**Town of Bellmont**

**Regular Meeting**

**February 19, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bellmont, County of Franklin and State of New York was held at the Bellmont Town Offices on Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance**

**Present:** Sara Titus Town Supervisor

Wayne Rogers Councilman

Harley Titus Councilman

Lee Davis Highway Superintendent

Stacey Mailloux Bookkeeper

Lisa Vanier Town Clerk

Candy Charland, David Stewart

**Absent**: Gregory Langdon, Councilman, Jeffrey Manley, Councilman

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to accept the minutes of the January 5 Reorganizational Meeting, the January 22 Regular Meeting, made by Harley Titus, seconded by Wayne Rogers. Motion carried.

**Board Resolution No. 6 of 2025**

**Town Board of the Town of Bellmont**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bellmont, a Municipality with offices at 9 Hill St, Brainardsville, Bellmont, New York, duly called (a quorum being present) and held at the Town Hall located in the Town of Bellmont, County of Franklin, State of New York, on February 19, 2025, the following **Resolution** was duly adopted and is now in full force and effect:

**Whereas** it is the responsibility of the Town of Bellmont Town Supervisor to conduct an annual audit of judicial financial records and

**Whereas** it is said Town Supervisor’s responsibility to present those findings to the Town of Bellmont Board members

**Now therefore be it resolved** that an audit of the financial records of the Honorable Justice Glenda King was conducted by Town Supervisor Sara M. Titus and findings were presented to the Town of Bellmont Board on February 19, 2025.

I certify that the above resolution was passed by the Town of Bellmont at a meeting held on February 19, 2025.

**Motion: Harley Titus Vote: Greg Langdon Absent**

**Second: Wayne Rogers Jeff Manley Absent**

**Wayne Rogers Aye**

**Harley Titus Aye**

**Sara Titus Aye**

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**Town of Bellmont Clerk**

Motion made by Wayne Rogers stating that starting the 2nd quarter the Town hire a Court Clerk for a maximum of 5 hours per month to be paid contractually on a trial basis.

Seconded by Harley Titus. Motion carried.

The cost of Tisdale has increased from $6,250 in 2024 to $6,500 for 2025, an approximate 3% increase.

Motion made by Harley Titus for the Town Supervisor to sign the contract with Tisdale. Seconded by Wayne Rogers. Motion carried.

**Supervisor’s Financial Report dated January 31, 2025**

* **Budget Amendment #1**

Transfer $1,000.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A1330.4 Tax Collector C.E.

Motion to approve Budget Amendment #1 made by Harley Titus, seconded by Wayne Rogers, motion carried.

* **Budget Amendment #2**

Transfer $1,000,000.00 from Account DA909 Fund Balance to Account DA8764 Emergency Disaster Work

Motion to approve Budget Amendment #2 made by Harley Titus, seconded by Wayne Rogers, motion carried.

Copies of the monthly financial reports were distributed to the board with additional copies available for the public in attendance.

Motion made to accept the Town Supervisor’s Financial Report by Harley Titus, seconded by Wayne Rogers, motion carried.

**Highway Superintendent’s Report**

* The Highway Superintendent is waiting for quotes for an air filtration system for the Bellmont Center Garage from Cornerstone, Holmes Energy, and Asplund.
* Parts for the John Deere tractor repair are in, but the electronic PTO is causing an issue, and United Ag is consulting with other specialists regarding that repair.
* Cornerstone fixed the furnace at the Owls Head Mountain View Garage, but will no longer provide that service. Holmes Service will start to maintain the furnace and modify the furnace so if the propane system fails, the fuel furnace will activate.
* Lee Davis will attend the Local Roads is Essential Advocacy Day in Albany on March 5, 2025.
* The Town is starting to use sand reserves.

**Town Supervisor’s Report**

* Thank you to Lee Davis and his crew for doing a great job keeping the Town roads safe.
* The Town of Bellmont Annual Financial Report and Chateaugay Lakes Water Level District Annual Financial Reports are complete. The Town Clerk will provide notice and post link on the website.
* The Town Clerk submitted the Town Clerk’s 2024 Annual Report, with total receipts of $2,347.50, with $1,700.45 paid to the Town Supervisor General Fund, $67.30 to the NYS DEC, $96.00 to NYS Animal Population Control Fund, 22.50 to NYS Department of Health, and $461.25 to NYS Comptroller for BINGO licenses.
* 2025 tax warrant of $1,338,995.93 has been collected by Stacie Mailloux, Tax Collector.
* The next disbursement of $117,250 from EFC for the WWTP upgrades is expected in about a week. That is the last of that money source. There is still a little over $109,000 left of the DEC funds.
* The Town is anticipating getting the UV filter on line and active in May.
* Northern Ambulance has changed ownership and is now Monroe. They avoid responding to residential calls in the Owls Head Mountain View part of our town. The OHMV responders do a great job, and cover about 90% of calls, but they are volunteer and not always available. Foothills has been answering calls in that area, making them less available for the areas our taxpayers have funded. The Town Supervisor will find out more information about creating a small ambulance district in OHMV through Malone. It will create a small tax levey.
* George Fellion has agreed to be the Dam Keeper in Mountain View.
* NYMIR is offering Workplace Violence and Harassment / Discrimination training on February 26. Lee Davis has it arranged for the garage employees, and any others may join that training.

**Committee Reports**

**Food Pantry:** The regional food pantry is more restrictive on what local food pantries have available to them.

**Highway:** Nothing new to report

**Insurance:** Representatives from One Group, formerly Sid G. Spear will attend the March 17 Regular Business meeting to present the new insurance rider.

**Old Business**

* A motion was made by Harley Titus for the Town Supervisor to sign the Retainer Agreement with Eric Gustafson Esq (Pease & Gustafson) to act as counsel for future Wind projects. Seconded by Wayne Rogers. Motion carried.
* AES Wind consultant Maitland Roginson will attend the March 17 Regular Business Meeting to discuss the project scope and answer questions.
* Resolution No. 7 will help with grant applications through CDBG.

**Board Resolution No. 7 of 2025**

**Town Board of the Town of Bellmont**

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**Whereas** the Town of Bellmont (hereinafter “local government”) believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being;

**Whereas**, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

**Whereas**, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

**Whereas**, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

**Whereas**, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

**Now therefore be it resolved** that Town of Bellmont, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the ProHousing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

I certify that the above resolution was passed by the Town of Bellmont at a meeting held on February 19, 2025.

**Motion: Harley Titus Vote: Greg Langdon Absent**

**Second: Wayne Rogers Jeff Manley Absent**

**Wayne Rogers Aye**

**Harley Titus Aye**

**Sara Titus Aye**

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**Town of Bellmont Clerk**

**Town Clerk Report**

Income: Dog Licenses = $60.00

Disbursements: NYS Department of Agriculture Spay and Neuter Program = $6.00

The next regular Town Board Meeting will be held at the Bellmont Town Hall on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bellmont Town Hall in Brainardsville.

A motion was made to audit and pay vouchers General Fund Abstract #1Vouchers #10-035 in the amount of $451,591.74 and Highway Fund Abstract #1 Vouchers #1 - 20 in the amount of $181,676.88. Motion was made by Harley Titus, seconded by Wayne Rogers, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Harley Titus, seconded by Wayne Rogers, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.