

Belvidere Township Regular Meeting March 13, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance was given

Prayer by Roberta Murray

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

Members absent: Yolanda Lane - Clerk

Motion to approve February monthly meeting minutes and Special meeting minutes by Forrest, 2nd by Andy, motion carried.

Public Comments: Concerns brought up on correct procedures for replacing officers, by Pauline Stuller. Concerns from Doug Smith on a neighboring pig farm not being recognized on his property tax base. Ken Purchase commented on political happenings in Michigan.

Forrest made motion to amend March agenda, 2nd by Andy. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report & Monthly Expense Report presented by Forrest Herzog, Twp Treasurer. Motion made by Tarin, 2nd Andy to accept treasury details and pay bills pending appointment of a clerk, motion carried.

2024-2025 Township Budget Meeting date, scheduled for March 28, 2024 at 6pm will be posted for six days in newspaper, Forrest will do.

Joshua Herzog, Belvidere Fire Chief presented his monthly report. Motion by Forrest to approve fire department spending approval for \$15,050 with payment after April 1st, 2024. 2nd by Andy motion carried.

Forrest Herzog gave the Zoning report in Dave Kelsey's absence.

B.J. Cogswell presented the Planning Commission report and announced there are two openings on the committee at this time.

Christy Reynolds, Cemetery Manager presented her monthly report.

New Business: Yolanda Lane resigned from Belvidere Township Clerk position on February 29, 2024. Motion to accept Yolanda's resignation by Forrest, 2nd by Andy, motion carried.

Judy Spring and Sheila Smith were nominated for clerk, both gave statements regarding why they would like the position. Motion by Tarin, 2nd by Andy to appoint Judy Spring, deputy clerk as clerk, Vote: Forrest no, Andy yes, Armon yes, Tarin yes. Judy Spring was sworn into office after the monthly meeting.

Pat Stuller, withdrew his resignation from the Planning Commission at the March Monthly meeting. Motion by Tarin, 2nd by Andy to accept Marsha Pants resignation from the Planning Commission, motion carried.

Boat Launch has been turned over to state and will proceed, payment to the state will not occur till after April.

2024 Road Contracts – tabled

Forms need to be filled out if you plan on running for an office for Belvidere Township, this form needs to be handed into The Township Office by April 23, 2024 to the Clerk.

Contract for Heckman & Son – tabled

Montcalm Conservation District will be doing Kayak Fundraiser on June 15, 2024 First Lake.

Point Broadland – METRO Act-of-Way permit extension request, motion to accept by Forrest, 2nd by Andy, motion carried.

Manager position for First Lake Campgrounds will be tabled till next month. The camping fees will remain at \$35 for the 2024 camping season.

Volunteers needed for May 11, 2024 Refuse Pickup from 8am till noon.

Judy gave report on February 27, 2024 Primary vote turnout.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Bob McParland, our former Park Manager on June 2nd 2024. The Church of the Gentle Shepherd is planning this event, it will be held the First Lake Pavilion. Forrest moves to waive rental fee for this event, 2nd by Armon, motion carried.

Tarin moves to go with Gabridge & Company to perform audit, 2nd by Forrest motion carried.

Motion by Andy, 2nd by Tarin to keep the Holiday Decoration Contract with the same company as last year, motion carried.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) procedure. - tabled

Old Business: BS&A Software not available till 2025, Judy will get necessary info to the Company.

B.J. gave updated report on burning/blight issues at Townline Lake. Tarin, B.J. and Dave will continue working on this issue.

Recorder for help in note taking. tabled

Board Comments: Forrest looking at getting hardware for internet connections updated at Township offices. Andy requested ideas for ARPA spending be brought to next meeting.

Public Comments: Marvin Fountain voiced concerns about road repairs. Tarin explained the process in selecting roads to be repaired.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Judy Spring, Clerk

Armon Withey, Supervisor

