

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

Mayor Kennedy opened the workshop 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.

Mayor Kennedy advised that the parking lot lease and library will be discussed in executive session.

Teresa Yeisley administered the oath of office to Charles Makatura.

Roll Call:

Present - Mayor Kennedy, Councilman Fitzgerald, Councilman Makatura, Councilwoman Napolitani, Councilman Tutka,
Absent - Councilwoman Miers

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Fitzgerald and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2016x48.

RESOLUTION NO. R2016x48

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: Litigation
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public:
When Resolved.

Dated: November 14, 2016
Teresa A. Yeisley, R.M.C./C.P.M.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

A motion was made by Councilman Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to return to regular session.

Kevin Benbrook advised the public that COAH litigation and a subsequent settlement proposal was discussed in executive session jointly with the Belvidere Planning Board.

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

carried authorizing the approval of the COAH settlement agreement as presented.

Mark Peck, attorney for Kasson, LLC stated that the was concerned with the settlement agreement and reserves the right to object.

Teresa Yeisley administered the oath of office to Frank Tootle for his promotion to Sergeant.

Gus and Arlene Tishuk presented a framed pre-1939 aerial map of the Town for display in Town Hall.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Fitzgerald and carried to adopt the October 20, 2016 special meeting minutes and the October 24, 2016 regular meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council with the addition of verbiage to the October 20th minutes as request by Councilman Tutka.

Public Comment:

Rheva Smickle read a letter from the churches thanking Mayor Kennedy for dealing with the vandalism at the episcopal church and for taking time to meet with all the clergy to discuss issues in the Town. The churches pledged their commitment to working with the Town on various issues.

Amber and Contsantine Sarivan attended the meeting to introduce their new bakery, Sarivan Bake Shoppe, opening in December in the former Shoe Tree Deli location.

Resolution:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Fitzgerald and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2016x47.

RESOLUTION NO. R2016x47

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SHARING PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE AND THE COUNTY OF WARREN

WHEREAS, County of Warren municipalities may be desirous of utilizing public works equipment and public works employees provided by the County to provide public works services, general maintenance and related services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren is desirous of providing those services to the Town of Belvidere in accordance with the terms of an agreement, a copy of which is on file with the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Uniformed Shared Services & Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq) empowers the County of Warren and the Town of Belvidere to enter into such an agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Town of Belvidere does hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute said agreement as referred to above.

Date: November 14, 2016
Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

Matters to be Addressed:

A motion was made by Councilman Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried accepting a donation of flag banners to be hung at the entrances to Town in conjunction with the work being done by the Economic Development Committee.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried approving Good Will Fire Company membership applications for Dennis Riley and William Eppel.

Councilwoman Napolitani attended a meeting with Mayor Kennedy, Councilman Fitzgerald, Paul Sterbenz and John Snyder regarding the DPW building and street reconstruction matters. **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried authorizing Paul Sterbenz to proceed with the road survey for Second Street.

Appointments:

There were no appointments at this time.

Approval of Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Councilman Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried authorizing the payment of the purchase orders in the amount of \$13,384.92.

Public Comment:

Linda Stettler - invited Mayor and Council to Warren County Economic Development meeting on December 8th at 8:00 AM.

Richard Neumann - thanked first responders for responding to the propane leak at his home on Frelinghuysen Street. Mr. Neumann stated that he had a problem getting a response to his permit questions in a timely manner. Teresa Yeisley advised that she would address the matter and have someone respond to his inquires as soon as possible.

Eileen Scott - concerned about what will happen to bequeathed funds when library is closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to enter back into executive session under Resolution No. R2016x48.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to return to regular session.

Kevin Benbrook advised the public that the Council discussed the recent library referendum and the process of closing same. In addition they discussed the downtown parking lot lease agreement.

A motion was made by Councilman Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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