

**TOWN OF BELFAST
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
1-21-2019**

Present: Josh Cole, Sandy Taber, Mike Hillman, Annette Kish, Bob Kish, Tim Atherton, Patty Oliver

Absent: David Jennings

Community present: Rick Smith, Beth Stevick

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Town Resident's concerns, Rick Smith questioned why, for the second year in a row, the tax levy for the Fire Commissioner's was recorded wrong, creating extra paper work for the Fire Commissioner treasurer. Annette stated that she would speak with Baldwin's (our accounting firm) about it.

The bills were presented and approved by roll call:

Cole – aye, Taber – aye, Hillman – aye, Kish – aye

Highway	#1-	\$14,586.90
Street Lighting	#1	\$734.28
Water	#1-6	\$244.20
General	#1-32	\$24,702.67

All in favor. Carried

Councilman Hillman made the motion to approve the minutes of the 12/17/2018 meeting with a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor. Carried

Councilwoman Taber moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2019 Reorganizational Meeting. All in favor. Carried

The Supervisor's Report, dated December 2018, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor. Carried

The Water District Report contained the following:

- Acid fan seized up, but will wait on replacing as it may not be needed
- Installed a vent tube on T-2 to see if it would stop pump from losing prime
- Harrington's Laundry has high phosphate level, but problem at his end
- Confirmed water pipe location on Murray's Hill
- Fixed water leak in Town Hall men's room
- Replaced inline backflow replacement plungers
- Shut off water at Duke Kemp house – no one lives there and bad water leak
- Removed and stored Christmas decorations
- Attended to downed street light on Chapel and Main. \$500 deductible. Tim will get in touch with Dave Clark from insurance when receive a bill
- Checked high heat bills at plant. Adjusted thermostats as low as dare. Maybe need different heaters.
- Moved furniture and computers in Town Hall for carpet installation
- Installed insulation at reservoir pump building to cut down on heat
- Weather stripped double door in Town Hall
- Been in touch with Brad Sick and health department waiting for approval to change treatment method.
- Water bills will be read on the 28th. David Cox, Patty Oliver and Tim Atherton will work on that together.
- Distributed information about the edging being looked at for the playground area.

Robert Kish reported the following in regards to the Highway Department:

- Continuing brushing
- Contact with County Engineer regarding problems on Murray's Hill
- Next week will go on hours of 4 a.m. until Noon shift
- Replaced two furnaces in Highway sheds after flames caused a dangerous situation
- Contacted several outfits for estimates on new roof at Highway sheds
- Talked with Ryan Paulsen regarding the salt building, but has not heard back Grant?
- Terry Wiseman's truck was clipped by plow this week, but was parked in a no parking zone. Bob will turn it over to insurance.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilwoman Taber seconded to approve:

Resolution #1-19 entitled **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK.**

Annette Kish – aye, Cole – aye, Taber – aye, Hillman – aye,
Jennings – absent

All in favor. Carried

Supervisor Kish reported that the auditor is waiting for bank statement replacements that were missing from the vault before he resumes his audit.

Councilwoman Taber and Councilman Cole were appointed to audit the Town Justice books at a time of convenience for all.

Kevin Murphy, who purchased a property on Sherman Street in Belfast through the County Tax Auction process, will be informed by Tim Atherton that the water relevy on his 2019 Town and County taxes will have to be paid by him. The auction process states that bidders should research all outstanding debt on a piece of property and the water relevy falls into that category.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk