**Town of Bellmont**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 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 Monday, May 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance**

**Present:** Sara Titus Town Supervisor

 Gregory Langdon Councilman

 Jeff Manley Councilman

 Wayne Rogers Councilman

 Harley Titus Councilman

 Lee Davis Highway Superintendent

 Stacey Mailloux Bookkeeper

 Lisa Vanier Town Clerk

 Candy Charland, David Stewart

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting made by Harley Titus, seconded by Jeff Manley. Motion carried.

**Supervisor’s Financial Report dated April 30, 2025**

Budget Amendment #3: Transfer $4,970.00 from account number A1990.4 as follows: $170.00 to A1330.4 Tax Collector C.E. and $4,800.00 to A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance.

Motion to accept Budget Amendment #3 made by Wayne Rogers, seconded by Greg Langdon. 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 Jeff Manley, seconded by Greg Langdon. Motion carried.

**Highway Superintendent’s Report**

* Road brooming is complete.
* The Cooper Road, Frenette Road, and Trail Road are ready for blacktop.
* The Superintendent Lee Davis is waiting for Glasco UV LLC to set up a date to start up the UV system for Brainardsville Sewer.
* There is a $24,000 increase in CHIPS this year.
* The Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys is on file with the Town Clerk.
* The Superintendent is still waiting for quotes for an air purifying system for the Bellmont Center Town Garage.
* The Wolf Pond Road is being torn up by recreational vehicles. Superintendent Davis will put up 2 signs to mark the road at either end stating that the Town maintains the road at great expense and please show respect. He will also contact the snowmobile club that maintains the snowmobile trails in the winter.
* Several road signs have been stolen, and with the help of law enforcement some have been returned. One recovered sign does not belong to the Town, a white on green sigh that reads “Bebo & Debra Place Rd”
* Superintendent Davis is also seeking quotes for gutters and facia board replacement at the Bellmont Center Town Garage.

**Town Supervisor’s Report**

* Even Year Election update: The latest court’s decision is to uphold the statute for Even Year Elections of local officials. This verdict has been appealed, and will be heard September 8, 2025.
* WWTP update: The WQIP through DEC of approximately $109,000 has been finalized. There is still $145,456 in the fund, with $250,000 owed to the General Fund. The EFC monies cannot be applied for until the project has been closed out. Fiacco has some minor details to complete and the electricity is not completely on yet. The anticipated close out is targeted for late June. The Town met its DEC order from May 1, 2025.
* The building at 233 Bryant Siding Road is falling in. Councilman Wayne Rogers commented that there is a law that exists to help with such situations. Supervisor Sara Titus will look into it and bring back her findings at the next regular business meeting.
* Procell COR treatment is expensive. The water district could present a proposal to levy the 300 homes in the water district $0.24 per thousand to cover the expense. The proposal needs to have a public hearing and will be sent to the Town Attorney, Matt Fuller for review.

**Committee Reports**

**Food Pantry:** Available food has been reduced by 1/3. The number of families served by the Food Pantry has increased.

**Resolution #8**

Whereas the U.S. Department of Agriculture has halted $500 million in deliveries to food banks nationwide, the Town of Bellmont Food Pantry has experienced a reduction of one third of cases of food received. This is a significant reduction in what we are able to provide our eligible families.

Therefore, The Town Board of the Town of Bellmont requests that our Federal Representatives restore this $500 million to food banks nationwide and assure that there will be no reductions in USDA food bank appropriations in the Federal Budget.

Motion to pass Resolution #8 made by Jeffrey Manley, seconded by Harley Titus.

Vote: Gregory Langdon Aye

 Jeffrey Manley Aye

 Wayne Rogers Aye

 Harley Titus Aye

 Sara Titus Aye

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Lisa Vanier, Town Clerk, Town of Bellmont

Four copies will be signed and sealed by the Town Clerk, one for the files and 3 sent to our Federal Representatives.

**Highway:**

* We are now fully staffed. New employees are Nick Pelkey, who is also the Deputy Highway Superintendent for Owls Head, and Jeff Wares
* There will be a slight increase in insurance costs due to the shifts in personnel.

**Insurance:**

Nothing new to report.

**Old Business**

* The Town Attorney, Matt Fuller, is reviewing and drafting a local law regarding apiaries.
* Town Assessor Robert Ball met with Daniel Welch and recommended the Town hire Mr. Welch as data collector at a salary of $20 per hour. A motion was made by Greg Langdon to hire Daniel Welch as data collector to with Robert Ball for a maximum of 30 hours per week with a salary cap of $15,000 for the fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Jeff Manley. Motion carried.

**New Business**

The pavilion at Forge Dam needs to be repaired. It should cost less than $20,000. The Highway Superintendent will contact local Amish builders.

**Public Comment**

David Stewart:

* Mr. Stewart requests an updated list of building permits for the Board of Assessment Review on May 30, 2025.
* Mr. Stewart shared several issues with the Owls Head Lighting District. The bills are high in spite of many lights that do not function. Mr. Stewart and Pete Thibault did a survey and identified the non-working lights. The Town Supervisor will share that information at an upcoming meeting with her contact at National Grid.
* There are derelict properties on the Mill Pond Road and Station Road
* There need to be more law enforcement patrols.
* Littering, especially after poker runs, is a huge problem.
* What is the status of the billboard moratorium?
* Replacing road signs with the brown ones inside of Adirondack Park
* Mr. Stewart would like to meet with interested parties from Bellmont Center and Brainardsville to share issues.

Harley Titus expressed concern about the tractor trailers that are hauling manure for Bilow Farms. They are loud and travel very quickly.

Lee Davis is concerned about the speed of traffic on County Route 24 where it passes Hill Road in Brainardsville. The Town will initiate the process of extending the 35 m.p.h. speed zone to make exiting Hill Road safer.

**Town Clerk Report**

Income: Dog Licenses = $110.00, Bingo = $7.71

Disbursements: NYS Department of Agriculture Spay and Neuter Program = $14.00

The next regular Town Board Meeting will be held at the Bellmont Town Hall on Monday, June 16, 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 #4 Vouchers #91 - 115 in the amount of $85,778.73 and Highway Fund Abstract #4 Vouchers #59 - 73 in the amount of $35,249.09. Motion was made by Harley Titus, seconded by Wayne Rogers. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Greg Langdon, seconded by Harkey Titus. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.