

TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 21, 2019

Present: Michael Hillman, Josh Cole, David Jennings, Andrew Chamberlain, Sandra Taber, Kevin Margerum, Tim Atherton, Patty Oliver, Robert Kish

Others present: Kathy Saville, Roy Rung, Audrey Rung, Maggie Thompson, David Cox, Matt Kelley, Joe Foley

At 7:00 p.m. the regular board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Taber and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kathy Saville from NYCLASS gave a short presentation regarding New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System, a short-term liquid investment fund designed specifically for the public sector. NYCLASS provides the opportunity to invest funds on a cooperative basis in short-term investments that are carefully chosen to yield favorable returns while striving to provide maximum safety and liquidity. The company has over 3 billion dollars in assets and today pays a 1.75% interest rate with no fees, no minimum balance and same day availability of funds. Ms. Saville left at 7:12.

Mr. and Mrs. Rung of 49 West Hughes, Belfast, asked to be on the agenda to complain about a neighbor running an illegal junk yard on his property. Apparently the neighbor works on demo cars and noise and fumes are bothersome to the Rungs. They stated they have had issues with this neighbor before. Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement Officer, will speak to the neighbor to see if he can smooth things over. The 1999 Property Maintenance Law addressed unlicensed, junk cars on property, but was relatively vague regarding race cars or demo cars. Kevin stated that he would be willing to contact Attorney Dave Pullen to see if he could define the law. Mr. and Mrs. Rung left the meeting at 7:20.

Joe Foley asked about having top soil available to fill in holes and low spots in the park. Bob Kish stated that he had already spoken to Joe about this issue and told him he could have the top soil when they were able to find a convenient time. It was decided that it would be best to wait until spring as there were things going on in the park during November and December. Joe left the meeting at 7:30.

A motion to approve the September bills was made by Councilman Hillman and seconded by Councilman Cole.

Highway	#132-146	\$16,234.10
General	#188-208	\$31,461.87
Water	#99-108	\$2942.73
Street Lighting	#10	\$644.58

Hillman-aye, Cole-aye, Chamberlain-aye, Jennings-aye, Taber-aye Carried

The minutes of the September 16 regular meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor. Carried

The minutes of the September 30, 2019 special budget hearing meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second from Councilman Jennings. All in favor. Carried

The September, 2019 Supervisor's Report was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Jennings. All in favor. Carried

The Town Clerk's Report dated September, 2019 for the August accounts was approved by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second from Councilman Hillman. All in favor. Carried

The Water District report from Water Superintendent contained the following:

- Installed a new, used dosing pump – ½ the price
- Replaced alternator belts on back-up generator
- Drew down water on large storage tank to be cleaned and new cathodes installed
- Removed A/C unit from annex building, replaced light switch
- Trimmed back branches along sidewalks for upcoming winter plowing
- Flushing water lines on weekly basis
- Fixed leak on Fire Hall roof
- Mowing and mulching
- Entertained Glenn Cole and Alfred College students with workings and tour of plant
- Richard Haywood called and set up yearly plant inspection
- Preparing for winter

Highway Superintendent Kish reported:

- Men will put road signs up first thing when working on roads
- Have ordered more signs to have available
- Cutting shoulders and ditching
- Screening gravel
- Grading
- Working on Murray Hill
- Going to start hauling sand and salt
- School working on softball field and installing new gates and cameras by sheds
- Going to help out the Town of Allen for a day
- Shuttleworth will do the crosswalks soon
- Will add "4 way" to the new stop signs by the school

Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement Officer reported:

- Crazy busy
- Kew's did get a dumpster and cleaned up at 108 South Main
- Gary Cassidy has not done anything and a court date (11/12) has been set
- Dana Cline will be visited tomorrow and left an appearance ticket
- Lavonne Davenport – still cannot find out who owns the place – will check with Attorney Pullen to see if individual, County or bank owned (Condemned ?)
- Inspected Curcio's buildings and he is not changing any usage at this time
- Incognito's – 7 unlicensed vehicles he states he uses for gathering wood. Informed any more than two is unlawful. Dave Jennings says he has moved them out of sight
- Buffy Greek has cleaned up after going to court 3 times – slowly getting it taken care of

While Kevin is at Attorney Pullen's office, he will address the issue of demo cars to see if the Town can amend or modify the Property Maintenance Law to exclude demo cars being that in Allegany County they are a common occurrence.

The Library roof that Kevin was to take care of was addressed. Kevin said the fellows that were supposed to help with the leaky situation are super busy but he and the water employees may be able to temporarily put in some flashing around the domors to keep the ice and snow from getting in.

No one from the Library Board was in attendance and they did not provide a report.

Board members received a copy of the audit report done by Donald Przybyl, a private auditor from Lancaster, NY of the years 2008-2014. The audit contained recommendations for department heads going forward and pointed out where it would solve problems with risks and deficiencies. The audit stated, "***if any fraudulent activity had been detected in my limited testing of financial records and reports that I examined, it would be reported to the Supervisor and Town Board for their consideration***". Supervisor Taber recommended that the new administration in 2020 secure another audit from 2014 through present.

Compliance Review Questionnaire's were filled out by the board for NYS USDA recertification.

Councilman Jennings moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve County Resolution 223-19 approving Snow Removal and Ice Control. All in favor. Carried

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to approve County Resolution 219-19 approving the Updated 2019 Allegany County Comprehensive Plan. All in favor. Carried

At 8:25, Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Jennings seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Carried

At 8:26, Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Jennings seconded to call the meeting back into session to discuss the NYCLASS Resolution. Councilman Jennings moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to approve the Municipal Cooperation Resolution to invest portions of available funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts. All in favor. Carried

At 8:36, Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk

