

Agenda: February 5,2024

General

Pledge

Approval of January 22, 2024 Minutes

Court Cash Report

Police Department - Lewis Pettit

Correspondence

Pay Bills and Review Payroll Records

Public Participation (5 Minutes per individual, time may not be yielded to another individual)

Office

Streets Department

Water

Sewer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF BELMONT - COUNTY OF ALLEGANY
JANUARY 8, 2024

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

Employees: Justin Zajicek and Jeanette Stewart

Public: Barb Woolston, Harold Mitchell, Brandy Millington and Casey Jones
Barb Zlomeck arrived late

Mayor DeTine opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The Board pledged the flag.

Minutes of the previous 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.

Motion to accept Court Cash report made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

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

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

Motion to approve the water and sewer billing control accounts made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to adopt the resolution abolishing registration day made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to adopt the resolution to hold the Village election March 19, 2024, from Noon to 9:00 PM, in the Horn Room of the Town and Village Hall, 1 Schuyler Street made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Schmitt and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to appoint Robert Drosendahl and Barb Zlomek election inspectors made by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to accept payroll records and pay bills on Abstract #8 made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's as follows: General \$7817.97, Water \$3064.38 and Sewer \$11978.29.

Mayor DeTine reviewed a letter from Donna D. in reference to changes for the memorial pots that are displayed throughout the Village.

Barb Woolston questioned the board about a Legal Notice that was posted on the building known as "The Island Style Bar and Grill" at 31 Schuyler Street. She was confused as to why the notice was posted when, the owners at this location; who also reside there, were hosting a Christmas party to friends and family.

Mayor DeTine informed Barb that he had spoken to Kevin, the code enforcement officer, and Kevin informed him that he was contacted by the Allegany County Health Dep't. They asked Kevin to post a Legal Notice on the premises. Kevin informed the Mayor that the County often contacts the Code Enforcement Officer to post Legal Notices when the violation(s) are under the Municipalities Property Maintenance Code. Mayor DeTine also noted that on the Legal Notice it lists that they are in Violation for "Failure to post a current Allegany County Dep't of Health compliance certificate".

Barb asked if he knew why they did not receive the compliance certificate.

The Mayor replied no, that is a question for the Allegany County Health Department.

Barb asked about the pillars that are out front of the building.

Mayor DeTine stated that Trustee Grantier and himself are meeting with two board members from the Town to discuss them.

Harold Mitchell informed the board of some safety concerns that he has for the Belmont Apartments on Wells Lane. He informed the board that while delivering meals to the third floor of the apartments, he spoke to a resident in a wheelchair, and observed that there are no fire escapes to accommodate handicapped people on the third floor. He stated that as a volunteer firefighter, if a fire should ever occur there, this individual would not be able to escape, and almost impossible for the Fire Department to rescue him. He also mentioned that he has heard the residents there went two weeks without heat.

Mayor DeTine stated that he was unaware of these conditions and it is very concerning. He is going to contact the code enforcement about this matter.

Brandy Millington introduced herself to the board as the Post Master for the Belmont Post Office. She asked the board to review and adjust the Post Office water and sewer bill. She went on to say that they did have a plumbing issue with a toilet and did have to contact maintenance to come and repair it. She also stated that after maintenance came, the issue re-occurred, and they repaired it again in December.

Brandy also asked the board to take into consideration about a situation that had occurred, a few years ago. She stated that for a period of time the Post Office had very low water pressure, due to a leak in their line. They could not repair the line until the Villages' Water department located the shut off valve to the main line, at which it took some time to do. And during this period of time the Post Office was very patient with the Village.

She also submitted two letters for the board to review, along with a work order for the repair of the parking lot located behind the Town/Village Hall and the Post Office.

Mayor DeTine stated Yes, he appreciated their patience, as he explained that it took Dorr (water operator) some time to locate the shut off, due to a building that caught on fire and as a result was demoed and the shut off valve was buried under the debris.

Mayor DeTine asked the board to review the letters and bill, and they will come back to a decision at the end of the meeting.

Casey Jones asked what provisions were being made for the Weather advisory that has been issued for Allegany County.

Mayor DeTine informed him that the Village is still working with the County for an emergency plan. For now, the Genessee Valley School will be opened for people to go to, if needed.

The Mayor stated he will put a message on the Villages' facebook page.

Officer Zajicek reviewed the police report with the board. He also informed the board that he will be starting a mandatory Supervisor training this week. The training is twice a week for six weeks. Officers Zajicek, Sherman and Hughes are all attending this training. He stated that they plan on alternating vehicles between Belmont, Wellsville and Willing police departments.

Officer Zajicek also informed the board that he has started an application process for an individual that is interested in working for the Belmont P.D. If everything goes well, he will have him attend a board meeting.

Mayor DeTine asked Officer Zajicek if there has been any news on the Police Reform meeting? He also informed Office Zajicek that if there anything the Police Depart wants / needs to please let him know, so he can consider it while doing the budget. He would like to start working on it in February.

Office Zajicek stated that he will send Emails out again to try and set a date and time for the Police Reform meeting. He also stated that he will look into what the P.D may need for next year.

Motion to accept Police Report made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to accept the Stop DWI contract made by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Healy and carried on a vote of 3 ayes and 0 no's. Trustee Grantier recuse himself.

Mayor DeTine reviewed the 6-month Budget summaries He informed the board that they will have to discuss raising the water and sewer rates in the near future.

Trustee Schmitt asked why the Village relevys the water and sewer amounts on the Village Taxes and not the Town and County taxes? She stated that a lot of the Villages relevy their water and sewer on the Town and County taxes.

The Clerk informed her that she was told the Village had to relevy their water and sewer on the Village taxes.

Mayor DeTine stated that he was told this too, but he will look into this more.

Mayor DeTine informed the Board that the snow on South Street is not melting off like it used to. He is not sure if it has to do with the fact that when they re-paved the road they had to go down deeper. He stated that he has discussed this issue with the DPW.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that he would like for the DPW to start looking around for a new dump truck, and possibly work it into next year's budget.

Barb Zlomek asked the Mayor if they have heard anything about the Farmers Market?

Mayor DeTine replied no, no one has contacted him yet.

Barb stated that she will reach out to them and have them contact the Mayor.

Mayor DeTine reviewed a quote with the board from Layne Christensen. Adam thinks he can get it lowered; the quote includes somethings that Adam has already done.

Motion to accept Waste Water flow chart made by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine informed the Board that the company that supplies UV Lights that are required for the Sewer Plant have discontinued them. Brian ordered enough for the year, and is looking at different companies.

Mayor DeTine discussed with the board the request made by Post Master Brandy Millington on the water and sewer bill.

The board agreed after reviewing all the information that they would adjust the sewer rate to the base rate of \$86.42. They agreed that the Post office is responsible for paying for the metered water, since it was high due to plumbing issues.

Casey Jones and Harold Mitchell both expressed their opinions on this matter.

Brandy asked if the board would reconsider the water amount, stating that it would send "Red Flags" to Washington.

Mayor DeTine stated that he feels adjusting the sewer from \$4218.45 to \$86.42 is very fair.

Brandy asked if there was any way the Village can do a monthly read on the meter.

Mayor DeTine informed her that it would be too expensive at this time. They do not have enough employees to read meters, post, print and mail the bills to all the customers on a monthly basis.

Motion to adjust the sewer rate for acct # 102760, US Postal Service from \$4218.45 to the base rate of \$86.42, made by Trustee Healy, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Trustee Schmitt, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Cline

Clerk/Treasurer