

**Town of Belvidere
REGULAR MEETING
August 8, 2023, 7:00 PM
Cochrane VFW Post 10406**

Chairman Ron Speltz called the meeting to order. All Board members present and two residents. The meeting notice was published in the Buffalo County News and the full agenda posted per WI Statutes 19.84 on August 3, 2023. A Motion by Supervisor Ron Kazmierczak was made to approve the Minutes as provided to board members in lieu of reading out loud. Supervisor Lee Engfer seconded the motion. Carried.

Treasurer Barbara Brommer gave the Treasurer's report and Investment Summary. Balance on hand as of tonight is \$34,595.64 in the General Checking Account. It was noted that Barb will redeem the \$250,000 CD at Waumandee State Bank when due on August 10th. Ron Kaz made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Lee seconded the Motion. Carried.

The Clerk presented the bills for payment. Monarch Paving will be paid after the CD is deposited into the General Checking Account by Barb. A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Ron Kaz to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: ORDINANCE 2023-01: BROADBAND FORWARD COMMUNITY ORDINANCE was presented for discussion. A Motion was made by Ron Kaz to approve and sign. Lee 2nd the Motion. The Motion passed with YES – 3 NO – 0.

Shawn Squires, CCT, gave an update on the PSC Broadband Grant Program. PSC approved on July 21, 2023 the next application period, which will close November 4th. Shawn also appeared before the Buffalo County Board to request grant monies. The Board approved a \$75,000 Grant for the Town of Belvidere to complete the project. The FCC approved on August 3rd a Telecommunication Companies program. This means that TDS could oppose CCT providing wireless internet to the area in the Town of Belvidere and complete themselves. Shawn gave TDS's contact information and Lee will contact to find out what TDS plans to do. Hopefully a timely response will be received from TDS.

Robert Polus has applied for a Driveway Permit and paid the fee. After discussion, Lee made a motion to approve 2023-05 Driveway Permit. Ron Kaz 2nd – Motion carried.

ROAD UPDATE: On August 4th, Chairman Speltz met with Monarch Paving to resolve a few issues with the bid project. He is confident all issues will be OK and the final bill can now be paid to Monarch Paving.

Chairman Speltz has been contacted by BNSF Railroad concerning the railroad crossing road painting signs. He reported that Buffalo County Highway Commissioner Platteter is working with Trempealeau County Highway Department to complete with their machine

2024 LRIP PILOT PROGRAM - The Town is up for a county LRIP project in 2024. The Town is planning to apply to complete blacktopping Foegen Road. The LRIP funding could be \$15,000 depending on projected project costs.

LAND USE PLAN UPDATE – County Land Management office, Briar Golden, will now be working on updating town plans with assistance from Carl Duley. Lee will find out when Belvidere can start working on the updated plan with Land Management's assistance.

2024 ASSESSOR CONTRACT with Kleven Property Assessments, LLC. Discussion held on new contract provided by Eric Kleven for 2024. Ron Kaz made a Motion to approve and sign. Lee 2nd the Motion – Motion carried.

The next Regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7 pm. WTA is holding a Fall Workshop Training on September 19th in Eau Claire. Ron Kaz plans to attend for the Town of Belvidere.

At 7:45 pm Ron made a motion to adjourn with Lee seconding. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M Ruff

Deborah M. Ruff, Clerk