

BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m. by Leighton Murray, Supervisor

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer -Ken Purchase

Approval of June, 12, 2024 minutes —Tarin Minkel, Trustee moved to approve the minutes with amendment adding the approval of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance, Andy Reynolds - Trustee, 2nd. Voice vote was unanimous, minutes approved.

Agenda Approval - Motion to approve the agenda by Judy Spring, Clerk, 2nd by Andy Reynolds, Trustee, voice vote - unanimous, agenda approved.

Public comments -

Jason Evans, running for prosecutor in the August 6, election spoke on his background, and why he is running for the position. Gave \$20 towards flowers for the Dale Murray funeral.

Manifest Way, Brian Vogel asked if since the street project has been approved have all the other problems been solved so he can get a building permit? Tarin Minkel texted Melissa Zemla, Assessor for information. Melissa responded to text, everything is good, Vogel's can apply for a building permit. The Lot division at this site was done and approved in January 2024. Belvidere Township will not be taking action on any other items. There still needs to be clarification of lots owned by Scott as to where the lots and road goes.

The planning commission has approved the short-term rental and fence/wall ordinances. Application fee to be \$50. Township needs app binder for short term rentals. Tarin Minkel moves to accept the STR application, 2" by Leigh Murray. Voice vote is unanimous, motion carries.

Minkel moves to accept the Fence/Wall amendment requiring a zoning permit to construct, Leigh Murray 2nd. Voice vote is unanimous, motion carries. I believe this was a roll call vote. Minkel moves to accept the updated fee schedule. 2' by Leigh Murray. Voice vote is unanimously approved, motion carried.

Open position on Board of Review - Leigh to reach Out to Susan Ingersol as he has already spoken to her.

Department/Committee Reports

Forrest Herzog, Treasurer speaks on the monthly bills. Tarin Minkel, Trustee, moves to pay monthly bills. Leigh Murray 2. Forrest Herzog complains he isn't getting the reports he wants. Tarin Minkel asks the clerk if there is a Budget to Actual report. Judy Spring, clerk answers no as she received information from the Treasurer 36 hours before the meeting.

Fire Chief Josh Herzog 1 grease fire. The fire Chief also requested uniforms for a few of the fire fighters who will represent the township as Honor Guards at public ceremonies. We currently have 2 that need uniforms. Each uniform is approximately \$1,000 and will become the property of the fire fighters since the uniform will be tailored to fit. He is also asking for a change of clothing for the fighters after a fire i.e. sweats for around \$100 to \$150 each. He

would like to be able to pay for this out of the fire Depart budget. Forrest Herzog moves to allow up to \$3,500 to be spent on uniforms and clothing. Leigh Murray 2nd. Voice vote, unanimous, motion carries.

Cemetery

Thanks to BJ Cogswell for unlocking the cemetery gates during the July 4 holiday.

BJ - Planning Commission, Fences and Walls will need a permit. Above ground pools will be needing a permit. Planning Commission is working on changes to the current ordinance. Next Planning Commission meeting moved to September, 2024.

New Business

WEX (Marathon) Card, interest rate going up nearly double. Talked about having our own small gas tank at the fire barn. Josh Herzog to get more information on the costs involved. This item tabled until next meeting.

Campground Manager resigned unexpectedly, since Andy Reynolds has been the campgrounds overseer for years he asked Lois Palmer and Christy Reynolds to help him out until another manager could be hired. They did. After about two weeks Andy found a replacement, talked to him over a few days and found him to have all the attributes needed so he hired him. Comments since then are that the bathrooms are the cleanest ever and the revenue is up significantly. Andy Reynolds moves to make Tracy Nathan the permanent campground manager, Leigh Murray 2nd. Voice vote, unanimous, motion carries. Forrest Herzog complained that positions functioning for the township, we should have had a special meeting, this shouldn't have been Andy's decision alone.

Horseshoe Lake Weed Control, are the signatures valid? Are there enough signatures? No one knows as yet; residents were advised to contact the County Drain Commissioner.

Park

Pet Waste stations at the campground, metal stations \$200-\$250 each, we need three (3). Cigarette receptacles at bathhouse, \$100 for each metal one, we need two (2), mail box - can get deposits 6 days a week (large size.) Small tools are also needed at the campground. Forrest Herzog moves to spend up to \$2,000 for all of the above needs, 2nd by Leigh Murray, voice vote is unanimous. Motion carries.

Election Inspectors hourly pay needs to be competitive. Judy Spring moves to pay Inspectors \$15 and Chairperson \$20. 2nd by Leigh Murray. Roll call vote-Tarin Minkel, yes, Leigh Murray, yes, Andy Reynolds, yes, Judy Spring, yes, Forrest Herzog, no. Motion carries.

Talked about CMS for new phone system and WIN at the fire barn, office and campground. Can we get by August 61h? Tabled until August meeting.

BS&A, moving along, go live date is August 19, 2024.

Dock quotes, concerns about having docks and the problems they may cause. Tabled as we may have been too premature.

Cement quotes, Skinner quote the best. Tarin Minkel moves to go with Skinner and do the handicap pad at the roadside park, the steps at the campground and the alley with ARPA funds. 2nd by Judy Spring, voice vote is unanimous, motion passes.

Evergreen Cemetery fence - chain link Heckman was asked for a quote, none was received. Cedar Spring Fence, LLC. provided a quote. Forrest Herzog moves to fence the cemetery out of ARPA monies, Tarin Minkel 2nd, unanimous voice vote, motion passes.

Maintenance pay - Tarin Minkel moves to offset the use of the maintenance manager's personal vehicle, tools and gas we should move to raise by raising the compensation to \$25 per hour. 2 by Leigh Murray, voice vote unanimous, motion carries. Leigh Murray moves to also cover the cost of the deductible for any damage to the vehicle while working on township business up to \$2,000. Judy Spring 21. Motion passes unanimously by voice vote.

Ferris Rd and Lake Montcalm chip and seal in progress, Road Commission will come back to finish.

Tire Pickup, Lois Palmer- last fall cost was \$3,000, maybe a grant for the spring?? Township will have to supply labor to move the tires. Forrest Herzog moves to have the tire pickup, 2nd by Andy Reynolds. Motion carried.

Motion to pay Lois Palmer and Christy Reynolds for the 2 weeks they worked the campground by splitting the funds that would have been paid to the manager by Leigh Murray 2nd by Tarin Minkel, voice vote passes unanimously.

Schmied Park boat launch, garbage mess, Nancy Snyder went and cleaned up the mess, took the barrel away and ordered a sign "Take your trash with you" Thank you, Nancy

Meeting adjourned