MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE
VILLAGE OF BELMONT - COUNTY OF ALLEGANY
August 17, 2026

Present: Mayor DeTine Trustees: Schmitt, Healy and Harding
Trustee Grantier arrived at 7:05

Absent:

Employees:

Public: Craig Cornell and Casey Jones

The Board pledged the flag.

Minutes of August 3,2026 meeting read and approved on a motion by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Minutes of August 3, 2026 Public meeting read and approved on a motion by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Schmitt and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Craig Cornell introduced himself to the board. He stated that he was interested in the OIC position for the police department. He reviewed with the board his back ground and work experience.

Mayor DeTine and the board expressed the need for police presence in the Village, along with issues that they have faced in the past, with the lack of hours from the part-timers.

They discussed the Sherriff department and the NY State police patrol.

Trustee Schmitt commented, that fours hours total was all the police department had for hours in one month. She asked what would be the average / reasonable hours they should expect?

Mayor DeTine asked, how much time would he devoted to Belmont. And if he was offered the position, when could he start?

Officer Cornell replied that his first priority is his full-time position as a resource officer at the school. He than went on to explain that he gets a lot of time off during the school year and all summer off, along with most nights and weekends. He stated that he would make Belmont one of his top priorities during this time. He also replied that his start date would depend on when all the paperwork is done and filed.

Mayor DeTine and Officer Cornell discussed police equipment / supplies.

The board thanked Officer Cornell for coming in.

The board reviewed Bills and Payroll. Motion to approve payroll records and pay bills on Abstract #3A made by Trustee Harding, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's as follows: General $5,105.65, Water $1,450.88 and Sewer $3,162.23.

The board reviewed July's report from M.A.C.E. Motion to accept M.A.C.E's report made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine reviewed with the board the Water Project and finances. He informed the board that he has reached out to BBS accounting about borrowing $150,000.00 from the General Fund, to help finance

the project, and reimbursing it once we close on the grant, that is projected to close around October 22. Another option is applying for a short-term loan. He also stated that he spoke to MRB about some of the outstanding bills, and Bill Davis feels that if they will work with the Village on payments

The board agreed that borrowing from the General Fund would be the best option, and discussed a lower amount.

Mayor DeTine stated that he will reach out to Bill and see if $100,000.00 would be an acceptable amount that they can work with.

Mayor DeTine reviewed a quote from Lynch paving for milling Howard Street.

Trustee Harding asked if that was the only quote?

Mayor DeTine replied yes.

The board discussed CHIPS reimbursements.

Trustee Grantier asked about the severity of the road, and if it could wait until next year?

Mayor DeTine replied that they can patch it.

Trustee Grantier stated that if we can afford to mill the street, then we should proceed.

Trustee Schmitt expressed her concerns for the General Fund and asked if we can hold off, until we hear back from MRB.

Decision to mill Howard Street was tabled, on a motion by Mayor DeTine and carried 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine discussed purchasing a new blade for the sidewalk plow. The board also, discussed other options for snow removal for the sidewalks.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that the Streets Department will be contacting RTI auctions, to put the garbage truck up for auction. The board discussed and agreed to put a minimum bid of $15,000.00.

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

Mayor DeTine informed the board that the Health Department called about sewer service located at 35 Greenwich Street. He stated that he will be contacting them tomorrow to informed them that there is no sewer line running to this property, due to it being in a flood zone and they need to contact the DEC.

The clerk informed the board that the new water and sewer program is scheduled to be installed on Wednesday. She also informed the board that she has contacted NY Class and is in the works of setting up a time for them to meet with the board to answer any questions.

The clerk informed the board that Local Law #2 of 2026 has been sent to Albany by certified mail.

Trustee Granier informed the board that he has received two responses for the comprehensive plan, and will continue taking comments until the end of August, and will go over them with the Comprehensive Planning board. He also informed then board that Stacy from the County's Office of Planning has offered to attend a board meeting.

Mayor DeTine asked Trustee Grantier if they could target September 21st board meeting as a tentative date for the board to review the Plan.

Trustee Grantier replied yes, he will contact Stacy and see if that date will work for her.

Trustee Grantier informed the board that he will be contacting M.A.C.E, for projects that is doing on his property.

Trustee Healy asked about the $500.00, that the Village received from the County, towards America's 250Th celebration. She also reminded the board of the deadline to submit the details, for what the fund was spent on.

Trustee Healy suggested that they purchase a new flag pole and flag at the Street's Department.

Trustee Harding stated that she still needs to issue the gift cards to the winners.

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Schmitt and 2^{nd,} by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Cline

Clerk