MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION AND FEES
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE
VILLAGE OF BELMONT - COUNTY OF ALLEGANY
July 6, 2026

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

Absent:

Employees:

Public: Casey Jones, Rick Hoshal, Dave Gominiak, Don and Wendy Skinner, Carissa Knapp, Dana Hand, Mike Doody, Kris Young, Tim Histead, Sheri Teach, Mary Kay Presutti, Tom Musingo and Heidi Musingo

Mayor DeTine opened the Public Meeting at 7:15 PM

Mayor DeTine informed the public that the Village is looking at contracting out for garbage collection in the village. He discussed the issues that the board is facing that has led to this decision, to either contract out for garbage or not doing garbage removal at all. He explained that Belmont is the last municipality that is collecting their own garbage. He also discussed the amount of money, about $28,000.00 that the Village has spent on the repairs to the Garbage Truck (packer), and in the past we have used Friendships Garbage truck while ours is being repaired. He went on to say if it breaks down again, we will not have a backup plan for garbage removal. now that Friendship has decided to contract out for their garbage removal, since their truck has broken down and they have opted not to spend additional money on repairs.

Mayor DeTine discussed the bids that where submitted and Casella has come in at the lowest bid. He also discussed how Casella will be picking up household garbage and recyclables the same day. They will be providing each dwelling unit two 96-gallon totes one for recycling and one for regular garbage. They will sort the recyclables themselves; businesses and apartment dwellings will be provided number of totes needed base off dwelling units and billed accordingly.

Mayor DeTine discussed taxes and services that are included. He informed the public that they will be taking of 2-line items form the budget parttime laborer and the tipping fees, Mayor DeTine also stated that moving forward towards next year's budget, having these items removed from the budget hopefully, will help with the tax cap. He also stated that billing each dwelling unit separately makes it fairer, since there are some businesses that are exempt from paying property taxes. He stated that he has talked to the attorney, and we are ready to proceed and will start drafting a local law for this procedure.

Dana Hand asked if the businesses have been asked to take of their own garbage, that way it could help with the amount of time the guys are on the garbage truck.

Mayor DeTine replied it is not the amount of time spent picking up garbage, the concern is the garbage truck running well.

When asked about the cost for this service, Mayor DeTine replied that they are looking at about $10.00 a month ($120.00 annually) per, dwelling unit Properties with apartments and businesses will be billed higher, depending on the number of totes that are required and the fees that Casella charges for dumpsters. Mayor DeTine concluded that they plan on adding it as a separate line item with the water and sewer bills that comes out quarterly and is looking at August as the start date.

The board discussed purchasing new billing software, and possibly offering on line payments as an option.

Heidi Musingo asked if we will still do spring clean-up?

Mayor DeTine replied yes, Casella does do big item pick -up, and he will be discussing that possibility with Casella.

There was a discussion about picking up mattresses, and how we refused them las year, due to the cost that the landfill was going to charge for disposal. The board was not sure if Cassella will do the same.

Don Skinner asked if Casella was who we will be going with?

The Mayor replied, yes, they did come in at the lowest bid.

Don replied, that this is a good idea, and thinks that the Village should have done this years ago. This way the guys are freed up on Thursdays and Fridays, and they can focus on other things that need their time.

Mayor DeTine replied yes, and also commented on not just freeing up time, but also some safety concerns, that have to be thought of when the guys have a dig, they need all four guys.

Dave asked if they can opt out?

Mayor DeTine replied no.

The board discussed the fees that the County Landfill charges for individuals.

Kris Young asked about disposal of tires.

The board stated that they are not sure if Casella will take tires and referred her to the County Landfill, were you have to buy a pass specifically for tires.

Mayor DeTine stated that he will ask Casella to provide a list of accepted recyclables to the customers, and also will have Trustee Harding post it on Facebook.

Rick Hoshal asked Mayor DeTine if he is having a Public Hearing for adopting the local law, before enforcing this?

Mayor DeTine replied yes.

Rick asked if he has talked to the lawyer about all of this?

Mayor DeTine replied yes, he spoke to him today.

Dana Hand asked if the Village plans on selling the Garbage Truck?

Trustee Schmitt answered yes.

Casey Jones stated that he has three issues with the garbage proposal. He went on to say that some municipalities charge customers by the number of stickers they purchase.

Mayor DeTine stated that was not an option included in the bid.

Rick Hoshal asked if he opts for a smaller tote, would the charge be cheaper?

Trustee Schmitt answered no, that is not how the contract is written with Casella.

Kris Young asked if recycling and regular garbage will still be picked up the same day?

Mayor DeTine replied yes.

Casey Jones asked about purchasing a smaller packer.

Mayor DeTine replied that he does not want the Village to be tied to a payment, at this time. He would like to see the Village be comfortable enough to get through the fiscal year, without relying on the savings fund.

Casey Jones commented on how the Village of Belmont is rated for their high taxes, and started suggesting ways to help with the finances.

Mayor DeTine discussed the fact that a good percentage of properties in the Village is owned by the County, along with a few other organizations who does not pay property taxes.

Mayor DeTine informed Casey that his 5 minutes was up,

Casey objected to the 5 minutes that is allowed during a public hearing, and stated that his time was also being interrupted by other people.

Mayor DeTine replied that if he did not set a time limit than the meeting could go all night.

Rick Hoshal asked what properties in the Village have garbage service and do not pay property taxes?

Mayor DeTine replied Churches and the Accord buildings.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried, at 8:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Cline
Clerk