

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

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

Absent: 0.

Employees:

Public: Lisa Schmitt and Casey Jones.

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 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to approve the water and sewer billing adjustments made by Trustee Evans, 2nd by Trustee Mapes and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Motion to accept the water and sewer billing control accounts made by Trustee Frisk, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that the Town has received a 2nd quote for Town and Village Hall boiler replacement. They are waiting on one other quote and at that point in time a joint decision will be made.

The board reviewed the revenue loss calculation for the General, Water and Sewer funds as a result of the pandemic. This calculation will be utilized for distribution of the ARPA funds the Village received. Motion to accept the calculation made by Trustee Evans, 2nd by Trustee Mapes and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine discussed the meeting between the comprehensive plan committee and the Alfred State Professor and Students.

Lisa Schmitt informed the board that the committee put together priority lists for the Town and Village. The students were each given areas of concern to work on. They toured the downtown area of the Village. This is part of a competition for the students. We hope that they come up with some useable ideas. The committee pushed water and sewer infrastructure as part of the project.

Casey Jones asked how the public is able to be involved the meetings for the comprehensive plan committee. The committee meetings have to open to the public. Trustee Mapes will post any future committee meeting dates on the Village Facebook page.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that the Trunk-or-Treat event will be held October 30th and there is talk about holding it in the Park Circle. He should have more information for the first meeting in October.

Mayor DeTine discussed getting an appraisal on the old athletic fields behind the South Street Belmont Betterment Association property. The BBA has a potential buyer for the property and

they would like to purchase the old athletic fields also. Motion to have the appraisal done made by Trustee Frisk, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's. The board agrees not to exceed a cost of \$1000.

Motion to accept payroll records and pay the bills on Abstract #4 made by Trustee Frisk, 2nd by Trustee Evans and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's as follows: General \$42,645.51, Fire Department \$418.03, Water \$4,221.53 and Sewer \$7,795.20.

Casey Jones had noticed work being done on the catch basins on Norton Street and asked if the catch basins located at the intersection of Norton Street and Park circle are scheduled for maintenance. They are both below grade. Mayor DeTine stated that the catch basins on Erie Street are more of an immediate problem now and will have the DPW look at the catch basins and schedule repairs. Casey stated that he has been an open government advocate for many years and was surprised that no questions were allowed at the planning board meeting held at the 33 Willets Avenue property. He felt that the tone of the meeting was this is how CCE is going to make this happen. Case stated that the use is not allowed on the property and CCE is not a defined school to begin with. He feels they bought the property without looking into this first. Mayor DeTine informed Casey that there will be a public hearing prior to any decision being made and that will be the time for questions and comments.

The clerk informed the board that he has received nothing from the Fire Company attorney regarding the transition.

Motion to accept the sewer flow chart made by Trustee Frisk, 2nd by Trustee Grantier and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that the post office has no water. They have connected them temporarily to the hose at the Town and Village Hall and have scheduled to dig and locate the curb box on Friday.

Mayor DeTine informed the board that there is nothing new with the bank stabilization in the area of the sewer lift station on Phillips Creek.

Trustee Evans discussed looking for possible funding for water system improvements. He will look in to possible funding from Environmental Facilities Company.

Casey Jones recommended checking the Governor's website for information on contacts at EFC.

Trustee Mapes informed the board she will be participating in grant writing seminars in October.

Trustee Grantier informed the board that he will have the SOP for SOP's put together and will present it at the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Trustee Evans, 2nd by Trustee Mapes and carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 no's at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Hoshal
Clerk/Treasurer