

Belvidere Township Regular Meeting  
February 14, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance was given

Prayer was given by Roberta Murray

Members Present: Armon Withey-Supervisor, Forrest Herzog-Treasurer, Tarin Minkel-Trustee, Andy Reynolds-Trustee.

Members absent: Yolanda Lane-Clerk

Motion by Andy-Trustee to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2024 regular meeting and to approve the minutes from the January 11 Special budget Meeting. This motion was seconded by Tarin-Trustee. Motion carried. Following corrections noted to the January Township Regular Meeting: Yolanda-Clerk ran meeting when Supervisor Withey left. Excel subject was mentioned by Sheila Smith vs Nancy Snyder.

**Public Comments:**

Ken Purchase presented a report on the behalf of Citizens for Local Choice.

Forrest-Treasurer moves to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Andy-Trustee. Motion carried.

Easement for Gas Facilities: Martin Miller of Consumers Energy gave a presentation on where a replacement gas pipe line will be placed in Belvidere Township, near Hillcrest Cemetery. The Township will receive a onetime payment of \$3,000.00. The new pipeline will run parallel to existing pipeline. A map has been left at the Township Hall for viewing. Motion by Forrest-Treasurer, seconded by Andy-Trustee to accept proposal from Consumers energy. Motion carried.

Forrest Herzog-Treasurer presented Treasurer and Expense Report. Motion to pay bills by Forrest Herzog, seconded by Andy Reynolds. Motion carried.

Josh Herzog-Fire Chief-presented his monthly report. Forrest-Treasurer made motion to allow up to \$1,400.00 of expense toward install of 800 mhz radio in fire department from Pro Comm. Seconded by Andy-Trustee. Tarin-Trustee moved to amend the motion that expenses would come from fire millage funds. Seconded by Andy-Trustee. Motion carried.

Discussion on excessive burning/blight near Townline Lake. Tarin-Trustee will look into this.

Tarin-Trustee made motion to accept Eric Lathrop on the Belvidere fire department, seconded by Forrest-Treasurer. Motion carried.

Dave Kelsey-Zoning Administrator presented his monthly report.

Christy Reynolds-Cemetery Manager presented her monthly report.

B.J. Cogswell-Planning Commission Group presented a monthly report. Next meeting in April. Will work on Townline Lake issue of burning/blight issues.

**New Business:**

Boat Launch at Schmied Park Plat, State will not take over this launch until an amendment stating that the Township owns it is made. This is our third attempt to give to DNR. This will be discussed at the next budget meeting.

Election for Presidential Primary February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Forms for running for Belvidere Township office need to be turned in by April 23, 2024 to the Clerk.

Contract for Heckman & Son has been submitted to a lawyer and is being worked on.

Rental of Township Classrooms were discussed. A motion by Tarin-Trustee, seconded by Andy-Trustee at a rate of \$30.00 for Sunday. Andy-yes, Tarin-yes,

Forrest-no, Armon-abstained. The Township Board will discuss and decide future usage of space at the March meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion on gym usage for Montabella Middle School softball for Mondays & Thursdays Andy-Trustee made the motion that the Montabella Middle School softball team may use the gym on Mondays and Thursdays for free. Forrest supported. Amon-Supervisor yes, Andy- yes, & Forrest- yes, Tarin-no. Motion carried.

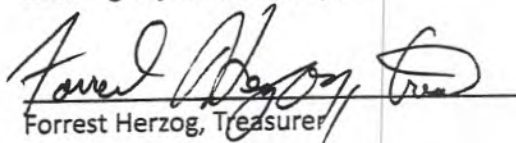
Montcalm Conservation District Kayak Fundraiser. Andy-Trustee to check back with the Montcalm Conservation District.

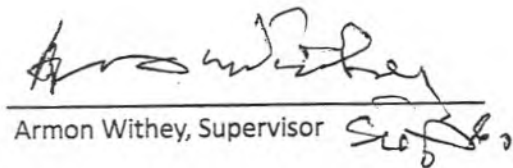
Township Park Rental, Sea on 2024 to be discussed at Budget Meeting.

Old Business:

Status Report on BS & A Software - none available at this time. Purchase of recorder to assist in note taking - to be discussed after budget year.

Public Comments given  
Meeting adjourned 8:42 p.m.

  
Forrest Herzog, Treasurer

  
Armon Withey, Supervisor