

**TOWN of BELVIDERE
ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 21, 2026 – 7 PM
COCHRANE VFW POST 10406**

Chairman Ron Speltz called the 2026 Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Annual meeting correction was noticed in the Buffalo County News on April 16, 2026 and posted at the Town Shed Bulletin Board and Cochrane VFW Bulletin Board on April 9, 2026.

Attending the meeting were all Board Members, appointed Clerk and Treasurer, 8 resident and 1 non-resident. Copies of 2025 Annual Meeting minutes, 2025 Financial Reports, 2026 2-YEAR Road Plans reports were made available.

The Minutes from the 2025 Annual Meeting were presented in lieu of reading. Ron Kazmierczak made a motion to approve with Matt Biesterveld seconding. Motion carried.

The 2025 Financial Report was presented in lieu of summarizing. Ron Kazmierczak made a Motion to approve, and Matt Biesterveld seconded. Motion carried.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

SCENIC VALLEY EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE – Director Ron Olson reported that SVEMS had 169 calls with 117 transports. A total of 5882 miles were logged. They are planning for a new ambulance to be delivered in Fall of 2027. They are hoping to cover the cost with a large donation and more fundraising like July 4th food stand, a 50/50 drawing at a Mississippi Thunder Race, Buffalo City in the Park events and a new August Raffle. Ron said they are hoping to have another class at C-FC through WWTC in the minimum is achieved. A recent mass casualty training was held at the Alma High School. Ron delivered the new 2026 contract for signing, same as last year, and the 1st Quarter SVMS bill. Ron was proud to report that many SVEMS volunteers had notable hours of service last year.

TRI-COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Matt Biesterveld reported there were 12 runs in Belvidere for 10 hours; Village of Cochrane had 2 runs for 2 hours and Buffalo City 14 runs totaling 13 hours. Six Mutual Aid runs for 10.5 hours. Membership total is 28. He reported there is a new reporting called WICAM emphasizing response time for all calls in 2026. Pending currently is a large pump maintenance cost for a 23-year-old truck.

BBC&M RECYCLING/LANDFILL – Ron Speltz reported the recycling center is running good with many good comments from residents about Waste Transport (Cyrus). Hours are Tuesdays – 3-7 pm and Saturdays - 8 am to 1 pm. The annual meeting will be held in May.

SCENIS VALLEY SWIMMING POOL – **Shaun Mann** sent a written financial & budget report. Signups for Swimming lessons are due soon. They are appreciative of the Town of Belvidere's donation. Fund raising will continue for budget shortfalls.

HEROLD CEMETERY – Curtis Noll sent a written financial report for the Cemetery. Their annual meeting was held on Thursday, April 16th. Much appreciated was the \$2,500 from the Town of Belvidere for operating expenses.

All reports were accepted into record by the Town of Belvidere.

Sandy Michaels made a motion to give the Township **“AUTHORITY TO BORROW”** for emergency situations – no limit. Gary Pronschinske seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron Kazmierczak made a motion to set the 2027 **ANNUAL MEETING for the 3rd Tuesday - April 20, 2027**. Ben Hillig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2-YR Road Plan: Ron Speltz presented the plan. The bid from Reglin Excavating received last year will be honored for the Rose Valley Dugway project. Work will start early in May and Monarch Paving will blacktop before fall. Twilight Road (north-end) will be blacktopped by Monarch Paving possibly in May. Other gravel/ditching is planned where needed and Schlawin Road will need repairs where the blacktop has broken up from winter. Planned for 2027 is seal coating maintenance on numerous roads.

Residents Sandy & Brian Michaels asked if the Town of Belvidere would consider an Emergency Siren system for upper CTH OO/Great River Campground. This area has increased with new homes and Buffalo City's sirens aren't heard by them. They said it could be installed on their donated property. The Town Board will investigate this project with companies and noted CAPX funds could be used to fund this improvement.

Prior to adjourning the Annual Meeting, Supervisor Lee Engfer read a proclamation from various town residents honoring Chairman Ron Speltz for his countless hours of service to the town and many years of dedication on the Board, whether it being clearing of roads after storms, planning to maintain and upgrade town roads, and keeping the best interest of residents first and foremost.

At 7:25 pm, Matt Biesterveld made a motion to close the Annual Meeting with Ron Kazmierczak seconding the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M Ruff

Deborah M Ruff, Town Clerk