

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF BELMONT - COUNTY OF ALLEGANY
DECEMBER 6, 2021

Present: Mayor DeTine, Trustees: Grantier, Frisk and Mapes.

Absent: 0.

Public: Lisa Schmitt, Brock Mapes, Casey Jones and Dana Hand.

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 Frisk, 2nd by Trustee Mapes and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's. Trustee Grantier wanted to clarify a section in the minutes regarding information provided by him to Trustee Mapes related to a study from Colorado showing no significant increase in use by youth. He wanted to make clear that the information provided by him was provided to the Mayor and all Trustees.

The Opt Out Local Law was tabled until the next meeting.

Justin Zajicek reviewed the monthly police report. He has issued warnings for the over night parking on the street during the winter. Motion to accept the police report made by Trustee Frisk, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to accept the payroll records and pay bills on Abstract #7 made by Trustee Frisk, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's as follows: General \$24,070.70, Fire Department \$1,169.49, Water \$20,614.10 and Sewer \$22,073.86.

Casey Jones informed the board that he met with Partners for Prevention and reviewed data related to motor vehicle accidents and cannabis, and cannabis and pregnancy. People think it's safe but it increases the chance of a motor vehicle accident.

Mayor DeTine stated that marijuana is detectable in the system for a long period of time.

Brock Mapes asked if the board has considered specifically what unknown concerns they have with the State Law.

Mayor DeTine responded that there is no way to know. It makes it very difficult to make a decision without more information.

Brock Mapes feels this is a dereliction of duty on the Village Board's part.

Mayor DeTine feels the they has a much clearer picture on everything that comes before the board.

Trustee Mapes reviewed Maine's policy. NY State will allow local governments to have input in the issuance process.

Trustee Grantier discussed the fact that if you opt in, you cannot opt out in the future. If you opt out, you can opt in in the future.

Brock Mapes state that opting in gives the opportunity for future revenue. Opting out gives the advantage to communities that opt in before you.

Mayor DeTine stated that the adoption of a local law is subject to permissive referendum and in that case the community would be making the decision.

Brock Mapes thinks the board needs to work harder.

Mayor DeTine stated that you are sadly mistaken.

Trustee Grantier stated that he had spoken with local business owners.

Lisa Schmitt stated that the planning board would address any zoning issues related to the local law in the future amended zoning ordinance.

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

Dana Hand informed the board that the planning board is not meeting in December and will get back to work after the 1st of the year.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that Wending Farms will be a good source for Christmas Trees in the future.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that the DPW would like to set up a trailer for water digs. The estimated cost of a trailer will be \$500. They would also like to purchase steel stock for equipment repairs in the future.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that Kevin Baker is covering the sewer plant and Brian Fanton is taking Kevin's place on the garbage truck.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that the Fire District transition is moving forward.

Motion to accept the sewer flow chart made by Trustee Mapes, 2nd by Trustee Frisk and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine reviewed the email from the Allegany County DPW regarding leachate agreements. They are offering \$0.03 per gallon.

Dana Hand asked if the Village PD would deliver orders to remedy for zoning violations. The clerk informed him that the PD has delivered actual appearance tickets related to zoning violations in the past. Dana will contact the Allegany County Sheriff's department and request their assistance.

Trustee Mapes informed the board that Southern Tier West will provide email addresses at a cost of \$25 per year each.

Motion to enter executive session for discussion of personnel made by Trustee Mapes, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's at 7:48 PM.

Mayor DeTine reopened the regular meeting at 8:15 PM.

Trustee Grantier reviewed quotes for disposal of records stored on the 3rd floor of the Town and Village Hall. Shred It - \$817.50 and Iron Mountain - \$720. The board agrees to make a decision at the next board meeting.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that the Opt Out Law will need to be voted on at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Trustee Frisk, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Hoshal
Clerk/Treasurer