MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF BELMONT - COUNTY OF ALLEGANY
June 15,2026

Present: Mayor DeTine Trustees: Grantier, Schmitt, Healy and Harding

Absent:

Employees:

Public: Casey Jones, Carissa Healy and Karl Waeldwer (MRB Group)

Mayor DeTine opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The Board pledged the flag.

Minutes of June 1st read and approved on a motion by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to accept court cash report made by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Harding and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Karl Waelder from MRB Group introduce himself to the board. He informed the board that he is the client manger and will be our primary contact person from MRB. He stated that Bill Davis, the engineer we have been communicating with, has taking on a different position for MRB and still will be involved with the project.

Karl discussed where we are at with the water project. He stated that he was at the water plant today and walked around with Adam and marked out areas for drilling, so they can start doing soil testing. He informed the board that Adam did express some concerns about drilling so close to the Well house. Karl than informed the board that he was going to check on Adams concerns with MRB and get back to him. He also informed the board that he has sent over two standard agreements, for the Village board and the Village attorney to review.

Mayor DeTine asked if he knew of a time frame, when they are looking to break ground.

Karl informed the Mayor that hopefully early April/ May of next year they will start the bidding for contracts and about this time next year, break ground. He also stated that he will be having surveyors out and if we had any surveys or abstracts to the water plant, that would help out a lot.

Mayor DeTine asked if MRB plans on coordinating any of the projects' bids with the Town of Amitys water project, to save on the cost.

Karl replied, MRB plans on doing their best to bid some of the project together, to save money. But some things they will not be able to, because it is two separate grants.

Trustee Harding asked if he was the contractor?

Karl replied no he was the engineer, and will be overseeing the project.

Trustee Harding asked if they will be advertising for the bids?

Karl replied, yes, he will be communicated with the clerk and they will send out RFPs for the bids.

Karl thanked the board, and stated that he will be talking to them and Adam soon. He also handed out his contact information and advised the board to contact him anytime if they have any questions or concerns.

The board reviewed the bills and payroll. Motion to accept payroll and approve the bills on Abstract 1a made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's, as follow; General $20,529.30 Water $3,839.13 Sewer $5,072.40.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that he sent out a letter to the Village attorney Matthew Rosenbaum, informing him that they have decided to seek legal counsel elsewhere.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that he did speak with John Bernackl Jr., the attorney across the street and he does have experience with municipal law.

A motion was made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Schmitt and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's to appoint attorney John Bernackl, Jr. as the new Village attorney.

The board discussed garbage pick-up and the possibility of selling the garbage truck.

The board discussed the cost of garbage pick-up and different possibilities of how they would bill the resident's vs apartment buildings and businesses.

A motion was made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's to set a public hearing for garbage pick-up at 7:15 pm on July 6, 2026.

Trustee Harding discussed the 4th of July events. She informed the board that she spoke with Eric Jones about doing another sand sculpture, to honor a local Patriot and a Medal of Honor recipient, Corporal Jason Dunham. She informed the board that she is looking for sponsors to help fund the sand sculpture. She also discussed with the board some other ideas that she would like to see done in tribute to Cpl. Jason Dunham.

Trustee Harding discussed other events that are planned for the 4th of July weekend, celebrating Americas 250th anniversary. She discussed a Veterans parade that will take place on Saturday, along with Vendors, a Red, White and Blue night at the Legion, Friday and Chicken BBQ picnic on Sunday. Trustee Harding stated that she will be hanging flyers for the scheduled events around the village and she will be posting them on the Villages Face Book.

The board also discussed lights at the falls and the fountain. They would like to see them displaying red, white and blue colors.

The board discussed the pillars out front.

The clerk asked trustee Grantier if John Francisco had contacted him yet? She gave John his number, and he was going to call Trustee Grantier and discus the pillars.

Trustee Grantier replied no, but he will reach out to John.

The board discussed the ARC water and sewer bill.

A motion was made to adjust the sewer, made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 1 vote opposed by Trustee Schmitt.

Mayor DeTine reviewed a letter from Allegany County, stating that they are offering local governments the opportunity to request up to $250.00 to help celebrate America's 250th birthday.

Carissa Knapp informed the board that the Country has been awarded funding from New York State Education Department, and to help support community participation, local governments have the opportunity to request up to $250.00 to help celebrate America's 250th birthday. She also stated that we need to reply by the deadline dated in the letter, so she can report it to the state.

Casey Jones noted a misprint in the minutes; it is the City of Norwich. He also expressed his concerns for garbage pick-up and the tax rate increase. He offered some suggestions, for the board to look at.

Carissa Knapp informed the board that the County is putting in a new flag pole, it will be about 100 ft tall.

Trustee Harding asked if they were holding a ceremony for this?

Carissa replied, that she was not sure, but she will ask.

Mayor DeTine discussed the Police Department. He informed the board that he meet with Cuba's Chief of police and the Town Supervisor and discussed shared services. He also discussed meeting with the Sheriff's department, and if thats the route the Village takes, they will have to discuss dissolving the police department.

Trustee Grantier stated that he was hopeful that Officer Sherman would be able to bring in some new employees, and if officer Sherman could not do that, he's not sure if it will happen.

The board discussed pay rates and benefits that other municipalities are offering to the officers, and how the Village cannot afford to match them.

Mayor DeTine and Trustee Grantier will continue to talk with Cuba and contact the Sheriff department.

The clerk informed the board that she talked with State Comptrollers office about garbage pickup. She stated that they strongly recommend talking to our attorney. They cannot give legal advice, but stated that we need to talk to the attorney and they can advise the village about different options. She also informed the board that she spoke to NYCOM, and they sent over the bidding and public hearing procedures, that she has shared with the Mayor, and they also recommend meeting with our attorney,

The clerk informed the board that she received the funding amounts from NYS DOT for 2026-2027 year. The amounts are CHIPS $ 45357.38, Pave NY $8943.33 EWR $7398.88 and POP $5962.22

Mayor DeTine informed the board that he will be meeting with the attorney tomorrow.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that he received a complaint about Officer Sherman.

The board read the complaint and agreed that Officer Sherman acted in a professional matter.

Trustee Grantier will follow up on the complaint.

Mayor DeTine gave updates on the streets, water and sewer departments.

Streets – will start cleaning ditches and trimming trees

Sewer – ordered UV lights and quotes for new meters

Water – meeting with MRB and working on an issue with one of the pumps.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that they may have to look into applying for a loan, to help with costs at the water plant. He stated that we probably will not see any of the Grant fundings until October-November.

The clerk will contact bpd municipal.

Trustee Grantier stated that he plans on starting a temporally fix to the pillars out front. He stated that he will not have it done by the 4th of July, but plans on dressing them up. He also will be contacting the Town to discuss his ideas.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Trustee Harding, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Cline

Clerk