

**MINUTES - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
691 Water Street
DECEMBER 1, 2014**

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 Sebold

Absent - Councilman Viglianco

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Sebold, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to adopt the November 3, 2014 regular and executive meeting minutes of the Belvidere Town Council.

Oath of Office:

Matthew Scott was sworn in as Chief of Police by Teresa Yeisley.

Public Comment:

Rheva Smickle asked when Bob Yeisley would be receiving recognition by the Council for his years of service.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Makatura - no report at this time.

Councilwoman Napolitani - gave DPW year-end report and submitted DPW and Sewer budgets. The wrap-up of the nutrition center ad-hoc committee is scheduled for December 4th.

Councilman Sebold - submitted PD budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Sebold, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to advertise for a full-time police officer.

A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to advertise for substitute crossing guards.

Councilwoman Miers - reminded all liaisons to make sure that their departments are mindful of their spending. Attended a Sewer Committee meeting where they discussed alternatives for sewer billing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Kennedy and carried requesting a more detailed zoning report and a year-end zoning report.

Councilman Kennedy - provided year-end recreation report. Thanked Chief Yeisley for soliciting donations for lighting the Christmas wreaths. Lights on buildings in downtown area donated by Victoria Meghdir with remaining funds from previous Town events. Thanked DPW for their work at the tennis courts. Attended NJSLOM Conference and sought information on mayoral term.

Councilman Makatura - provided year-end reports on Environmental, Historic and Planning.

Mayor Stettler - receiving good response to emergency preparedness presentation. Attended NJSLOM Conference and was asked to be on the nominating and legislative committees. Also did an interview with Comcast.

Correspondence:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to approve a request for street closure for the Belvidere Fox Trot on April 11, 2015,

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to accept a proposed payment from Warren County in the amount of \$78,963.64 for building permits and inspections.

Old Business:

Councilwoman Miers initiated a discussion about the possibility of another municipality sharing our court. Mayor Stettler reported that she will be scheduling a meeting with John Inscho, Mayor of Liberty Township to discuss this matter.

Councilwoman Miers reported that she researched the deeds for the “Bear Town” Cemetery and found that the cemetery is still owned by the Methodist Church.

New Business:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Kennedy, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to approve raffle license applications R2014-15 and R2014-16 for Project Graduation.

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to approve Good Will Fire Company membership applications for Kevin Hengst and Glen Gingles.

Mayor Stettler polled the Council for their requests for liaison appointments for 2015 and received the following responses:

Councilman Kennedy - finance and PD

Councilwoman Miers - DPW and utilities

Councilman Makatura - PD and finance

Councilman Sebold - no preference

William Murphy - no preference

Resolutions:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to adopt Resolutions R2014x99, R201x100, R2014x101 and R2014x102.

RESOLUTION NO. R2014x99

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM MONEYS (block 8, lot 12)

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 2014-011 dated October 20, 2014 on block 8, lot 12 was redeemed on October 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the premium paid at the sale in the amount of \$1,300.00 needs to be returned to US BANK CUST FOR FNA JERSEY BOI 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 \$1,300.00 representing said refund.

Date: December 1, 2014

Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM

Municipal Clerk/Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. R2014x100

TOWN OF BELVIDERE

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM MONEYS (block 16, lot 26)

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 2014-024 dated October 20, 2014 on block 16, lot 26 was redeemed on October 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the premium paid at the sale in the amount of \$14,000.00 needs to be returned to

FWDSL & ASSOCIATES LP, 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 \$14,000.00 representing said refund.

Date: December 1, 2014
Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

**RESOLUTION NO. R2014x101
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM MONEYS (block 5, lot 31)**

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 2014-008 dated October 20, 2014 on block 5, lot 31 was redeemed on November 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the premium paid at the sale in the amount of \$800.00 needs to be returned to US BANK CUST FOR PC5 STERLING NATL, 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 \$800.00 representing said refund.

Date: December 1, 2014
Teresa A. Yeisley, RMC/CPM
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

**RESOLUTION NO. R2014x102
TOWN OF BELVIDERE
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PREMIUM MONEYS (block 50, lot 14.18)**

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate 2013-037 dated October 16, 2013 on block 50, lot 14.18 was redeemed on October 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the premium paid at the sale in the amount of \$800.00 needs to be returned to US 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 \$800.00 representing said refund.

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Appointments:

There were no appointments at this time.

Approval of Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilman Makatura and carried to authorize the payment of the purchase orders in the amount of \$326,814.17.

Public Comment:

Howard Thompson questioned 2014 budget overages and the status of Councilman Viglianco's Council seat. Dominick Santini advised that Councilman Viglianco still owns his home in

Belvidere.

Des Fitzgerald asked about the status of Riverside Park. Dominick Santini advised that the State is drafting the documents.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilwoman Miers and carried to recess the Council meeting.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Napolitani, seconded by Councilman Sebold and carried to adopt Resolution No. R2014x104.

RESOLUTION NO. R2014x104
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: December 1, 2014
Teresa A. Yeisley, R.M.C./C.P.M.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Miers, seconded by Councilwoman Napolitani and carried to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Town Council at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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