MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE
VILLAGE OF BELMONT - COUNTY OF ALLEGANY
June 1, 2026

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

Absent:

Employees:

Public: Casey Jones and Rick Hoshal

The Board pledged the flag.

Minutes of May 18, 2026 meeting read and approved on a motion by Trustee Harding, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

The board discussed garbage pickup. They discussed different rates for residential, businesses and apartment dwellings. They discussed the option of not doing garbage pickup.

Trustee Schmitt stated that Casella was the best bid. She does have concerns about how we will pay for this but understands that if the garbage truck breaks down, we have no back up.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that the garbage truck is running, for now and the street department will be doing garbage for the rest of the month. He stated that he is concerned that if the garbage truck does break down again, they will not have a backup. He also stated that Friendship is contracting out for their garbage, and Belmont seems to be the last Village to do their own garbage removal.

Rick Hoshal asked if the residents could opt out?

Mayor DeTine replied no.

Rick discussed the price per bag that the County Landfill charges. He questioned the village directly billing the customers, when tipping fees are a service included as part of the taxes. He also stated that the Village needs to contact the Comptroller Office, there are proper steps that the board needs to do.

Casey Jones stated that the Village should charge the landlords for each tote. He also stated, that the cost per bag for the County is cheaper, but you have to take it there yourself.

The clerk stated that she will contact the Comptroller office, and is going to talk to NYCOM also.

Trustee Grantier asked how long would the contract be for?

Mayor DeTine replied it would be for five years.

Rick asked ae you looking to decide tonight, and do you have a plan, how you would pay for it?

Mayor DeTine replied that they are looking to decide by the June 15th. They have been looking at different options, for this year and will work on next years through the budget process, with the taxes. He also stated that he was going to talk to other municipalities and get an idea of how they are doing their garbage.

Rick asked if they planned on making any staffing changes?

Mayor DeTine stated that they plan on cutting the part time laborer position.

Rick asked if they planned on doing any adjustments to the full-time laborer position?

Mayor DeTine replied no, and stated that if they contract out for garbage, this would free up the streets department to focus on some of the areas that they have been unable to give their full attention to.

Rick asked if the garbage truck was working now.

Mayor DeTine replied, for now, yes.

The board reviewed payroll and the bills. Motion to accept payroll and approve the bills on Abstract 1, made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Schmitt and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's as follows, General $ 35,321.96 Water $ 14,261.16 and Sewer $ 23,79.58.

Trustee Harding reviewed with the board the events and sponsors that she has been working on for the celebration of Americas 250th anniversary on the 4th of July. She also presented a logo design for the Village of Belmont.

The board agreed that the logo looked good, and they all thanked Trustee Harding for all of the work that she has done and continues to do for 4h of July celebration.

Trustee Harding also informed the board that she has been in contact with Corrine Marriott and Eric Jones about the murals.

Trustee Schmitt asked if she has contacted M.A.C.E about this.

Trustee Harding replied not yet, but she will.

Trustee Harding stated that she will be posting the events on the Village face book, along with hanging flyers around the Village.

Trustee Healy asked about the fountain in the park circle, possibly having it light up.

The board discussed some ideas, and how to have it stand out more.

Mayor DeTine asked Trustee Harding, about any costs that she accumulated with all of the materials that she has used. (ink, paper, office supplies etc.)

Trustee Harding replied no, she is good.

Mayor DeTine discussed with the board possibly hiring a new Village attorney. He stated that he spoke to John Bernackl, Jr. the new attorney that is renting the office across the street from the Village Hall. Mayor DeTine stated that his fees are the same as Mathew Rosenbaum.

Trustee Schmitt asked the clerk if we have paid Matthew Rosenbaum.

Mayor DeTine replied that we have not signed any agreement with him yet, so we have not paid him a retainer fee, just payments for work he did prior.

The clerk agreed with the Mayor and restated yes, we have paid him for some work that he did before. But no, we have not bad a retainer fee that was originally discussed.

Trustee Grantier stated that going with John Bernackl, would be more convenient and make sense.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that he spoke to Phil Stockin from M.A.C.E about them providing more documentation to the Village.

Mayor DeTine stated to the board that he was very impressed with the turn out for the Memorial Day parade. He complimented Trustee Harding and the Legion for the work that they put into it.

Mayor DeTine read a letter from the ARC requesting an adjustment on their water and sewer bill. The board tabled the decision, until they gather more information.

Casey Jones noted that the prior minutes stated that he was the Mayor for the Town of Norwich, it should read the Village of Norwich.

Mayor DeTine reviewed a resume submitted for the OIC position from Seth Ferrand.

The board tabled a decision for the OIC position, and agreed that they need to discuss the future of the police department for the village.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that MRB asked if the village wants to keep the sewer grant for the Greenwich Street. inflow and infiltration project opened, if so, they need to update it through EFC. He stated that MRB said that they would keep the cost for this under $500.00

The clerk stated that when she asked about updating the sewer part, that it was explained to her that when they started the grant process, it was for sewer and water. So, if they keep it open, and if the board decides to persue the Greenwich Street grant, the beginning process has already been started and they would not have to start from scratch. This does not mean that the Village has to accept the sewer grant

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A motion was made by Trustee Grantier, and 2nd Trustee Harding and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's to update the sewer grant.

The clerk informed the board that MRB sent over two contracts that they would like the board to review along with the village attorney.

Mayor DeTine asked if they needed to review it now?

The clerk replied, that she spoke to Karl Waelderfrom (MRB), and he would like to be on the agenda for the next board meeting, to introduce himself and possibly have the agreements voted on.

Mayor DeTine stated to add him to the next agenda, but is not sure if they will be ready to vote on the two agreements.

The clerk informed the board that she has a zoom meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 with MRB and the Municipal advisors, if anyone wants to join.

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

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Harding and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's. at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Cline
Clerk