

## Minutes of informational Meeting

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

January's regular meeting was scheduled to have been held on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> but was cancelled due to the **lack of** a Quorum of council and the lack of a Fiscal Officer. Of the five council members from the previous administration, only one member, Dan Scott, returned to seek reappointment to a new term. Until enough council members and a fiscal officer can be appointed to replace those who have resigned and/or those council whose terms have expired, the Village of Belmont **cannot** have a regular meeting.

Additionally, the Village Fiscal Officer, Paula Fankhauser, submitted her two-week resignation notice as Fiscal Officer on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Because the fiscal officer resigned in Mid-December, several administrative and fiscal matters were left undone and/ or uncompleted. Many uncompleted items were placed upon the table in the council room and labeled....for the new administration.

Since no one knew of the resignations until early January (a couple of days prior to the January meeting), there was no time available to advertise, appoint, or confirm any new council or a fiscal officer before the meeting of Jan 5<sup>th</sup>.

Actions that were taken: Solicitor Lindsey Tomlin Ralston swore in Stan Sobel as Mayor, Dan Scott, as a returning council member, and Kenny Davis as the Public Affairs member.

Advertisements for new council members and for a new Fiscal Officer will be forthcoming ASAP. It will be a 30-day wait until new council will be appointed and for any newly appointed council to appoint a fiscal officer.

Since no village business could be conducted, a lengthy question and answer session involving several village residents then occurred.

Stan Sobel, Mayor