

Belvidere Township Meeting

December 13, 2023

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer – Roberta Murray

Roll Call: Yolanda Lane ___ Forrest Herzog, ___ Tarin Minkel, ___
Andrew Reynolds, ___ Armon Withey ___

Approval of Minutes (November 8 – Regular Meeting, November 10 – Special Meeting and November 30 – Special Meeting)

Public Comments

Agenda Approval

Department/Committee Reports

- Treasurer – Forrest Herzog
 - Account Balances
 - Approve Monthly Expenses
 - ARPA Funds
- Fire Chief – Joshua Herzog
 - Fire Department Improvements
- Zoning Administrator – Dave Kelsey
- Cemetery – Chris Reynolds
- Planning Commission Group – BJ Cogswell or Tarin Minkel
 - Work estimates and approval

Guest

- Jerry McCoy (Montcalm County) - Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption.

New Business

- Budget Draft for 2024-2025 due. Special Budget Meeting January 11 (Thursday) or January 17 (Wednesday) at 6 pm. With Final Special Meeting on February 21 (Wednesday) at 6 pm. The Township Budget Year is April 1, 2024 thru March 31, 2025.
- Michigan Township Association (MTA) – Red Book – Authorities & Responsibilities
- Appointment of Planning Commission Members
- B S & A Software
- Accounting Controls
- Request For Proposal – Annual Audit/Auditor
- County Road Commission Update

Old Business

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- Status on New Website launch.
- Status on Mowing, Plowing and Cemetery Bids and a Contract for current vendor.
- Voting Box Placement.
- Parking Lot Alley – Additional Cost \$11,630.

Board Members Comments

- Montcalm County – Energy Future

Next Meetings:

- Township Offices will be closed December (25 – 29) Christmas Week; January 1 (Monday) for the New Year and January 15 (Monday) King's Birthday.
- Township Treasurer will be at his home office December 29 from (9am to 5pm) for Winter Tax payments.
- Regular Monthly Meeting – January 10, 2023 at 6 pm
- Tamarack Library Report by Dianna Riggleleman, District Library at our regular January Meeting.

Public Comments

Thank You for Attending/Meeting is Adjourned

TOWNSHIP BOARD:

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Belvidere Township Regular Meeting

November 8, 2023

Supervisor Withey called the regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Prayer was given by Roberta Murray.

Roll Call:

Members present: Armon Withey – Supervisor, Forrest Herzog – Treasurer, Tarin Minkel – Trustee, Andy Reynolds – Trustee, Yolanda Lane – Clerk.

Members absent: None.

Approval of the October 11, 2023, minutes from the regular meeting of the Board, motion by Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

Motion by Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee to approve agenda, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Treasurer's report, Forrest Herzog reviewed account balances.

Motion by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, to pay monthly expenses, second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried. Total monthly expenses approved: \$64,555.19.

Fire department report – Chief Joshua Herzog; monthly activity one smoke investigation, 2 gas leaks, and 1 vehicle accident.

Received a state grant in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Motion by Forrest Herzog to set a spending limit of \$5,000.00 (five thousand), for the fire department, second by Andy Reynolds, motion carried.

Motion by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, to allow the fire department to purchase turn-out gear, outside lighting, removal of the sign, wiring for compressor, and gear driers. Purchase total in the amount of \$41,706.85, second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

Zoning report- Dave Kelsey, Zoning Administrator, had six permit requests and two land splits.

Cemetery report- Chris Reynolds, Cemetery Manager discussed the Chapel cleaning estimates for spring cleaning, one cremation burial, and the removal of the military flags. Flags in the chapel and **township** hall are unable to be cleaned. Yolanda Lane, Clerk will be looking into prices for replacing the flags and of disposal of current flags.

Campground report – No report due to the campground being closed for the season.

Planning Commission – Tarin Minkel, Trustee reported the Solar ordinance was completed and sent to the county. Working on amending ordinances: privacy fence, and additional small items for example, pools. Working on short-term rentals ordinance, Leslie, Attorney has provided feedback. Tarin Minkel, Trustee will review and customize documentation provided by Leslie.

New Business:

The county would like the Board to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Tarin Minkel, Trustee, asked for a presentation from the county at our next meeting. Armon Withey, Supervisor, will reach out to them and organize the presentation.

Armon Withey, Supervisor, presented the 2024 budget to the Board. He is looking for input from the Board, at the next meeting.

Motion by Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, to keep the parking lot next to the bank open throughout the year, second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Motion by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, have a special meeting on the Solar ordinance, November 10, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m., second by Yolanda Lane, Clerk. Motion carried.

Book box update – The box is being made by a third party and they will contact us when completed.

Tarin Minkel, Trustee, will add a zoned community on the website.

2023 Audit- Armon Withey, Supervisor, handed out the first eight pages of the Audit. No items to be noted.

Website – Tarin Minkel, Trustee, reported that the website is live and training for township employees is completed. The official website has the extension GOV, this change results in enhanced security. The original website address will redirect to the new site. Armon Withey,

Supervisor, commented that he would like for the monthly meeting agenda to be added to the website. Yolanda Lane, Clerk, asked who received the contact page email, clerk.

Tarin Minkel, Trustee, will follow up on the alley size and when was open vs closed.

Motion by Andy Reynolds, Trustee, to have 10 trees removed around the township in the amount of \$10,000.00, second by Yolanda Lane, Clerk. Motion carried.

Board Comments:

Forrest Herzog, Treasure, asked if any information that the Board would like to add to the tax forms, please provide it soon.

Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, discussed moving back to the office in June. He does not have available dates at this time.

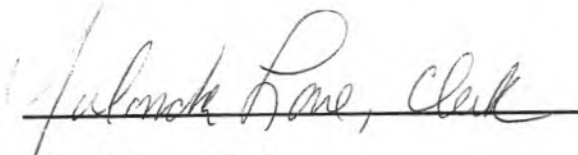
Tarin Minkel, Trustee, asked if Andy Renolds, Trustee, will be running for election 2024. Andy Reynolds, Trustee, commented no.

Next Meeting:

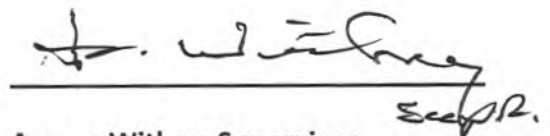
Armon Withey, Supervisor, commented that the office will be closed the week of Thanksgiving.

Next regular meeting – December 13, 2023 at 6:00p.m.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.



Yolanda Lane, Clerk



Armon Withey, Supervisor

BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING
November 10, 2023

Meeting began at 9:03 A.M.

Roll Call: Armon Withey, Supervisor, Tarin Minkel, trustee, Andy Reynolds, Trustee, Yolanda Lane, Clerk.

Absent: Forrest Herzog, Treasurer

Public comments:

Wayne Watts commented that he did not hear the bills get approved at regular meeting. Tarin Minkel, Trustee, commented that there was a motion and board confirmed with regular meeting meetings.

Ken Purchase commented that the Wind and Solar Bills in the state legislature that were recently passed will not take effect until one year after the governor signs them, due to not passing by super majority.

Motion by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, to amend Section C general standards, Part 1 adding "NO LARGE" to sentence and (Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program) to the end, second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

Motion by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, to amend Section C general standards, Part 6 to read the maximum lot coverage ratio for Medium and Large SES, including the solar panel layout, shall be no greater than 40% of the given parcel. Large SES shall not be constructed on parcels less than forty (40) acres. The minimum required may consist of multiple contiguous parcels totaling 40 or more acres., second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

Motion by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, to amend Section C general standards, Part 10 by adding an item vi to subpart b to read Any tree that dies shall be replaced within one year by following the same criteria for size and spacing and removing subpart d, second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

Motion by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, to correct spelling and grammar errors in the document, second by Yolanda Lane, Clerk. Motion carried.

Motion by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, to add Section 2.6, Performance Guarantee, from the Zoning Ordinance to the solar section for reference, second by Andy Reynolds, Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, to amend Section F, Part 14 to add and shall be in the geographic center of the site. The approving body may permit the location of the inverter be moved but no closer to a non-participating property., second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

Motion by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, to change Section C, Part 16 to read the applicant shall submit proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$25,000,000 per occurrence with Belvidere Township listed as additionally insured. Second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

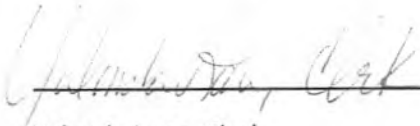
Motion by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, to add for approval by the Montcalm County Road Commission, Michigan Department of Transportation and the Township Board. To Section F, Part 8, second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

Motion by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, to add, third party engineer agreed upon by the Township to Section C, Part 18 and Section F, Part 13, second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

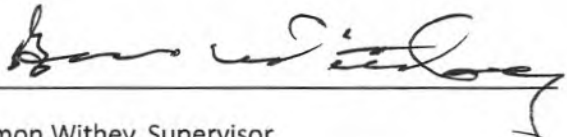
Motion by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, to accept changes to zoning ordinance # 18 to define and authorize solar energy systems, to establish approval procedures and standards for solar energy systems, second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

Tarin Minkel, Trustee, mentioned that changes were to be posted in the newspaper within 10 days of meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 A.M.



Yolanda Lane, Clerk



Armon Withey, Supervisor

Belvidere Township Special Meeting Public Act 191 2023

November 30, 2023

Supervisor Armon Withey called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was given

Prayer was given by township resident Roberta Murray

Roll Call – All members present: Armon Withey-Supervisor, Forrest Herzog-Treasurer, Yolanda Lane- Clerk, Andy Reynolds -Trustee, Tarin Minkel-Trustee

Public comments

Ken Purchase – Asked if the audit was on the website. Tarin will post it.

New Business

Public act 191 2023 amends property exemption. The change is that a 75% eligibility was added. Could be retroactive up to one year

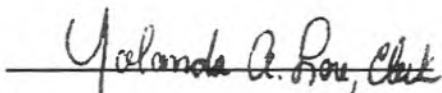
Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, made a motion to accept resolution 2023-02. Second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carries.

Roll Call

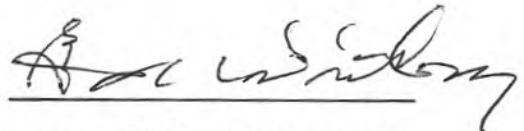
Minkel-Trustee, yes, Herzog -Treasurer, yes, Reynolds –Trustee, yes, Lane-Clerk, yes, Withey, Supervisor, yes

Andy Reynolds, Trustee, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, second. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Yolanda Lane, Clerk



Armon Withey, Supervisor

BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP

COUNTY OF MONTCALM

Meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Belvidere, Montcalm County, Michigan, held in Belvidere Township Hall, on the 30th, day of November, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time, at which a quorum of the members was present, the following resolution was offered by Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, and seconded by Andrew Reynolds, Trustee.

Resolution No. 2023-02

A resolution expressing support of PA 191 of 2023 amending both MCL 211.7u and MCL 211.53.

WHEREAS, Belvidere Township wishes for its residents to automatically be re-enrolled into a poverty property tax exemption for the 2023 tax year if the accessor determines that the homeowners are still eligible for the exemption.

WHEREAS, the July and December Board of Review is to grant a poverty exemption for the immediately preceding year on the principal residence of a person who establishes eligibility as required by Section 7u if an exemption was not on the assessment roll and was not previously denied.

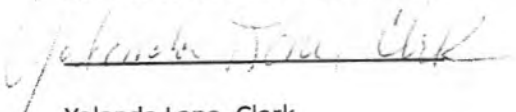
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Belvidere Township resolves as follows:

To recognize PA 191 of 2023 effective immediately for all township residents.

AYES: Armon Withey, Supervisor, Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, Andrew Reynolds, Trustee, Tarin Minkel, Trustee, Yolanda Lane, Clerk.

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Yolanda Lane, Clerk
Township of Belvidere
Montcalm County, Michigan