MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF BELMONT - COUNTY OF ALLEGANY

March 16, 2026

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

Absent:

Employees:

Public: Casey Jones and Shannon Harding

Mayor DeTine opened the board meeting at 7:00 pm.
The board pledged the flag.
Trustee Schmitt questioned the wording with Mike Healy; in reference to the Episcopal Church. The clerk will make the correction.
Motion to accept March 2nd minutes, with the correction made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.
Motion to accept March 9th, Public Meeting minutes made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Evans and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.
The board reviewed the bills and payroll. Motion to accept payroll and approve the bills on Abstract 10A made by Trustee Evans, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's, as follow; General $5471.10, Water $5293.17 and Sewer $6432.39.
The board reviewed Court Cash report. Motion to accept Court Cash report made by Trustee Evans, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and o no's.
The board discussed the Village Procurement and Policies.
Trustee Schmitt made a motion, 2nd by Trustee Healy to increase the reconnect fee for non-payments to $50.00.
The board will continue discussing the Villages Procurement and Policies.
The board reviewed the budget. They discussed the increases in the costs, to operate and maintain the General, Water and Sewer Departments. They discussed the fact that this will be the first time that the Village will raise the taxes since 2012. The board agreed, due to raising costs, to raise the Tax Cap to 10% for the 2026-2027 budget.
Motion to set A Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget for 2026-2027 at 7:15 pm on Monday April 6th, 2026, made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0's.
Mayor DeTine and Shannon Harding discussed Americas 250th anniversary.
Shannon informed the board that she has started thinking of ideas. She plans on talking to different organizations, and individuals about working together to plan events.
Mayor DeTine suggested a few organization that she might want to talk to. They also discussed some event ideas for the Village.
Shannon stated that she will keep the board updated.
Officer Sherman reviewed the Police report.

Motion to accept the Police Report made by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.
The clerk informed the board that everything is set for the Election, on Wednesday March 18th.
The clerk informed the board that she has been working with Ryan (EFC) and Laura (bpd Municipal Finance) gathering final information, for the Grant submittal.
Mayor DeTine informed the board that MRB engineers will be here Wednesday, to do a walk through at the Water Plant.
Mayor DeTine informed the board that when Upstate came to replace the actuator at the water plant, that it also needed a new valve. They will be back to replace the valve and the new actuator.
Trustee Grantier asked about refurbishing and selling these parts, after the new water plant is built.
Mayor DeTine stated that, that is something the Village will look into.
Mayor DeTine discussed the MOU with the Town of Amity; the board approved the agreement. A motion was made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Evans. And carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's to accept the agreement.
Trustee Schmitt discussed the signs posted, as you enter the Village. She informed the board that Mark Hand asked if the Village would donate money to have them replaced / refurbished.
The Board discussed the Villages finances, and agreed that they cannot afford it. They agreed that individual donations would be the best way to fund it.
Mayor DeTine informed the board that there was some flooding on Tracey Ave.
Mayor DeTine informed the board that the street department will be starting to clean dishes and the drain grates this week.
Trustee Evans discussed the pothole on the driveway, by the bank, leading to the Apartment Houses out back. He informed the board that this belongs to the Apartment buildings, and he would like to contact them, and have them repair it.
Mayor DeTine gave his full permission for Trustee Evans to contact the property owner.
Trustee Evans asked if M.A.C.E. has done their annual inspections?
The board and the clerk answered that they have not seen anything from M.A.C.E. in reference to this.
Trustee Grantier apologized for giving the wrong date for the Comprehensive Plan meeting. He informed the board, that everything with the Comprehensive Plan is still going very well.
Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer L. Cline
Clerk/Treasurer