

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF BELMONT - COUNTY OF ALLEGANY
AUGUST 16, 2021

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

Absent: Frisk.

Employees: Justin Zajicek.

Public: Lisa Schmitt, Mike Doody, Don Skinner, Gretchen Hanchett, Brock Mapes, Dana Hand and Randy Swarhout.

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 Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Mapes and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to accept the court cash report made by Trustee Evans, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine reviewed the training completed by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion to accept made by Trustee Evans, 2nd by Trustee Mapes and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that the Town of Amity is in the process of procuring quotes for replacement of the Town and Village Hall boiler system. The first quote received is from Tim Shea Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$32,900.00. When all requested quotes are received the Town and Village will make the decision jointly.

The clerk presented water and sewer billing adjustments. Motion to approve made by Trustee Mapes, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine informed the board of the problem with the Willard Street drain outlet located on the Berger property. The board agrees to provide a length of pipe to extend the drain outlet.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that Allegany County Soil and Water has received funding in the amount of \$25,000 to provide bank stabilization in the area of the Sewer Lift Station on Phillips Creek. The Town Highway Department has agreed to provide assistance.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that the meeting at the 33 Willets property was held on site and he is in possession of a copy of the minutes from that meeting.

Justin Zajicek asked to have the internet hotspot in the police car activated. The cost would be \$200 per year with unlimited data through AT&T. Motion to approve the request made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Evans and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's. Justin informed the board that the department received the grant for a new printer and scanner in the police car. He informed the board that Amity Daze was very busy and everything went well.

Motion to approve the payroll records and pay bills on Abstract #3A made by Trustee Evans, 2nd by Trustee Mapes and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's as follows: General \$7,677.04, Fire Department \$1,103.76, Water \$1,079.94 and Sewer \$5,098.51.

Lisa Schmitt asked how many tickets were written in July and Justin responded that 16 tickets were written.

Dana Hand stated that he would like to see more police presence on South Street because of speeders.

Gretchen Hanchett introduced herself. She is the executive director of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce and is one of the three Republican Primary winners for the Allegany County Board of Legislators. She would like to work with the Village in the future as a representative of Allegany County.

Mike Doody asked if the Village has been in contact with Gerard Kelly. Mayor DeTine responded that he told Girard the same thing that was discussed at the last board meeting related to the South Street athletic field property. An appraisal will be done when the school property is under contract to purchase.

Mayor DeTine complimented Don Skinner on the condition of the old Grange building lot.

Dana Hand informed the board that the Planning Board cancelled their meeting last week. They will be meeting on September 3rd for the combined comprehensive plan and the students from Alfred State will be in attendance and will assist in the future. Monday August 30th they will meet to clean up the vision for the plan. They will focus on Village priorities. The planning board is still working on the Zoning Ordinance. MACE is working on zoning issues and will be asked to provide documentation on permits that have been issued. There has been discussion on inspecting rental properties in the Village. Dana stated that the area cleaned up on Wells Lane looks good. Mayor DeTine informed him that the County will be planting shrubs in that area.

Trustee Grantier asked if the Alfred students will be assigned for the semester. Dana answered that yes it is for the semester and the students assigned will work only on the Village plan.

Don Skinner informed the board that the trees in front of the Grange property are in bad shape and he has contacted the NYS DOT and they are in no hurry to take them down. Mayor DeTine will call the DOT and express the Village concerns.

Mayor DeTine presented new language for the local law regarding uncut lawns in the Village. Trustee Mapes asked if going from 10 inch deep grass to 8 inches is necessary. The planning board will review the wording.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that he spoke with Nick Horton about the lack of information from the attorney representing the Fire Company regarding the rental agreement for the fire hall and the transfer of assets to the Fire District.

Trustee Evans informed the board that the transition committee for the fire district has stopped meeting but is not done yet. They are still waiting for information from the Fire Company attorney.

Mayor DeTine reviewed the quote from Layne Christensen for a replacement pump motor for the water department in the amount of \$9700. Motion to approve the purchase made by Trustee Grantier, 2nd by Trustee Mapes and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that he met with the DPW workers this morning and discussed hydrant replacement. Adam will get pricing on a new hydrant.

Mayor DeTine informed the board the tech from Xylem was in and inspected the 2 good pumps for free. The pump that failed has been pulled and will be rebuilt and returned next week.

Mayor DeTine discussed replacing the attachments for the riding lawn mower. The crew did a nice job cleaning things up for Amity Daze. They worked on patching potholes today.

Trustee Grantier discussed the need to make the SOP's accessible. We need a SOP to handle the SOP's.

Randy Swarhout informed the board that ISO is in the process of doing their inspection and he presented paperwork that will need to be completed by code enforcement. Mayor DeTine is meeting with MACE members tomorrow night and will provide the paperwork to Kevin Margerum.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Trustee Evans, 2nd by Trustee Mapes and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 no's at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Hoshal
Clerk/Treasurer