

TOWN OF BELFAST  
Minutes  
11-18-2019

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

Community present: Joseph Damiano, David Cox, Terry Sisson, Brenda Sisson, Matt Kelley, Thomas Yackeren, Ashley Yackeren, Daniel Winans, Brad Atherton, Kate Howe, Robin Owens, Rick Smith, Maggie Thompson, Brian S. Cox, Sheila Weaver, Beth Hazelton

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

Councilman Hillman had a few questions regarding the bills: two needed dates and signatures, one had the wrong amount and one was a Fire Department bill and not a Town bill. Questioned longevity pay for two men in highway. Town needs to ask the Teamsters for a “memo of understanding” because receiving in a lump sum does not meet with the signed contract. After the corrections were made, Councilman Jennings moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve payment of the bills.

Water	#109-122	\$13,447.52
General	#209-231	\$16,389.92
Highway	#147-165	\$24,516.41
Street Lighting	#11	\$668.86

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

The minutes of the October 21, 2019 Special meeting were approved by a motion from Supervisor Taber and a second from Councilman Jennings. All in favor. Carried

The minutes of the October 21, 2019 Regular meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor. Carried

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

The Town Clerk’s Report, dated October, 2019 for the September accounts, was accepted by a motion from Councilman Jennings and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor. Carried

The water district report presented by Tim Atherton, Water Superintendent, contained the following information:

- Acid pump received and installed
- Continued flushing of hydrants on dead ends to maintain fresh supply
- Houghton had a water leak and used Belfast water while it was repaired
- Yearly inspection of water plant by Rich Haywood – went well
- Finished up with mowing and mulching, winterized mowers and stored
- Read meters for billing, replaced four heads

- Investigated reason for flowing water on Murray Hill, not from leak in water line
- Cleaned chlorinator tanks
- Readied Kubota for winter plowing
- Repaired Bruce Harrington's water line and shut off, meter pit
- Repaired toilet in ladies room in Town Hall
- Pump leaking in building at tanks, McCray's without water, snapped pipe and switch failures, all were corrected
- Leak at Sisson's old garage building on Rt. 19. Had to dig down to find shut off. Discovered no meter ever installed on water line
- Hired Mike Unfus to repair tiles in entryway and patch roof on Town Hall

Highway Superintendent Bob Kish reported:

- Plowing
- Still working four 10's for a couple more weeks
- Working on Murray Hill – Road closed with flashing signs
- Salt and sand hauling
- All Way stops installed by school

The Library Board provided a report. Stated they were having trouble finding a contractor to repair the ceiling leak. Tim will check with Mike Unfus to see if it is something he can do.

Councilman Jennings moved to adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2019 entitled "Town of Belfast Solar Energy Systems and Facilities Local Law." Councilman Hillman seconded the motion. This law is intended to establish standards and procedures for the Town Board to evaluate applications for construction and installation of solar energy systems and/or facilities within the Town of Belfast. A Public hearing will be held on December 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. All in favor. Carried

At 7:30 p.m. Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss possible code enforcement litigation issues. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Jennings seconded to come out of Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

Councilman Jennings moved and Councilman Cole seconded to again go into Executive Session at 8:13 to discuss contract issues with a water employee. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Jennings seconded to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
Town Clerk