

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
OCTOBER 23, 2017**

Mayor Kennedy opened the regular meeting of the Belvidere Town Council with the Pledge of Allegiance. 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, Councilman McAleer, Councilwoman Miers, 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 October 10, 2017 workshop meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Tutka - received list of 20 possible customers on Parker Street with 10 "no reply", 5 "no" and 5 "yes". Gas on Greenwich waiting on permits from Warren County applied for on September 11th. Also waiting on four contracts.

BOE did a test run of live stream of their meeting and received a \$25,000 donation from a former student.

Street light fixed for parade. Pole removal scheduled for 706 Franklin. Tree guide wire at 628 Water has been staked and flagged. Pole across from sewer plant is several weeks away from removal.

Travis Manion Foundation sponsored a service project with Belvidere students at the CCB and the Mayor was there to present a proclamation.

Councilman Fitzgerald - Historic Commission would like more "teeth in their ordinance. Seeking prices for painting at the pool.

Councilwoman Miers - budget updates provided to all of Council in their packets. Meeting with CFO to review engineering costs for 2017.

Councilwoman Napolitani - DPW leveled area at the yard for the trailer. Collecting leaves. Will be painting parking spaces. Town-wide clean-up scheduled for the 28th and 29th. Brush program going well. Councilman Tutka suggested a sign be installed at the brush dump "for Belvidere residents only". Councilman Fitzgerald suggested that there should be some kind of barrier or fence.

Councilman Makatura - PD had 319 calls for service in September including 9 working fires and 97 traffic stops. The Crown Vic is out of service. Chief Scott will explore the purchase of a 2017 leftover.

Councilman McAleer - the ad-hoc committee for the ambulance corps will meeting on the 24th. Good Will Fire had 15 calls in September and 140 man hours. A blood drive has been scheduled for October 30th.

Mayor Kennedy - Council will discuss capital finance and the fire truck at the November 13th workshop meeting.

Correspondence:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Fitzgerald and carried authorizing a temporary handicapped parking spot on Adams Street.

Councilman Makatura will address the PBA contract with the advice of Kevin Benbrook.

John Snyder will investigate the problem tree on Wurtz Street.

The CCB will trim the tree by the Community Center.

Previous Business:

There was no previous business discussed at this time.

New Business:

A **motion** was made by Councilman McAleer, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried approving Raffle License applications RL2017-25 for the Belvidere American Legion and RL2017-26 and RL2017-27 for Washington Nursery School.

Appointments:

There were no appointments at this time.

Approval of Purchase Orders:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani with Councilman Tutka abstaining and all others voting “yes” authorizing the payment of the purchase orders in the amount of \$492,466.33.

While the above motion was on the floor there was discussion regarding transportation and delivery costs for equipment obtained through the 1033 and GSA programs.

Public Comment:

Sue Beale - flatbed trailer can be used for almost anything. Town got a deal on the hauling costs.
Rheva Smickle - glad to hear that the Town has four generators. Worth the cost incurred in getting them here.

Councilman Makatura stated that Council members receive their meeting information the Friday prior to the meeting giving them ample time to ask questions. Councilman Tutka responded that he asks questions about the expenditures for the residents. Kevin Benbrook suggested that Council consider adopting a purchasing procedure.

Councilman Tutka stated that he received a complaint from a resident about drug traffic on Depue Street.

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Napolitani to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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