

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE
BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 1, 2016 5:00pm**

Members Present: Cheryl Brunsmann
Nichele Moore
Cory Hartz
Bill Kreeb
Gerry Hasenstab
Barb Hohlt

Members Absent: Jeff Dosier

Attendees: Jim Schneider
Dennis Korte
Dallas Cook
Jennifer Starnes
Joe Hubbard

Mayor Eckert calls the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Introductions of members.

Explanation of Ordinance No. 7949-2016.

Discussion of proposed meeting times for the future.

Mayor Eckert talks about what how the City will be saving money by making certain decisions with the City Hall move.

Mayor mentioned that he will get some legal advice from Garrett Hoerner, City Attorney, about the certain responsibilities that the City will have to make sure they do not turn their back on.

Mayor says the Task Force needs to decide what programs/services and budget we need to maintain and how much we can save with the transition.

Dallas Cook discusses that the state only mandates the City to provide general assistance. He then goes on to suggest that he wants the City to provide the same assistance the Township has in the past, but to save more money doing it.

There were questions and discussion raised about the Township levy. It was noted that the City could do without the levy. There was also a concern from one of the Task Force members that she would like some definitions/meanings before they get a head of

themselves. The members do not have all the facts yet and they want to know what they need to do before any decisions are made.

The Mayor continues that it is important for this Task Force looks at where they want to be in the future and what we should continue to include.

The members of the Task Force want to know what their mandate is and the Mayor said he will talk to Garrett Hoerner and will get it to them. The City needs to talk about how we can structure it all in the departments.

Jim Schneider suggest there needs to be a moderator and him, the Mayor, and a few others step back and let this Task Force to run these meetings because it is not what he wants, but it's what the Task Force decided.

At the next meeting there will be financials, the law(mandate), and a review from Dennis Korte on operations for Township.

Mayor Eckert hopes that the Task Force will take these meetings over and decide what they are going to do to help best serve the citizens of Belleville.

The Mayor asked Dallas if he received anything from Evanston. He says he has talked to them. The Mayor says he will get information from Evanston to the Task Force.

Mayor Eckert talked and explained about not replying to all on emails sent to and from the members of the Task Force so the Open Meetings Act is not violated.

There was more discussion about when a good time and day of the week would be good for everyone to have these meetings. There was a proposed date/time for next Task Force meeting of June 15th at 5:00pm.

There was uncertainty of the job descriptions of the employees of the Township by one of the members and Mayor Eckert said he will get those descriptions to them.

The members did want more clarification on what all the township does with programs and services right now.

The Mayor asked if there is any public participation.

Public Participation:

Joe Hubbard talks about how it is all good to save money and all, but we are dealing with not just homeless people, but broken people, and he wants the Task Force to really look at the whole picture and not just the budget.

Dallas wants the members to keep in mind that there are three rules on who qualifies for this program.

There was discussion on what some of those qualifications are and who can receive the assistance.

Mayor asked the Township employees if the members could receive all those qualifications.

There was a question on who was going to be putting together the agendas. The Mayor says once a chairperson is selected then his office will help with anything they can, but it's up to the members for their input.

Mayor Eckert adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers.