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

April 6, 2026

Present: Trustees: Grantier, Schmitt and Healy
Trustee Harding Arrived at 7:08 pm

Absent: Mayor DeTine

Employees: Officer Sherman

Public: Casey Jones and Desi DeMarte

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Trustee (Deputy Mayor) Grantier opened the board meeting at 7:00 pm.

The board pledged the flag.

Motion to accept March 16th minutes made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 3 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to accept March 23rdh, Public Meeting minutes made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 3 ayes and 0 no's.

Trustee Grantier reviewed the Annual Organizational Meeting Appointments for 2026-2027.

Motion to approve and adopt the Appointments made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 3 ayes and 0 no's.

Trustee Grantier reviewed the Village of Belmont Member Appointments. Motion to approve and adopt as followed;
Comprehensive Planning Board Members:
Motioned by Trustee Healy, 2nd By Trustee Schmitt and carried 3 aye and 0 no's.
Planning Board Members;
Motioned by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Schmitt and carried 3 ayes and 0 no's
Zoning Board of Appeals Members;
Motioned by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and caried 3 ayes and 0 no's.
Police Board Members:
Motioned by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Schmitt and carried 4 ayes and o no's.

Trustee Grantier reviewed Procurement Policies. Motion to approve and adopt made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Trustee Grantier reviewed Policies and Procedures.
Motion to approve and adopt as follows;

Accepting Payments Without Penalty Policy; Motioned by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Harding and carried 4 ayes and 0 no's.
Fee for New Water or Water and Sewer Customers Policy;
Motioned by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried 4 ayes and 0 no's.
Estimating Water and Sewer Meter Readings Policy;
Motioned by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried 4 ayes and 0 no's.
Water and Sewer Shutt-Off for Non-Payment Policy;
Motioned by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Harding and carried 4 ayes and o no's.

Trustee Grantier closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Meeting on a motion by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy at 7:15 pm.

Trustee Grantier opened the regular meeting at 7:45 pm

The board reviewed the Court Cash Report. Motion to accept Court Cash report made by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Schmitt and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Officer Sherman submitted Tyler McPhilmoy's background check.

Police Report – tabled.

Motion to accept water and sewer estimates made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to accept water and sewer adjustments made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's

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The bord reviewed the bills and payroll. Motion to accept payroll and approve the bills on Abstract 11 made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's, as follow; General $30,722.62 Water $4090.80 and Sewer $10974.28

Trustee Grantier read to the board an invite from the Belmont Fire Company, for their annual dinner on May 16, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

The clerk presented to the board a permission form from USDA, requesting permission for them to set trap strips in the Park Circle, to track an invasive insect, the box tree moth. The clerk stated that they had permission last year for this and that none were detected here.

The board reviewed the information. Motion to allow USDA to set the traps made by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Harding and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Casey Jones stated that the public participation should be moved to the beginning of the board meeting, stated that the board votes on a topic, then ask for public comments after. He also stated that he thinks that the Village should look at a different official newspaper, due to the limited times that they publish weekly newspapers.

Desi DeMarte asked about the speed bumps on Willard. She stated that she understands having them in during Softball and T-ball season. But asked that they be removed when the season ends.

The board will talk to the Street department about the time frame.

The board discussed concerns of individuals digging holes at the Park Circle, which is not permitted on Village Property.

The board did not witness this, but will keep an eye out.

Trustee Harding asked about allowing side by sides in the Village.

Trustee Grantier informed her that the Village is surrounded by 2 State roads and they are not allowed on State roads.

The Board discussed the dead trees at the falls, and the restrictions/ laws that are in place per the DEC.

Trustee Schmitt discussed Spring Clean Up. She informed the board that she spoke with Brian and the County is going to charge the Village $30.00 to $40.00 per mattress and box spring. She stated that bed bugs have become a major problem and the County is taking extra precautions when handling the mattresses and box springs.

The board discussed different options, and will consult with the Street department before making a decision about removing mattresses and box springs.

Trustee Grantier informed the board about the flooding on Tracey Ave. He stated that they hired a Company to come and ran a storm line Jetter, and discovered that the pipe had collapsed. Trustee Grantier went on to say that they have a plan to divert the water. Brian has contacted the County and they agreed to help through shared services. Brian has called NY Dig and received permission from the home owner where they need to dig. Trustees Grantier stated that he spoke to the Village attorney, about the situation, and the attorney was good with what the Village plans on doing. Trustee Grantier said they are going to start this week.

Trustee Grantier and the board welcomed Shannon Harding as a member to the Village Board.

Motion to enter executive session for the discussion of personnel made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's at 8:35 PM.

Trustee Grantier reopened the regular meeting at 8:45 PM.

Motion to approve Tyler McPhilmoy for employment as a part-time police officer made by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Schmitt and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to hold a public hearing on the preliminary budget at 7:15pm, to be considered same for adoption for the 2026-2027 budget on April 20, 2026 made by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Schmitt and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm made by Trustee Healy 2nd by Trustee Harding and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Cline
Clerk

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF BELMONT - COUNTY OF ALLEGANY
APRIL 6, 2026

Present: Trustees: Grantier, Schmitt, Healy and Harding

Absent: Mayor DeTine

Public: Desi DeMarte and Casey Jones

Deputy Mayor Grantier opened the meeting at 7:15pm

Deputy Mayor Grantier welcomed everyone in attendance. He then went over the tentative budget. He informed the public that the board and the accountant have reviewed and looked over the budget with diligence on several occasions, and have agreed that they have to raise the Village taxes.

Casey Jones expressed his thoughts on the budget. He stated that he feels that the Village should not have to raise the taxes by 10%. He went on to say that the Village should set a specific dollar amount to the fund balance and increase the contingent amount. He also stated that the Village should look into more shared services, and gave a few examples, that could possibly help save money. He also commented on the budget layout, he said that it is better to understand than it was, but still a little bit confusing. Casey also questioned CHIPS and how it is presented on the budget.

Desi DeMarte asked about the water and sewer funds. She stated that the General Fund was pretty clear on funds, but asked about the revenue amounts for water and sewer.

The clerk explained that they get the numbers from what they have taking in over the last year. It is impossible to get an exact amount. A lot of factors will affect the amount. She gave some examples for this year. Stating that there were a few higher bills, due to some big water leaks that residents had, population also will affect the amounts

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Desi commented that she agrees with Casey, about raising the taxes and feels that we should do it a little each year, if necessary, rather than one big increase at once.

The board stated that they will take into consideration all of the comments and recommendations made.

Public Hearing adjourned on a motion by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's at 7:45 PM.

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Jennifer Cline
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