

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN OF BELVIDERE  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
691 Water Street  
May 18, 2015**

Mayor Stettler opened the regular 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 Petre, Councilman Sebold  
Absent - None

**Approval of Minutes:**

A **motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to adopt the May 4, 2015 regular meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

**Executive Session:**

A **motion** was made by Councilman Sebold, seconded by Councilman Petre and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2015x49.

**RESOLUTION NO. R2015x49**

**TOWN OF BELVIDERE**

**WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings act, Chapter 231,P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Belvidere, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter; and
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is:  
Subject: Contract negotiations
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public:  
When Resolved.

Dated: May 18, 2015  
Teresa A. Yeisley, R.M.C./C.P.M.  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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

Katrina Campbell advised the public that the Council was in executive session for approximately thirty-five minutes and discussed COAH litigation. The executive session will resume at the end of the regular meeting to address contractual matters.

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried authorizing Paul Sterbenz and Katrina Campbell to proceed with the necessary work to file a declaratory judgement with the court regarding COAH.

**Presentation:**

Paul Sterbenz advised Council on the following:

The Town received a \$90,000 DOT grant for Phase III of Oxford Street.

An inspection was done on the DPW facility by our insurance carrier and the subsequent report advised that there are structural issues with the building.

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried authorizing an inspection of the DPW facility by a structural engineer from Maser Consulting.

Mr. Sterbenz will work with John Snyder on a spreadsheet of completed and anticipated street repairs

There are three viable locations for consideration of a dog park: Budd Jones Park, property near the Belvidere Pool (permissible by Green Acres) and the upper portion of Hriczak Field.

**Public Comment:**

Howard Thompson - executive sessions at the beginning of the meeting

Donald Hicswa - Belvidere Ambulance Corps response times

**Committee Reports:**

**A motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried authorizing the required street closures for the Memorial Day Parade, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried authorizing the required street closures for Rolling Thunder, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried approving a request from Big Brother/Big Sisters to allow a clothing collection bin on municipal property.

**Previous Business:**

There was discussion regarding the Dog Park ad-hoc committee and a letter to the Budd Jones Park contiguous property owners.

**New Business:**

**A motion** was made by Councilman Sebold, seconded by Councilman Petre and carried to accept, with regret, the resignation of Wendy Riley.

There was discussion regarding the insurance for Victorian Days. Sharon Cooper advised that there needs to be a connection between the Town and Victorian Days in order for the Town to continue to insure the event. Teresa Yeisley will discuss the matter with the Victorian Days Chairwoman.

Mayor Stettler announced that there is grant money available from the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy and liaisons should pass this information on to their committees.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried approving raffle license application R2015-10 for the Warren Hills FFA Alumni.

**Appointments:**

There were no appointments at this time.

**Approval of Purchase Orders:**

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to authorize the payment of the purchase orders in the amount of \$38,823.89.

**Public Comment:**

Rheva Smickle - Rolling Thunder, raffle, Victorian Days

Eileen Scott - Mayor's radio comments, five-year plan

Howard Thompson - Weather Works, Victorian Days

Susan Beall - Victorian Days

Des Fitzgerald - Victorian Days

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Scott and carried to recess the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilman Petre and carried to return to regular session.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Sebold, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to resume the executive session.

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

Katrina Campbell advised the public the Council discussed the sewer contract with White Township in executive session.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Sebold, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 9:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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