**Town of Bellmont**

**Regular Meeting**

**June 16, 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 Monday, June 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance**

**Present:** Sara Titus Town Supervisor

 Gregory Langdon Councilman

 Jeff Manley Councilman

 Harley Titus Councilman

 Lee Davis Highway Superintendent

 Stacey Mailloux Bookkeeper

 Lisa Vanier Town Clerk

 Candy Charland, Bruce Burditt, John Jungbluth

**Absent**: Wayne Rogers, Councilman

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting made by Greg Langdon, seconded by Jeff Manley. Motion carried.

**Tax Collector’s Annual Report**

The total 2025 Tax Warrant for the Town of Bellmont, which includes both Town and County was $2,421,930.04.

The Supervisor Warrant of $1,338,995.93 was met and paid to the Town Bookkeeper by February 6, 2025.

The total payments received and paid to the county from February 6 through April 9, 2025 equaled $599,463.58. All remaining unpaid taxes were returned to the Franklin County Treasurer’s Office by April 9, 2025.

Total interest and overpayments received for the 2025 Tax Year was $3,457.58.

Respectfully submitted by Stacie M. Mailloux, Tax Collector

**Mountain View Lake Association**

John Jungbluth, President of Mountain View Lake Association, and Brue Burditt, Vice President of MVA, shared the process and expense of the treatment of Mountain View Lake and Indian Lake with Procella COR. They respectfully asked the Town Board to amend the title language in the Bellmont water Control District to Mountain View and Indian Lake Water Quality Management and Control District. The purpose of renaming the district is to allow taxes to be levied on the residents within the district that will help allay the cost of future efforts to maintain high water quality. The Town Supervisor will share the proposal with Matt Fuller, the Town Attorney.

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

**Budget Amendment #4** transfers $1,350.00 from account A1990.4 Contingent as follows:

$150.00 to Account A1330.4 Tax Collector C.E. and $1,200 to Account A3510.4 Control of Dogs C. E.

Motion to accept Budget Amendment #4 made by Jeff Manley, seconded by Harley Titus, 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 Greg Langdon, seconded by Jeff Manley, motion carried.

**Highway Superintendent’s Report**

* Roadside mowing is complete in Mountain View and Owls Head. It is starting in Bellmont Center next.
* Cooper Road has been blacktopped as far as the last residence. Frennett, Trail, and Benoit Roads in Owls Head are shimmed and ready for topcoat.
* Our July payment from CHIPS should be $240,000.00, with a possible additional $180,000.00 in September.
* Wolf Pond Road is complete, and Lake Road will soon be complete. FEMA business should be wrapped up by the end of the year.

**Town Supervisor’s Report**

* Daniel Welch, data collector, has started the re-valuation process.
* The Brainardsville Playground has suffered from some vandalism. The picnic tables have huge holes in them, and the railing on the gazebo has been damaged. The tables may be able to be repaired.
* Trimming needs to be done at the Playground.
* Susan Picard of Friends of the North Country is ready to begin the process of helping residents obtain CBDG grants. The Grant window opens July 17, 2025. She will post notice of a Public Hearing to be held on July 21, 2025, to take place before the Regular Business Meeting.
* The EMS/Property Tax Cap legislation has been through the legislative process and is awaiting the Governor’s signature.
* James Dumont, Code Officer, is looking to retire from some of his obligations. Sara Titus, Town Supervisor, will contact Mr. Dumont to discuss his retirement. The Supervisor will also work on finding a possible replacement.
* Sara Titus, Town Supervisor, and Lee Davis, Highway Superintendent, met with John Witt, of Glasco, to officially start up the new UV Vault for the Brainardsville Sewer Project. The UV bulbs had been installed incorrectly, and the bulbs and sockets need to be repaired and replaced due to water damage. The Town will not be held responsible for that cost. The first bond payment is due in July, and the Town cannot receive its final disbursement until the project is complete.

**Committee Reports**

**Food Pantry:**

A representative from Latham inspected the Town’s Food Pantry sites and they met the food safety guidelines. The Town was also commended for distributing food on the same day it is received.

Judylane Nason, Food Pantry Facilitator, went to Brandon, to a church that supplies resources for any organization, and received meat and produce to supplement what was received from Latham.

**Highway:**

The new Owls Head highway employees are working out well.

Angie King, wife of Adam King, helps with mowing and trimming of Town properties. She must also sign a Hold Harmless agreement.

**Insurance:**

Nothing new to report.

**Old Business**

The Highway Superintendent will contact Millers on Route 11 for repairs on the Gazebo at Forge Dam.

**Public Comment**

John Jungbluth expressed appreciation for the work that the Town Board does.

**Town Clerk Report**

Income: Dog Licenses = $36.00, Certified Copies = $200.00, Decals = $0.28

Disbursements: NYS Department of Agriculture Spay and Neuter Program = $4.00, Decals = $4.72

The next regular Town Board Meeting will be held at the Bellmont Town Hall on Monday, July 21 , 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Owls Head Fire Station in Owls Head.

A motion was made to audit and pay vouchers General Fund Abstract #5 Vouchers #116 - 132 in the amount of $20,352.18 and Highway Fund Abstract #5 Vouchers #74 - 90 in the amount of $120,377.15. Motion was made by Harley Titus, seconded by Greg Langdon, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff Manley, seconded by Greg Langdon, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.