

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
TOWN OF BELVIDERE  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
691 Water Street  
NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

Mayor Stettler opened the workshop 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, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Petre, Councilman Sebold  
Absent - Councilman Makatura

**Approval of Minutes:**

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to adopt the October 19, 2015 regular and executive meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

**Public Comment:**

Nick Weinstock - Belvidere Free Public Library a waste of resources

**Councilman Makatura joined the Council meeting at 7:15 PM.**

**Matters to be addressed:**

Belvidere Free Public Library finance

Harry Brown - requested that Council rescind resolution requiring maintenance of library building be paid by Library.

Teresa Aicher - gave a presentation of library finances over the last several years

Harry Brown - needs to be a partnership between the Town and the Library

Councilman Kennedy - review of Library finances. Councilman Kennedy and Teresa Aicher debated the financial state of the Library.

John Mooney - explained how the Library appropriation is determined and expressed his concern about the Library meeting their expenses moving forward. There was discussion about the costs for the taxpayer for a town library vs. taking part in the County library system. John Mooney will research this matter further and advise Council.

Councilman Makatura - both the Library and the Town have funding problems.

Teresa Aicher - Library received an exemption from the State Library Board for the mandatory 30 hours of operation.

Municipal Parking

Katrina Campbell advised that the Riverside Park deed has been signed and will be recorded at the County. Councilman Makatura stated that Chief Scott would like to be present to discuss town-wide parking. There was discussion of timed parking, overnight parking, handicapped parking and snow emergency parking. Councilwoman Miers advised that she was approached by Larry Skoog about leasing his downtown parking area. Discussion ensued. Mayor Stettler requested legal advise about the posting of political signs on a property and then that property owner benefitting from a decision made by Council. Katrina Campbell advised that this was not a violation and a matter of free speech.

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers and seconded by Councilman Petre authorizing Katrina Campbell to draft a proposed agreement between the Town of Belvidere and Larry Skoog for the lease of his downtown parking area.

**Roll call:**

**Ayes - Councilman Kennedy, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Miers, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Petre, Councilman Sebold**

**Nays - Mayor Stettler**

**Abstentions - None**

**Absent - None**

**Resolutions:**

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2015x83.

**RESOLUTION NO. R2015x83**

**TOWN OF BELVIDERE**

**WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM MONEYS (block 11, lot 35)**

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 2014-021 dated October 20, 2014 on block 11, lot 35 was redeemed on October 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the premium paid at the sale in the amount of \$400.00 needs to be returned to BANK CUST FOR BV001 TRUST, 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 \$400.00 representing said refund.

US BANK CUST FOR BV001 TRUST  
50 S 16<sup>TH</sup> ST STE 2050  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102-2513

Date: November 9, 2015  
Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Kennedy and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2015x84.

**RESOLUTION NO. R2015x84**

**TOWN OF BELVIDERE**

**WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION TO REFUND 2015 PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Belvidere Town Council hereby authorizes the return of the following 2015 property tax overpayments:

Hoppe, Robert L Jr. 2 Adams Street Belvidere, NJ 07823	\$	245.84
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LM Holdings LLC 7 North River Styx Rd Hopatcong, NJ 07843	\$	283.60
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Date: November 9, 2015  
Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

**A motion** was made by Councilman Petre, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2015x85.

**RESOLUTION NO. R2015x85**

**TOWN OF BELVIDERE**

**WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY AND FOR THE**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**GRANT IDENTIFIER: FS16-103**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Town of Belvidere desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$3,000.00 to fund the following project:

**Green Communities Grant, Community Forestry Management Plan**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Belvidere Town Council resolves that Linda H. Stettler or the successor to the office of Mayor is authorized (a) to make application for such a grant, (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in the amount of not less than \$3,000.00 and not more than \$3,000.00, and © to execute any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Belvidere Town Council authorizes and hereby agrees to match 50% of the Total Project Amount, in compliance with the match requirements of the agreement. The availability of the match for such purposes, whether cash, services, or property, is hereby certified. 50% of the match will be made up of in-kind services (if allowed by grant program requirements and the agreement).

The Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

Certification

I, Teresa A. Yeisley, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Town of Belvidere do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Belvidere Town Council at a meeting held on November 9, 2015.

**Approval of Purchase Orders:**

**A motion** was made by Councilman Petre, seconded by Councilman Kennedy and carried to authorize the payment of the purchase orders in the amount of \$629,274.12.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to adjourn the workshop meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator  
**Absent - None**