

Town of Belvidere
REGULAR MEETING
June 13, 2023, 7:00 PM
Cochrane VFW Post 10406

Chairman Ron Speltz called the meeting to order. Board members present – Ron Speltz & Ron Kazmierczak with Lee Engfer calling in. Also present was one resident and Shawn Squires from CCT. The meeting notice was published in the Buffalo County News and the full agenda posted per WI Statutes 19.84 on June 9, 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 \$238,004.75 in the General Checking Account with one outstanding check. 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. A motion was made by Lee and Ron Kaz seconded to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Shawn Squires, CCT, appeared to discuss a Broadband project for the remaining 26 properties in the township. The State Legislature has passed new bills in support of providing Grant monies to "underserved" fiber internet locations. Shawn explained the following - Option 1: 50% Grant/50% Match; Option 2: 40% Grant/60% Match; Option 3: Non-Grant Submission or decline to move forward at this time. The In-House estimated total cost is \$375,000. Shawn also stated his office will conduct a survey of the Town property owners to find out their interest in fiber optic internet. After the Board discussed each Option, Supervisor Kazmierczak made a Motion to table a decision until the July 11th Town Meeting. Lee seconded the Motion – Motion carried.

The following Resolutions in support of a Broadband project were discussed by the Board in the event Grant monies are applied for by the Town Board:

Resolution 2023 – 01: In Support of Telecommuting Opportunities and Telecommuter Forward! Certification; and

Resolution 2023 – 02: Broadband Forward! Community Resolutions

Ron Kaz made a Motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 with Lee seconding. Motion carried. Lee made a Motion to approve Resolution 2023-02 with Ron Kaz seconding. Motion carried.

The Clerk present the July 1, 2023 Renewal Alcohol License by ENJ Properties with paid fee. Lee made a Motion to approve with Ron Kaz seconding. Motion carried.

ENJ Properties submitted and paid for 10 Operator (Bartender) applications. Ron Kaz made a Motion to approve all applications with Lee seconding. Motion Carried.

A Driveway Application has been submitted by Jeremy Ouellette and fee paid for a second entrance driveway. Chairman Speltz has inspected the property and noted the close proximity of the neighboring landowner. After discussion about conditions to approve Ron Kaz made a motion to approve and Lee seconded. Motion carried.

Ron Speltz updated the board on the road bid projects. #6 - Monarch Paving will be finishing Schlawin Road blacktopping tonight; #1 – Scott Construction has finished the Belvidere Ridge seal coating & wedging; Monarch Paving is hoping to finish Bid #4 & #5 Wedging/Overlay projects by July 4th. Sendelbach has finished hauling gravel for Bid #7 and #8. Additional work approved for gravel hauling/ditching needed to Flury Ridge Rd, Maplewood and Rohrer Lane has also been completed by Sendelbach Construction.

It was noted that new TRIP projects will start a two-year trial period working with WI Towns Association instead of the local highway departments for approval. Belvidere is up for a 2024 project.

Belvidere Boat Launch: Ron Kaz has been in contact with the DNR concerning the parking lot repairs needed. The bid estimate from Monarch Paving - \$73,080 was forwarded but won't be funded by the DNR. DNR will take 3-5 years to approve the blacktop repair work needed. No action approved at this time. Ron Speltz reported that the boat dock has been installed after the high-water delay.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7 pm. Also, the quarterly WTA meeting will be Monday, July 17th at Town of Cross with summer picnic.

At 7:53 pm Ron Kaz made a motion to adjourn with Lee seconding. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M Ruff

Deborah M. Ruff, Clerk