

**Belvidere Township Regular Meeting
May 8, 2024**

Clerk, Judy Spring called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was given

Prayer by Roberta Murray

Members Present: Judy Spring- Clerk, Forrest Herzog-Treasurer, Tarin Minkel-Trustee, Andrew Reynolds, Trustee

Motion by Tarin Minkel-Trustee to approve April 2024 monthly minutes and April 22, 2024 Special Meeting, 2nd by Andy Reynolds, motion approved

Public comments- Nancy Snyder asked that the April 22, 2024 minutes be corrected to show the correct spelling of her last name to Snyder

Treasurer Report- due to the Interview of potential Supervisor candidates the treasurer gave a brief update with statements and asked the public to review his printed report and let him know if there are questions. No questions were asked

Joshua Herzog, Belvidere Fire Chief, gave update on the fire department and firefighters attended training on EV accidents

Dave Kelsey, Zoning Administrator, not in attendance

Christy Reynolds-Cemetery Manager, gave cemetery report and asked if we could have a small amount of money set aside for burial of people with no funds and could the Township pay Heckman & Sons for the Burial of the Johnson family remains, \$150 for the grave opening/closing since they did not have the funds but had the need. Motion by Tarin Minkel to table the issue until we find out if that is something the Township can legally do. 2nd by Andy Reynolds. Motion passes.

Memorial Day Service at the cemetery will be on May 27, 2024 with special guest speaker. Noted that we should order the small grave site flags for next year now as we use only new flags each year.

BJ Cogswell, Planning Commission, still working on Ordinance updating and Public Hearing on short term rentals will be June 11, 2024. BJ asked that we consider adding D'Ann L. Fountain to the planning commission tonight so the PC can move along. Motion to add D'Ann L. Fountain to the planning commission for the remainder of the term until 12/31/2025 by Judy Spring, 2nd by Tarin Minkel, unanimous yes vote, motion passes.

Judy Spring, Clerk read an excerpt from Insights Magazine regarding what it might be like to be a board member.

Supervisor Interviews –

Rose Badgero (no show,) Dr Jennifer Drumm (no show,) James Durga, Jeffery Lemire (no show,) Leighton Murray, Kenneth Purchase

Each of the prospects present gave an introduction of themselves. The Board had a Q&A and then voted. Forrest Herzog motioned to appoint Leighton Murray to the interim Supervisor position, Forrest Herzog, Tarin Minkel and Andy Reynolds voted yes, Judy Spring no. Leighton Murray is the appointed Supervisor for the remainder of the term. Elections to fill the position for a full term will take place November 5, 2024.

Leighton spoke about some of his ideas for the township.

New Business:

Report by Blaine Gebhardt, Trusted Solutions, LLC, on the completion of the work to get all of the townships bank accounts reconciled, adjustment of the payroll setup to identify wages by position and employee, corrected payroll liabilities to current, adjusted Chart of Accounts to reflect spending categories used by the Township, Adjusted Chart of Accounts to coincide with State of Michigan Uniform Chart of Accounts, Re-organized Chart of accounts to report fund totals separately for budgeting and financial reporting, Created the FY 2024-2025 budget in Quickbooks, Provided Budget to Actual Report, Trained Clerk in processes to provide accurate tracking and reporting of funds.

During this process there were questions and comments made by the audience.

Update on BS&A software. Proposed go date is late September or early October, 2024

Campground opens May 17, 2024. Rockafellow's will be leveling some of the campsites. Hanging electrical wire repaired by Brooks Electric.

Forrest Herzog- discussed moving CD's to other banks

Judy Spring discussed Forrest and Judy being contacts for audits

Forrest moves to pay the bills, Andy Reynolds 2nd, motion carries

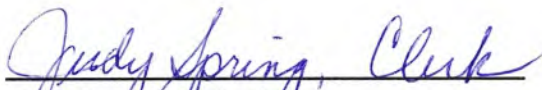
Public Comments:

Chad Ashcroft complained that the information on the website is not updated soon enough. Tarin Minkel stated that the version you are using makes a difference. The handheld device version vs the computer version is not as user friendly as it could be. Tarin Minkel to see if there is a way to improve what we have.

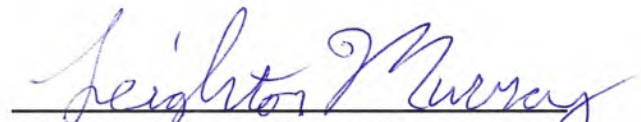
Brian Vogel stated he is having trouble with building permit for a garage and is very frustrated questioning if legal action is required. Suggestion made for Brian to make appointment with new Supervisor, Leighton Murray to go over what's happening and to see what help he can be.

Additional Public Comment offered – none given

Meeting adjourned 9:02 p.m.



Judy Spring, Clerk



Leighton Murray, Supervisor