MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE
VILLAGE OF BELMONT - COUNTY OF ALLEGANY
August 03, 2026

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

Absent:

Employees:

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

The Board pledged the flag.

Minutes of July 20,2026 meeting read and approved on a motion by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Harding and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine reviewed a renewal letter from Lippes Mathias, (Bond counsel) for an updated Engagement letter for the Water Project. Motion to accept the updated engagement letter made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Schmitt and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

The board reviewed Bills and Payroll. Motion to approve payroll records and pay bills on Abstract #3 made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's as follows: General $6,488.13, Water $12,085.76 and Sewer $6,210.10.

Trustee Harding informed the board that she has been receiving positive feedback for the events planned for Amity Daze.

Trustee Harding discussed with the board a memorial bench for Corporal Jason L. Dunham. She informed the board that there is still money left that was donated and they are looking to use it towards the bench. She went on to say that the original idea was to have it in the Park Circle, but is now looking for another location, or if anyone has other alternative ideas to commemorate CPL. Jason L. Dunham to please let her know.

Mayor DeTine asked about the Belmont Legions Park.

Trustee Harding replied no, they cannot place one there.

The board discussed having a bench placed at the Fireman's Park.

Wendy Skinner said she would look into the agreement for the park.

Motion to close the regular meeting and open the Public Meeting at 7:15pm, for the proposed local law #2 -2026, titled "Establishing Refuse Fees" made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Schmitt and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine reopened the regular meeting at 7:50 PM.

Mayor DeTine discussed the bids for garbage and recyclable removal that were opened and reviewed on May 18, 2026, during the regular board meeting, Casella, bidding the lowest; 1st year $70,740.00, 2nd year $73, 569.00, 3rd year $76,513, 4th year $79,573.00 and 5th year $82,755.00; Laforge bid was 1st year

$87,000, 2nd year $89,160, 3rd year $91,380.00 4th $93,660.00 and 5th year $96,000.00. and the bid from Cyrco was not considered, because they did not provide all the information requested.

Motion to accept Casellas bids and contract, for garbage and recyclable collection for the Village of Belmont made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Harding, and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine informed the public that Casella will be dropping off garbage totes, one for household garbage and the 2nd one is for recycling. They also will be dropping off flyers to everyone, with information about the garbage pickup, and a phone number for them to call if they have any questions. He also stated that Casella will be doing garbage and recyclable pickup every Friday, and all of this information will be on the flyers.

Motion to adopt Local Law #2 of 2026 entitled "A Local Law to Establish Refuse Fees" made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

The clerk will file the adopted law with NY Secretary of State.

Dana Hand asked the board if they could look into putting some children at play signs, on South Street. He also asked about the sidewalks and if there was any plan for maintenance or repairs?

Mayor DeTine will talk with the street department, about the signs and he plans on having the guys do surveys on the sidewalks. Then they can review and put together a projected plan to start the maintenance.

Dana Hand asked about M.A.C.E., and if the Village is getting their money's worth?

Mayor DeTine informed Dana, that he has spoken to M.A.C.E about his concerns. And they are confident that they will do better. He also stated that the board needs to revise the Zoning Code to have M.A.C.E act as our attorney.

Mayor DeTine stated that he is going to contact Vince Evans and see if he could help with this.

The board discussed the challenges, to find a Zoning and Code enforcer who is qualified.

Casey Jones asked for updates on the Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Grantier replied that the draft is out, there are copies at the Village Clerks office and it is posted on the Village website, and is open for comments for 30 days. They can be submitted to him or the clerks office. After that they will review the comments, make changes, if necessary, meet with the County, do the SEQR, Public hearing, and any other steps that they are required.

Casey asked when the Village Planning Board will be a part of reviewing it?

Trustee Grantier replied that they will be a part of it, he does not have an exact date. He asked that Casey be patient, right now it is posted and up for review and comments for 30 days. Trustee Grantier stated that they are still on track with the predicted time line.

Casey critiqued where the Comprehensive Plan was located on the Villages website. He also started to voice his concerns about the Plan, and questioned the financials.

Trustee Grantier asked if he can write down all his comments / questions and submit them to him.

Mayor DeTine and Casey held a conversation about the 5-minute time, allowed for public participation.

Trustee Harding stated that she will post the Comprehensive Plan on Facebook with a link for people to review also.

Chris Plummer asked how did the Village get into financial stress?

Mayor DeTine replied that instead of raising taxes in the past, they have been relying on the savings fund to get us through, and we cannot keep doing this. We are all seeing the cost of everything continue rise. That is why we had to raise taxes this year.

Mayor DeTine also pointed out that a lot of the property in the Village is owned by the County, who does not pay property taxes.

Chris Plummer commented that it does not help when County tears down houses.

Mayor DeTine replied that the Village did fight them on this.

Chris Plummer asked about the Police department.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that he talked to Craig Cornell, and he has expressed interest for the OIC position. He asked Mr. Cornell to attend the next board meeting and introduce himself to the board, before they make a decision.

Mayor DeTine reviewed a quote from Eldorado for $2213.00, for the new water and sewer software. Motion to accept the quote from El Dorado made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Schmitt and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine reviewed a letter from Adam, relinquishing his responsibility to be the backup CDL driver.

Mayor DeTine discussed the violation letter from the Health department, for the Water plant.
He stated that the violations are being addressed.
He also discussed the valves that were discussed at the last board meeting. He stated that they were able to recalibrate one, but the second one needs to be repaired.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that they were able to repair the water line on State 244; everything seemed to go well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm on a motion by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Cline

Clerk