

Minutes of Belvidere Selectboard Meeting

October 1, 2025, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.

Meeting convened at 6:30 PM and adjourned at 10:17 PM.

Members present at TCO were Ken Adams Jr., Earl Domina Jr., Kevin Leavitt arrived in person at 6:40 PM. Tasha Wallis (LCPC), residents Carol Caldwell-Edmonds, Pamela Mc Kenna (Emergency Mgt. Coordinator), and Town Clerk, Cathy Mander-Adams, also attended in person at the TCO; Belvidere resident, Tyler Barber, and contractor, Tyler King, attended via ZOOM. Tasha requested that the agenda be changed to allow her to present two additional items in her discussion; permission granted and agenda was modified.

Motion by Ken to accept the minutes of September 17, 2025, meeting as written; 2nd by Earl; motion carried. Board orders and invoices were reviewed and signed.

Cathy mentioned that the Town received a letter stating that the MRGP Road Erosion Inventory was due for updating and consensus is that Belvidere's REI is up to date. Cathy reported that Jon Ehrens from Vermont Public is looking to interview Belvidere residents for an upcoming segment of "Vermont Edition."

Discussion of the status of disposition of the Belvidere Central School (BCS) by LNMUUSD:

- Consensus that the Selectboard forward Brownfield Inspection results and other pertinent info to Town's attorney Brian Monaghan
- Tyler reported that the Village Trust Initiative site meeting went well; next steps are to complete formation of the Belvidere Community Trust and its status as a 501C3 non-profit organization; research other available grant options; begin strategies for a fundraising goal of \$200,000.00; VTI stresses community involvement and Selectboard participation are key elements of the grant award
- Tasha Wallis suggested that this year's Municipal Planning Grant could be used to contract with LCPC to assist the Belvidere Community Trust (BCT) by facilitating meetings with the community, Lamoyille School District officials, Selectboard, and VTI administrators

Tasha provided updates and review of the Future Land Use Maps that will eventually be used in regional planning and Act 250 hearings by the Land Use Resource Review Board; Tasha informed the SB of the new Tier 3 Road Rule; recent legislative changes to the Act 250 process will have significant impact on our community's future development

Review and action on bids submitted for winter road maintenance:

- Bids submitted were read aloud; bids received from Big Dog Property Maintenance, Tyler King Excavation, and Hollow Excavation
- Motion by Kevin that there is a need to go into Executive Session to not put the Town or the bidding contractors at a disadvantage; 2nd by Ken; motion carried
- Motion by Kevin to go into Executive Session to discuss the bid proposals for winter road maintenance and to not put the Town or the bidding contractors at a disadvantage, and to allow Town Clerk, Cathy Mander-Adams to remain to participate; 2nd by Ken; motion carried

- Executive Session began at 8:04 PM
- Motion by Ken to leave Executive Session at 9:50 PM; 2nd by Earl; motion carried; returned to open meeting at 9:51 PM
- Motion by Ken to award the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 winter road maintenance contracts to Hollow Excavation, LLC in the of \$76,500.00 per season; 2nd by Kevin; motion carried

Town Highways:

- Bog Road Perkins Brook project waiting for delivery of main concrete structure; tentative date is Oct. 10th.
- Other projects are nearing completion
- Kevin is working to arrange grading of Town roads; however, no grader is currently available
- Kevin needs input by Town treasurer to facilitate order of chloride storage tanks
- Kevin has found a local resident interested in building a gate for the Town gravel pit entrance, and will follow up
- Consensus for Ken to contact Alec Jones (LCPC) for update on the 2027 Better Roads grant application
- Consensus for Kevin to organize the screening of additional sand for winter road maintenance

Other business

- Cathy reported the Town received \$660.71 in "ticket refunds" from the State of Vermont
- Cathy is working with VLCT and PACIF to determine the cost of insurance for the Belvidere Central School property
- Cathy is researching the potential bond interest from the BCS construction bond that may be due to the Town
- The MERP quarterly status report is due
- It was mentioned that the Red Cross use of the Belvidere School should be included in the VTI grant discussion as an element of "community involvement"

Motion by Kevin to adjourn at 10:17 PM; 2nd by Ken; motion carried.