



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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FORMER EMPLOYEE, TIM KOSIER, SENTENCED FOR THEFT OF CITY PROPERTY

On Wednesday, May 9, former Water Resources Division employee, Tim Kosier, was sentenced by a Federal Judge to three years in Federal prison, followed by three years of court supervision upon release. Tim was also ordered to make restitution to the City in the amount of \$882,926 less the value of material recovered by the City early in the investigation. As the Judge explained, this sentence was on the high end of the sentencing guidelines for this case, considering all mitigating factors. There was a significant delegation of city officials in attendance at the sentencing hearing, and I was allowed to make a brief Victim Statement, underscoring the premeditated nature of this crime and the significance of this breach of the public trust by Mr. Kosier.

The thefts of property and money had gone on undetected for many years, since Mr. Kosier was in a supervisory position and was allowed to make purchases without the normal oversight approvals required in the City's purchasing regulations. Following completion of a detailed audit of all purchases made by Kosier and the resulting criminal prosecution, the manager responsible for the oversight resigned and the City retrained a number of clerical employees, substantially improving its review procedures for all purchases processed for payment. "P-cards" are now routinely used for purchases as opposed to using the open purchase order system, which was abused by Mr. Kosier.

While the ability of the former employee to make restitution in the amounts ordered by the court is highly questionable, the judge did set a minimum \$100 per month repayment plan to take effect upon Mr. Kosier's release from prison, and also indicated that, should additional funds or resources become available, those would be paid to the City in the form of restitution, as well. While the City will not likely ever receive recovery in anything involving that amount of money, it will obviously monitor Mr. Kosier's future business and work activities following his release from prison and will ensure that restitution is made whenever resources are available. [Attached](#) to the Beloit Report is a copy of the Department of Justice press release regarding the sentencing procedure.

ELECTRONICS ROUND UP COLLECTION—SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

The City of Beloit's Department of Public Works facility at 2351 Springbrook Court will host a free residential electronics round up collection on **Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The Recycling Drop-Off Center at 2351 Springbrook Court will be closed on Saturday, May 12, 2012 to accommodate equipment and staff needs for Saturday's electronics round up collection.

For more information, please call the City of Beloit Public Works Operations at 608-364-2929.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION WILL BE ONE WEEK PER MONTH FROM MAY THROUGH OCTOBER

Another reminder that Spring Clean Up is now behind us, and the Public Works Department recently notified the community that yard waste collection will now move to the first full week of each month from May through October. The schedule is similar to that followed last year when we did pick up every day through the month of April to facilitate spring cleanup and then switched to one week per month service from May through October. Beginning in November, the City will return to weekly service for the leaf collection season.

Yard waste must be properly contained in a clean container, paper bag, or a Back to Nature bio-degradable yard waste bag. Small limbs must also be bundled, provided they are no more than four feet in length and capable of being carried by a single employee.

Each container or bundle must have a \$1.50 yard waste sticker attached. Stickers may be purchased at both Ace Hardware locations, all three Walgreens locations, Woodman's Super Market, the City Hall Treasury Department (2nd floor), at the Grinnell Hall Senior Center, the Department of Public Works Operations office at 2351 Springbrook Court, and at the Leisure Services office on the corner of White and Pleasant Street. Yard waste cannot be placed in plastic garbage bags.

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Be sure to plan on attending the Public Works Week annual open house scheduled for **Saturday, May 19, 2012**. The event will be held at the Utilities and Engineering Building at 2400 Springbrook Court from noon—3:00 p.m. The event is free and will include numerous equipment displays and exhibits, along with inflatable toys, games and gifts for younger attendees. PW Foxx will be celebrating his second birthday and interacting with children and adults, alike. Be sure to stop by!

BUDGET PREPARATION

The management team met on Tuesday and went through the first draft of Departmental and Division submittals for the Strategic Plan. Numerous updates and modifications were made to the draft document. The final proposed draft was reviewed on Friday and will be presented to the City Council in a day long workshop scheduled for this coming Monday, **May 14, 2012 beginning at 8:00 a.m.** The workshop will be held in the main conference room in the Utilities and Engineering building located at 2400 Springbrook Court. The meeting is open to the public.

Work also continued this week on preparation of submittals for the Capital Improvements portion of the budget.

BELOIT POLICE CELEBRATE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK—MAY 13-19, 2012

The Beloit Police Department will celebrate National Law Enforcement Week as noted in the proclamation issued by Council President this past Monday evening. Of note this year is that former Beloit Merchant Police Officer Frederick Samp, who was shot and killed in 1935, will be honored at the National Law Enforcement Officers memorial ceremony, which will be held in Washington, D.C. The killing of Officer Samp was a terrible tragedy. The City is gratified to see that this event has not been forgotten and Officer Samp will be dutifully recognized for the sacrifice that he made in the line of duty all those decades ago. Please see [attached](#) press release for more information.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

This past Tuesday, Rock County 5.0 held a luncheon meeting with the City Manager's of both Beloit and Janesville to provide a status update on a number of projects that are being tracked by the organization. Some of these possible business relocations have occurred, but most represent site selection searches that are still underway. A few of the companies have narrowed their search, and have a Rock County location as one of their final site options. Others are still doing broad, often multi-state searches for a site and it is unknown as to whether or not any of those projects will ever get close to reality. The economic professionals in Rock County, working in close concert with Rock County 5.0 continue to aggressively market Rock County locations and are responding to site selection proposal requests on a regular basis.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR MAY 14—18, 2012

Monday, May 14	8:00 a.m.	Strategic Plan Workshop , 2400 Springbrook Ct. (All Councilors)
Monday, May 14	10:00 a.m.	Board of Review , Forum
Monday, May 14	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conference Room (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Tuesday, May 15	7:00 p.m.	Landmarks Commission , Forum (C. Haynes)
Wednesday, May 16	4:00 p.m.	Municipal Golf Committee , Krueger Haskell Golf Course Clubhouse
Wednesday, May 16	4:00 p.m.	Municipal Library Board , 605 Eclipse Blvd.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

This is just a sample of events coming up in Beloit. A more complete listing is available on the Visit Beloit website: www.visitbeloit.com

Beloit Public Library offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [\[here\]](#) for more information.

Saturdays throughout May offer an opportunity to attend the **Farmers Market Pre-Sale**, at the intersection of State and Grand, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

May 12 9:00—Noon **Electronics Round Up Collection**, 2351 Springbrook Court. For more information, please call the City of Beloit Public Works Operations at 364-2929.

May 18—19 Tenth Annual **ArtWalk**, Downtown Beloit
 Friday, May 18 5:00—9:00 p.m.
 Saturday, May 19 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

May 19 Noon—3:00 p.m. **Beloit Department of Public Works Open House**, Utilities and Engineering Building, 2400 Springbrook Court. Free event, games, prizes, inflatable jump house, large trucks and equipment demonstrations, cake and juice with PW Foxx to celebrate his second birthday!



Department of Justice

United States Attorney John W. Vaudreuil
Western District of Wisconsin

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**FORMER БЕЛОИТ СITY OFFICIAL SENTENCED TO 36 MONTHS
IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR THEFT AND CONVERSION
OF \$882,000 IN GOVERNMENT FUNDS**

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Timothy L. Kosier, 45, Town of Beloit, Wis., was sentenced today to 36 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge William M. Conley for stealing and converting to his own use funds belonging to the City of Beloit. Kosier pleaded guilty to a one-count indictment on February 16, 2012. He was also ordered to pay restitution to the City of Beloit.

From September 15, 1997 to June 8, 2011, Kosier acted as the Water Resources Maintenance Supervisor for the Water Resources Department in Beloit. Kosier supervised maintenance performed on Water Resources Center Buildings and related facilities in Beloit. Given his position, Kosier had authority to purchase items necessary to maintain and repair the building and related facilities that were under his control and the authority to hire outside contractors when necessary. Kosier had the ability to purchase items from vendors on behalf of the City of Beloit. He also had access to two store credit cards in the name of the City of Beloit for purchasing necessary items at those stores.

On June 7, 2011, the Human Resources Department of the City of Beloit received a letter from an anonymous city employee, who reported that Kosier was purchasing home improvement products for his own personal use with city funds. The employee noted that, most recently, Kosier had used one of the City's store credit cards to purchase a residential lawn tractor for \$2,900 that could not be located by city staff. That lawnmower was subsequently located on the property of one of Kosier's relatives, and Kosier was suspended pending a full investigation. He left Wisconsin shortly after his suspension.

The investigation revealed that Kosier had purchased numerous items using city funds, such as furnaces and water heaters, for his own personal use and for his use in a residential heating and cooling business that he was operating as a side-business during his employment with the City. Kosier also approved for payment numerous invoices from an outside contractor despite knowing that the invoices contained fraudulent

representations about the amount of work performed. The total loss to the City of Beloit was \$882,926.

On August 24, 2011, Kosier was arrested in Hawaii on these federal charges. He was detained and ordered removed back to Wisconsin, where he has remained in custody.

United States Attorney John W. Vaudreuil commended the anonymous city employee who reported the theft and said, "Kosier's criminal acts undercut the tradition of honest government in Wisconsin. He was privileged to work for the citizens of Beloit, and he had a duty to act honestly. He violated that duty and his prison sentence holds him accountable."

The charges against Kosier were the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Beloit Police Department, with the cooperation of the City of Beloit. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT



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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: May 7, 2012

For Additional Information Contact: Chief Norm Jacobs (608) 364-6843

BELOIT, WISCONSIN – National Law Enforcement Week is May 13-19, 2012. The Beloit Police Department was recently informed Beloit Merchant Police Officer Frederick Samp, who was shot and killed in 1935, will be honored at the National Law Enforcement Officers memorial ceremony in Washington DC. Chief Jacobs states, *"The Beloit Police Department is pleased that Officer Samp was approved for inclusion on the memorial wall in Washington DC. Our agency will also participate in the State of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial in Madison on Friday, May 18, 2012 where Officer Fredrick Samp will be recognized at the state level."*

During the course of researching Beloit Police Department history, retired Beloit Police Chief Roger Helser discovered many newspaper accounts of the slaying of Beloit Merchant Police Officer Frederick Samp. Research began to attempt to verify the stories. Officer Samp's family was located and they were able to provide a verbal history of his life. St. Joseph MO Police provided us with an original wanted poster from their records for one of the suspects.

In 2011 Beloit Police Chief Norm Jacobs initiated the submittal process to have Officer Samp included on the National and State Law Enforcement Memorials. On February 16, 2012, we received a phone call from Officer Samp's family indicating that the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC has approved the placement of Officer Samp on the Memorial.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is the nation's monument to law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Dedicated on October 15, 1991, the Memorial honors federal, state and local law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our nation and its people. National Law Enforcement Week this year will be May 13 – 19th, 2012. According to their website, new names of fallen officers are added to the Memorial in April. The Candlelight Vigil, when all the names of fallen officers for the year are read including Officer Samp, will be May 13th.

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Here is the story as described by Chief Helser and Captain Risse:

On May 28, 1935 Merchant Police Officer Fred Samp, 42, was shot and killed attempting to apprehend two men wanted in connection to an attempted Armed Auto Theft.

Fred Samp was appointed a Police Officer for the City of Beloit on August 1, 1925. Officer Samp subsequently resigned on April 12, 1927 to join what was called the Merchants Police in Beloit. This practice was somewhat common as the Merchants Police paid better than the City of Beloit did. Beyond that little is actually known about the Merchants Police. It is known that the Merchants Police were hired to protect businesses from Burglary and Fire. It is believed that they wore some sort of uniform, were armed, and did make arrests. These arrest statistics were included in annual Beloit Police Reports made to the City Council.

The shooting occurred at 12:25am, May 28, 1935, in the 300 block of Broad Street at the rear of what was the North Western railway freight station. Officer Samp was shot four times with a .32 caliber revolver, twice in the abdomen, once in the chest, and once in the left arm, one bullet piercing the center of his officer's badge. The suspects were identified as William Mosley, 29, and Herbert Davis, 30, with Mosley being identified as the suspect that had fired the shots. The suspects were described as transients traveling from Seattle, Washington toward Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Officer Samp was shot about 45 minutes after Mosley and Davis had attempted to steal a car near the Blackhawk Gardens Tavern in South Beloit, and threatened Mrs. Eunice Cluskey, owner of the vehicle, and Mrs. Amy Phelps, with a revolver.

Cluskey and Phelps reported the incident to the South Beloit Police Department and then began driving home. On the way, both women recognized the two suspects near Graddy's Restaurant at 221 State Street. The ladies also saw Officer Samp close by. The ladies reported the matter to Officer Samp and warned him that the suspects were armed. Officer Samp told the ladies he was "not afraid" and set out alone after the suspects. Officer Samp apparently caught up with the suspects behind the freight station as witnesses reported hearing shots ring out. Officer Samp was found face down without having drawn his weapon.

Officer Samp was rushed by Police Ambulance to the Beloit Municipal Hospital. Officer Samp was reported as saying, "I'll get them yet. I'll get over it and I'll get them. Everything will be all right". Officer Samp died eight hours later at 8:25am. Officer Samp was survived by his wife and four children at 1248 Division.

Beloit Police Chief Torrasi ordered out 40 reserve officers, pressed all police motor equipment into service, obtained additional cars, to search all areas of the city. On May 29, 1935 Herbert Davis was arrested outside Harvard Illinois. Davis was charged with Attempted 1st Degree murder. A memorial fund was quickly established as was a reward for the arrest of Mosley. William Mosley was eventually arrested and charged with the same crime.

MORE.....



Officer Fred Samp



Chief Jacobs recognizes the fine research of retired Chief Helser and Captain Dan Risse who worked extra hours on this overdue recognition. Their research has uncovered other similar police history that will be reviewed in the coming years.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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The City of Beloit will hold a **Strategic Planning Workshop** on Monday, May 14, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Engineering and Utilities Building, located at 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511. There will be a quorum of City Councilors present.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: May 9, 2012
Rebecca S. Houseman
City Clerk
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**AGENDA AND PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BELOIT BOARD OF REVIEW**

May 14, 2012
10:00 a.m.
The Forum - City Hall
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Roll Call – City Attorney Tom Casper
2. Election of Chairperson
3. Election of Vice-Chairperson
4. Verification of mandatory training requirements
5. Determination of Good Cause and Extraordinary Circumstances; criteria for grant of waivers.
6. Acceptance of State Objection Form PA-115A
7. Discuss hearing schedule in May and June 2012
8. Old Business
 - a. Review of 2011 Board activity
9. New Business
 - a. Assessment Process for 2012
 - b. New forms and procedures, if any
 - c. Review of 2010 Department of Revenue Guide for Board of Review Members, if necessary
10. Motion to continue to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 to accept assessment roll and hear objections

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Dated: April 30, 2012
Rebecca S. Houseman
City Clerk

cc: Dan McHugh, City Assessor
Tom Casper, City Attorney
Board of Review Members
Beloit Daily News, News Media



**CITY OF BELOIT
APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 14, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting April 9, 2012
3. Review of City Council appointments
4. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Appointment Review Committee

1 resident (Threinen) – term to expire December 31, 2014

Board of Appeals

1 resident (Kincaid) – term to expire May 31, 2013
1 resident (Borgogni) – term to expire May 31, 2015
1 resident, 2nd Alternate (Gaul) – term to expire May 31, 2015

Board of Ethics

1 resident (Stephens) – term to expire December 31, 2014
1 resident (Murry) – term to expire December 31, 2014
1 former City Councilor – term to expire December 31, 2013

Board of Review

1 resident (Alternate) – term to expire December 31, 2014

Community Development Authority

1 resident (Smith) – term to expire December 31, 2015

Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance Council

1 resident (Ware) – term to expire October 31, 2012
1 resident (Johnson) – term to expire October 31, 2013

Municipal Golf Committee

1 Youth (Sennett) – term to expire December 31, 2012

Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission

1 youth (Patel) – term to expire September 30, 2012

Traffic Review Committee

1 resident (Fryar) – term to expire September 30, 2013

5. Member Participation
6. Citizen Participation
7. Adjournment

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 7:00 PM
The Forum, 100 State Street**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the April 17, 2012 Meeting
3. Public Comments
4. Lisa Anderson-Levy & Robert Levy – Certificate of Appropriateness
COA-2012-13 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the renovation of the front porch and expansion of a rear-yard deck for the property located at 723 Church Street.
5. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting
6. Committee Reports
 - A. Education & Outreach Committee
 - B. Grant Writing Committee
7. Adjournment

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*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Planning Office at (608)364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Approved: Michael D. Lofton II, Assistant Planner
May 10, 2012

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MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 4:00p.m.
Clubhouse

AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from the April 18, 2012 Meeting.
2. Citizen Participation
3. Club Reports
 - Senior's
 - Women
 - Men's
4. ADA Cart
5. Rally for the Cure Playday - Update
6. Marketing Report
7. Manager of Golf Operations Report
 - 2012 Revenue Report
 - 2012 Expense Report
 - Golf Course Inspection
8. Director's Report
9. Comments by Committee Members

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For additional information to request this service, please contact the Parks Division at 364-2929, 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511.



beloit public library

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, May 16, 2012 4pm
Beloit Public Library Board Room
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approval of minutes of the April 18, 2012 meeting
3. Public comment
4. Library Director Report
5. Reports
 - a. Foundation
 - b. FABL
 - c. Arrowhead Library System
 - d. Budget Committee
 - e. Strategic Plan Committee
 - f. Personnel Committee
6. ALS System Merger
7. Budget 2012/2013
8. Action Items
 - a. Staff In-Service 09/14/12
 - b. Monthly financial report and approval of library bills.
9. Appreciation of Trustee Steve Vavrus and Trustee Romelle Witkins as they complete their terms as Library Board Trustees.
10. Trustee Comments
11. Motion to adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 20, 2012

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