MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE
VILLAGE OF BELMONT - COUNTY OF ALLEGANY
May 18, 2026

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

Absent:

Employees: Officer Sherman

Public: Casey Jones and Cody Matzner (Chris Plummer arrived at 7:45)

The Board pledged the flag.

Minutes of May 4, 2026 meeting read and approved on a motion by Trustee Schmiit, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to accept March and April Water and Sewer control accounts made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to accept the Court Cash report made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Healy 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 11a made by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's, as follow; General $10,000.75 Water $3,506.97 and Sewer $1,361.95.

The board reviewed the Shared Services agreement with NYS DOT.

Motion to accept the agreement for a 4-year term made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Harding and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine reviewed the three RFP proposals for garbage removal, from Cyrco, Laforge and Casella. Upon review he stated that Cyrco did not provide all of the information that was requested, so it will not be consider. He then informed the board of the two remaining proposal bids, for the first year Laforge bid was $81,000.00 for refuse and $87,000.00 for refuse and recyclables. Casella proposed bids; $63,504.00 for refuse and $70,740.00 for refuse and recyclables.

The board reviewed the lowest bid from Casella, and it was suggested to enter into executive session, for further discussion.

Trustee Schmitt asked Cody Matzner about recycling, if they do the sorting and where does the recyclables go?

Cody Matzner answered that the residents do not have to separate the recyclables. Casella does the sorting, and takes the recyclables to their processing center in Apalachin NY.

The board also discussed Spring Clean-up, and that would be an additional fee.

Trustee Harding suggested possibly doing a community fee pick up.

Trustee Grantier discussed the Comprehensive Plan draft. He first addressed a foil request from Casey Jones. He stated that the request was premature, because the Plan is still in its draft stage. He also

stated that the draft is on a goggle hard drive and is 58 pages. Trustee Grantier went on to discuss the draft. He reminded the board that this is the first step for the draft and the forms he handed out for the next steps is just a tentative lay out, that they drafted last year to help guide with the time frame and dates so they stay on track. He informed the board that they are still making some adjustments and changes, He stated that the committee has been working hard on this and they have tried to incorporated the vision and ideas that they received from the Community. He stated that the plan they are preparing sets a good ground work and vision - moving forward in the future. He also stated, give or take a few weeks, and he feels that it will be ready to present to the board.

Trustee Harding asked about preservation, and the Historic district. She expressed how important this is to her and many other residents. She stated that she would like to see this incorporated, in the plan.

The board discussed the cost of a Historian.

Trustee Grantier stated that he was going to look into Shared Services and see if this could be something that might be included through the Shared Service agreement.

Mayor DeTine discussed having the Town of Amity board members and some of the County's representatives at the public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor DeTine and Trustee Grantier agreed to have July 20, 2026, as the potential date to review the draft and appoint the Village of Belmont as the SEQR, for the Comprehensive Plan.

Casey Jones expressed his concerns about the Comprehensive Plan draft, and the promotion for public participation. He stated that the public is not always informed on the dates that they meet, he also expressed that he feels the plan has a lot of inconsistencies, and pointed out some of his issues with the plan. One being that the plan does not match up with the priorities from the public surveys that the planning board did. He used the Historic Preservation as one of the examples noted on the public survey, but not mentioned on the plan. He also stated that he was not happy with the response, about the FOIL request.

Mayor DeTine informed Casey that the Village will have a public meeting, for the Comprehensive Plan, and he can submit a list of concerns and suggestions to Trustee Grantier.

Casey requested a hard copy of the draft.

Trustee Grantier informed Casey that it is still a draft, an unofficial document. They are developing a plan, not a law. He also stated that he does have good suggestions, some good points, but the way he approaches/expressing them can be a turn off to people.

Mayor DeTine replied to Casey, that he does have some good ideas. And he has asked him many times if he would be interested, in being on the board to one of the committees. And he has declined every time.

Casey replied that he does not have the compacity to get involved with everything. If he commits to something he is all in. So, he feels that he can give his impact, by attending meetings and participating in the public meetings.

Mayor DeTine and Casey held a brief discussion about Grants.

Trustee Grantier asked Casey what Town he was Mayor of.

Casey replied Norwich NY.

Trustee Harding stated that Brian contacted her about the Villages Face book. She stated that she would take over if the board approved.

The board said they do not have any problems with her running it.

Mayor DeTine will talk with Brian.

Trustee Harding informed the board about the preparations that the American Legion has done, for the Memorial Day events that will take place in the Village.

Mayor DeTine discussed a FOIL request, he received. He stated that he is going to write a letter in response, and also direct her to contact MACE, about her requests.
Officer Sherman reviewed the Police report with the board.

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

Officer Sherman informed the board that he will be retiring July 31, 2026. He thanked the board and expressed his appreciation for the time he worked for the Village of Belmont.

Trustee Grantier expressed his gratitude to Officer Sherman and thanked him for his years of service in the Military and Law Enforcement.

The board also Congratulated and Thanked Officer Sherman. and wished him the best with his retirement.

Officer Sherman informed the board that he reached out to the part time employees, about their lack of hours for the Village. He stated that he asked them, if they had no plans to work for Belmont, then please hand in their resignation, so they can start looking for new officers.

Officer Sherman informed the board that Officer Hughes and Petit both responded back and handed in their resignations.

Mayor DeTine and Officer Sherman held a brief conversation for the OIC position, when Officer Sherman retires.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that the street Department has been getting quotes for a new Zero turn.

The clerk informed the board that she has been working on getting things wrapped up for the end of the village fiscal year, along with preparing information for the grant and getting ready for tax season that starts June 1st.

Chris Plummer asked Mayor DeTine about the appliances and the pressure washer that is in the Firehall. He discussed the pressure washer and what it would take to remove it, and since it would require cutting into the ceiling would the Village be willing to purchase a small portable one and they would leave the existing one there.

Mayor DeTine replied that he will discuss the pressure washer with Brian, and see if they already have one that they can give to the Fire Department. He also stated that the Kitchen appliances belong to the Fire Department, but the Village will take anything they want to leave, since there have been talks of turning that space into a warming center.

Chris Plummer also stated that the light in the parking lot is out.

Trustee Grantier will contact RG&E and see if it is one of theirs.

Mayor DeTine informed Chris that they are going to hold off, on selling the Red Dump Truck.

There was a brief discussion about executive sessions.

Trustee Grantier presented an idea for a temporarily fix to the appearance of the pillars out front. He discussed poly carbonated sheets that you can wrap around the base the cost would be around $500.00 to $600.00.

Trustee Healy wanted to Thank Adam for repairing the Fountain at the park circle.

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Harding and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Cline
Clerk