

BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6PM by Supervisor Lee Murray

Pledge of Allegiance was given

Prayer given by Roberta Murray

Approval of the May 8, 2024 and May 23, 2024 Special meeting requested, motion by Forrest Herzog to approve, 2nd by Tarin Minkel, voice vote approval, no nays.

Motion by Lee Murray, Supervisor to approve the June 12, 2024 agenda, 2nd by Tarin Minkel, voice vote approval, no nays.

Supervisor comments – Lee Murray, new Supervisor said thank you for the appointment and he will work for the good of the future.

Public comments - Nancy Snyder wanted to clarify clerk training is for 6 months, it is. Sandy Gomes- the playground behind the township building needs to be repaired. It is dangerous for the kids to play on.

Department/Committee Reports

Treasurer – gave everyone a written report of funds, bills to pay etc. If there are any questions he will answer specific questions during the meeting. Motion to approve/pay bills by Tarin Minkel, 2nd by Forrest Herzog, voice vote, passes unanimously.

Fire Chief – No runs this month, one small grass fire

Zoning Administrator –

Cemetery –

Planning Commission –

New Business

Manifest Way – Paving of the road is complete, County Road Commission approved the work. Motion to approve the work and signed off by Forrest Herzog, 2nd by Judy Spring Discussion of the road being private and ultimately to be gated. The township of Belvidere is taking no responsibility for the road or what that does to the response time for the fire Department. The Fire Chief noted they have a pass key but the response time would also be longer. Voice vote to pass is unanimous.

Supervisor's appointment to the planning commission – due to the supervisor not being at the last meeting where the board approved the appointment of D'Ann Fountain, the Supervisor will provide a resolution to uphold that appointment. Motion to accept the resolution by Forrest Herzog, 2nd Andy Reynolds Voice vote passes – unanimously. Conversation about another appointment the Supervisor is making for the planning Commission. Supervisor said he wants to

appoint Jason Kirschman, motion to appoint Lee Murray, 2nd by Forrest Herzog. Judy Spring asked about there being a woman present at the last planning commission meeting asking about being on the planning commission. What about her? Supervisor Murray said he talked with her and told her he had been talking with Jason for a long time. Question was asked by Spring why he couldn't consider both of them as this didn't seem fair. Supervisor said it's his right to make the appointment, Spring agreed but added the board must approve the appointment. Motion to approve Jason Kirschman to the planning commission by Lee Murray, 2nd by Forrest Herzog. Roll Call vote: Lee Murray, Supervisor – yes, Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, yes, Andy Reynolds, Trustee, yes, Judy Spring, Clerk, no, Tarin Minkel, Trustee, no. Motion passes: 3 yes, 2 no.

BS&A change request: the change request is to add the cemetery section as a .net to the new computer programming. Cost is total net changes \$4,115. To transition to the cloud in the future is \$1,370 for training, implementation and travel expenses. This was included in our contract which was why the cost at the time of the contract was less than quoted. This brings the amount back to the approximate quote figures. Motion to approve the change request, Tarin Minkle, 2nd Judy Spring. Voice vote, motion passes unanimously.

Concrete quotes for 1st Lake Campground: Andy Reynolds, Trustee gave quotes which were not close in price but the board and Andy were not sure of specifics quoted. Andy to go back to the vendors and ask for specifics on the depth of concrete etc. so we can compare what they are offering. This is tabled until the July meeting.

Maintenance Supervisor's Pay- due to the pay increase of other township employees and the fact that the maintenance manager uses his personal truck, tools and doesn't get paid for mileage or insurance, he is asking for a wage increase to \$20 per hour from \$15. All board members agree the maintenance manager is saving the township a lot of money and deserves the increase. During discussion of what is appropriate, Forrest Herzog, Treasurer suggested we give the manager a \$5,000 Bonus to cover his past and present costs as well as the raise. Judy Spring disagreed as this might cover past and present costs but what about future costs. There has to be a better way to make this situation fair. This question was tabled till July as we all look for better ways and may be resolved retroactively at that time.

Old Business –

Campground WIFI – no quotes back yet, table till July meeting

Additional Business -

Lee Murray Supervisor moves to accept the resignation of Paul and Verna Drobish for personal reasons, 2nd by Tarin Minkel, voice vote, motion passes unanimously.

Notes: Treasurer not moving back to office this year due his wife's broken ankle/surgery
Refuse Day – Jolene Sweet was asked about disposal of tires. We will see what the cost is to add tires to the refuse on cleanup day but the citizens would have to help unload the tires. We may also reroute the waiting lines due to the problem it poses for the businesses in Six Lakes or we may move the location for the clean up pick up next year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM