps

Tracy Marsh, President, introduced Joe Nunes who provided the following information: Working to improve the organization, currently 8 certified EMT's, daytime coverage is a struggle, EMT training course approximately 200 hours, 71 years serving the Town. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Makatura asked what the Town could do to assist the Squad. Mr. Nunes responded with the following suggestions: use of municipal attorney for policy matters, grant writing assistance, permanent recruitment signs, recruitment incentives. This matter will be addressed further at a future Council meeting.

Mayor Kennedy advised that the Belvidere Farmer's Market would not be returning to Belvidere and will be advised that they will not be permitted to use the "Belvidere Farmer's Market" name.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Fitzgerald and

carried to adopt Resolution No. R2016x21.

RESOLUTION NO. R2016x21

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM MONEYS (block 3, lot 2)

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 2013-003 dated October 16, 2013 on block 1, lot 21 was redeemed on April 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the premium paid at the sale in the amount of \$1,100.00 needs to be returned to BANK CUST FOR PRO CAP III, LLC 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 \$1,100.00 representing said refund.

US BANK CUST FOR PRO CAP III, LLC
50 S 16TH ST STE 2050
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102-2513

Date: May 2, 2016
Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Fitzgerald and carried to advertise the following meeting schedule for June and July: June 13th (workshop), June 27th, no meeting July 5th, July 18th.

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried approving raffle license application RA2016-10 for the Evening Star Quilter's Guild.

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried approving a request for street closure for "Cruising on Front", June 3rd, July 1st and August 5th, closing Front Street from Greenwich Street to Mansfield Street contingent upon the approval of Chief Scott.

Approval of Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Councilman Makatura, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried authorizing the payment of the purchase orders in the amount of \$636,466.25

Public Comment:

Rheva Smickle - Belvidere Ambulance Corps

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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