

Belvidere Township Special Meeting - Budget 2024-2025

March 28, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance was given

Prayer by Roberta Murray

Board members present: Armon Withey, Supervisor, Judith Spring, Clerk, Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, Tarin Minkel, Trustee, Andy Reynolds, Trustee

Motion to accept the 2024-2025 budget made by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, supported by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Discussion regarding wages for the Township secretary, Treasurers Deputy and the Treasurer. Wherein Tarin Minkel, Trustee moved to amended her motion to accept the budget to include increasing the hourly wage for the Township Secretary, Clerk's Deputy and Treasurer's Deputy to \$15 per hour. Andy Reynolds supported the amendment.

Amended motion, made by Tarin Minkel voted on.

Amendment carried with votes: Tarin Minkel, Trustee – yes, Andy Reynolds, Trustee – yes, Judy Spring, Clerk – yes, Forrest Herzog, Treasurer – No, Armon Withey, Supervisor – Abstained

Salary Resolution: **Supervisor** – Motion by Tain Minkel, Trustee - \$12,000 per year, supported by Forrest Herzog, Treasurer. Minkel, yes, Reynolds, yes, Spring, yes, Herzog, yes, Withey no. Supervisor's salary remains the same at \$12,000 annual. Motion passes.

Salary Resolution: **Clerk** – Motion by Armon Withey – Supervisor to increase the salary of the clerk from \$18,060 due to increase in work load to \$28,000 per year. Tarin Minkel, Trustee supported. Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, motioned to amend the salary to \$24,000 per year, no supporting 2nd. Motion fails. Original motion for the clerk salary at \$28,000 passes with Minkel – yes, Reynolds – yes, Spring - yes, Herzog – no, Withey abstains. Motion passes

Salary Resolution: **Treasurer** – discussion on increasing the Treasurers salary from \$16,000 annual to \$20,000 annual. Armon Withey, Supervisor motioned to make the increase to \$20,000, Forrest Herzog, Treasurer supports. Minkel - no, Reynolds - no, Spring - no Herzog - yes, Withey- abstains. Motion does not pass. Motion by Minkel for the Treasurers salary at \$16,000 supported by Spring. Minkel – yes, Forrest – abstains, Reynolds – yes, Spring – yes, Withey abstains. Motion passes.

Salary Resolution: **Trustee** – Armon Withey, Supervisor motioned the salary for each Trustee remain at \$4,400 per year. Andy Reynolds, Trustee – supported. Minkel – yes, Reynolds – yes, Spring, yes, Herzog – yes, Withey – abstains.

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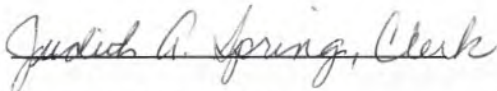
Armon Withey, Supervisor - Motion to spend \$16,000 from county ARPA funds to pay for fence around the Evergreen Cemetery, Andy Reynolds - Trustee Supports. Withey – yes, Herzog – yes, Spring – yes, Minkel – no, Reynolds – no. Motion passes.

Armon Withey, Supervisor – Motion to spend up to \$22,000 from the County ARPA funds for fire department showers. Forrest Herzog, Treasurer supported. Withey amends motion to use Federal ARPA funds, supported by Herzog. Withey - yes, Herzog – yes, Minkel- yes, Reynolds, yes, Spring – yes. Motion passes.

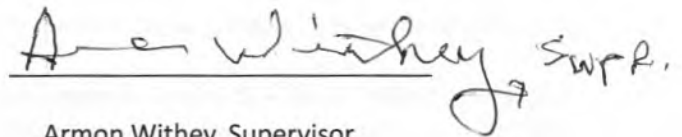
Board Comments: Tarin Minkel, Trustee – the board responded to the 2022-2023 audit deficiencies, to the state Treasury Department, the letter states deficiencies would be corrected by May 31, 2024.

Public comments: Bud Spring due to local tree trimming by the power companies a slice of a white oak tree more than 200 years old could be donated to the township. Spring thought we might put the slice on display at the township museum with tags on the ring for the year of significant happenings in the area. i.e. the date the township was begun etc. Motion by Withey to take with the museum operators and put this on site. Supported by Spring. Bud Spring to head up the project. All Board members in agreement.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.



Judith A. Spring, Clerk



Armon Withey, Supervisor

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