MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2 – 2026

ESTABLISHING REFUSE FEES

VILLAGE OF BELMONT - COUNTY OF ALLEGANY

August 3, 2026

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

Absent 0

Public: Casey Jones, Dana Hand, Alva Robbins, Don and Wendy Skinner, Nancy LaValley, Tim Histead, Randy Swarthout, Mike Doody, Tom and Teresa Sworthout, Titus Brown, Jen Bliss, Kris Young, Chris Plummer and Michelle Webster

Mayor DeTine opened the public meeting at 7:15.

Mayor DeTine discussed the issues that the Village is facing. He stated that the Village needs to make a decision about garbage collection, and how or if they will continue this service to the residents. He continued to explain, that the Village of Belmont is one of the last municipalities in this area to do their own garbage collection. He went on to say that our garbage truck has been having a lot of mechanical issues, they have put almost $28,000.00 into it and cannot afford to keep doing this. He also explained that while our truck was being was being repaired, we were able to use Friendship's garbage truck as a back -up. But unfortunately, their truck has broken down and now Friendship has decided to contract out for their garbage removal, so if ours breaks down again we will not have a back -up.

Mayor DeTine also discussed the DPW and how this will also free them up, so they can start concentrating on more projects that need their attention and time.

Mayor DeTine stated that the board considered different options, and this is the best option they felt, for the Village. They figured the flat fee for garbage collection based on the proposed bid and deducted the amounts that was budgeted for in tipping fees and the part-time laborer, divided by the individual units in the Village and it equals out to be $10.00 a month ($30.00 a quarter), per unit and this will be billed quarterly with the water and sewer bills. The businesses that require a dumpster will have to pay for their own dumpster service.

Mayor DeTine reviewed the three bids, that where already reviewed at May 15th board meeting, and stated that Casella came in at the lowest, for $70,740.00, Laforge was $87,000.00 and Cyrco bid was not considered, due to not providing all the information that was requested.

Trustee Harding stated that Casella also is invested in their community and does a lot of sponsorships. She also talked about their recycling process, and how the trucks have two compartments that allows them to separate garbage from recyclables.

Michelle Webster asked why they switched the recycling to every Friday?

Mayor DeTine replied that they were receiving a lot of complaints about the bi-weekly recyclable schedule.

Michelle Webster stated that this sounds like it is a done deal, and asked about the price going up, later.

Mayor DeTine replied that he wants to do a long- term contract, but they will evaluate the cost every year, when doing the budget. He also stated that in the long run, having not to budget for tipping fees and a part-time laborer will also help with the Village tax cap.

Chris Plummer asked if he will be billed for the property across the street, that has no structure on it?

Mayor DeTine replied no, not if it is a vacant lot, with no structures on it.

Jen Bliss and Titus Brown asked about the totes and if they have to pay for them, when they are paying for a dumpster service.

Trustee Schmitt asked how they would recycle?

Titus answered that he would take the recyclables to the landfill.

Mayor DeTine replied that he would like to discuss this question with the board first, before they can give an answer.

Michelle Webster asked for an exact number for what the Village pays now for garbage.

Mayor DeTine replied that he does not have an exact number, because they pick garbage themselves. He then went on to explain what they budget for in tipping fees, along with the budgeted amount for the part-time laborer. He also stated that, the numbers in the budget does include the maintenance, gas and insurance they pay.

Chris Plummer asked the Mayor, so you are planning on getting rid of the part-time position?

Mayor DeTine replied yes, the part-time laborer position was created mainly for garbage pickup.

Tom Swarthout asked if the Village has considered using job track for extra help.

Mayor DeTine replied yes, they have used them in the past.

Casey Jones asked if the first bill will be pro-rated?

Mayor DeTine replied yes.

Kris Young asked if they still are going to do spring clean- up?

Mayor DeTine replied yes, they would like to still do this. But he has to discuss this with Casella.

Nancy LaValley asked about the size of the totes.

Mayor DeTine informed her that they are 96-gallon totes, but if she needs a smaller one, she can contact the company and they will provide her with a smaller one.

Mayor DeTine also stated that all garbage needs to be in the totes, they will not pick up any garbage that is laying on the ground by it.

Chris Plummer asked if the totes get damaged, will they replace them?

Mayor DeTine replied yes.

Motion to close the Public Meeting at 7:50 pm made by Trustee Harding, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Cline
Clerk

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