

TOWN OF BELFAST  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
12/16/19

Town Representatives: Michael Hillman, Josh Cole, Andy Chamberlain, David Jennings, Bob Kish, Tim Atherton, Kevin Margerum, Patty Oliver

Absent: Sandie Taber

Also present: David Norbut, Dan Huntington, Jared Perran (all from Norbut Solar), Calvin Smith, Beth Hazelton, Maggie Thompson, Rick Smith, Bob Jones (Angelica), Gerard Kelley (Angelica), Skip Hecker (Angelica), Matt Kelley, David Pullen

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

Rev. Calvin Smith from the Free Methodist Church distributed a sketch of a proposed covered walkway into the entrance of the church. There is an existing walkway, but it is not enclosed. He was asking for a boundry variance by the sidewalk. The water and highway departments had no problem with the variance and neither did Kevin Margerum, code enforcement officer. Councilman Jennings moved and Councilman Cole seconded to allow the variance. All in favor. Carried

Rev. Smith left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Beth Hazelton gave a brief report on the Belfast Public Library. Robin Hood Construction looked at the dormers and it was decided to repair the outside dormers first before doing anything inside.

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to approve the bills as presented:

Highway	#166-181	\$20,572.66
General	#232-253	\$19,076.90
Water	#123-132	\$3874.49
Street Lighting	#12	\$676.81

Cole-aye, Chamberlain-aye, Hillman-aye, Jennings-aye. All in favor. Carried

Councilman Jennings moved and Councilman Cole seconded to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2019 meeting. All in favor. Carried

Dan Huntington from Norbut Solar Farms gave a 40 minute presentation regarding their proposal of building a solar farm on the old Six S golf course property, partly located in Belfast and partly located in Angelica. He emphasized that their goal is to use local labor and resources whenever possible. He provided binders with detailed specs regarding the project and answered questions asked by both Board members and Attorney Pullen. It was agreed that because the project is divided into four tiers, there would be four application fees. It was agreed that Belfast and Angelica would work together whenever possible when it came to meetings and shared expenses. The next step is to await approval from the IDA, which meets on Wednesday 12/18/19, and Belfast to adopt the Local Law 2, 2019 at their reorganization meeting on January 2, 2020.

Attorney Pullen, the Norbut Solar Farm people, and Beth Hazelton all left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The Supervisor's Report, dated November, 2019, was accepted by a motion from Councilman Jennings and a second from Councilman Chamberlain. All in favor. Carried.

The Town Clerk's Report, dated November, 2019 for the October accounts was approved by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second from Councilman Chamberlain.

The Water District Report included the following:

- Christmas decorations hung with help of highway
- Park readied for tree lighting in the park for Christmas
- Patched sidewalk in front of Catholic Church
- Caulked around exhaust fan in kitchen to stop leak
- Sidewalk plowing
- NYS Dept. of Labor Inspection violation regarding battery operated exit sign in kitchen. Bought a new sign for \$20 and will install this week. Also, fire extinguishers were inspected, but not punched. Will contact Ganoung.
- DOH water samples all passing and plant working as designed

The Highway Report included the following:

- Fuel bids from Rinker and Shorts

Rinker: unleaded gas \$1.9310, Diesel \$2.2352

Shorts: unleaded gas \$1.76, Diesel \$2.1150

- Wrapped up Murray Hill for the winter
- Cut brush in town

- Joe Curcio and the Mennonite Church on the corner of Main Street talked to Bob Kish about creating a public parking lot behind their buildings. Legalities need to be looked into before the Highway Department can help with this project
- Councilman Chamberlain asked about the Back River Road and the pot holes
- Councilman Chamberlain asked if the Town could put some gravel in the right-of-way by Enos Mast's as that road is full of pot holes

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to award Shorts oil the fuel bid for 2020 at a price of \$1.76 for gas and \$2.1150 for diesel.

All in favor. Carried

Code Enforcement Margerum stated he has been issuing building permits and working on the Fritz and Transit Hill projects. He has informed Ms. Davenport that she is indeed the owner of the property on Route 16 Main Street. He will check on a saw mill being built on the old Chamberlain farm and has been investigating whether a building on Tibbetts Hill is agriculture or a saw mill.

Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve a proclamation recognizing January 26-February 1, 2020 as School Choice Week in Belfast. All in favor. Carried

Justice Dawn Young is in need of a business phone. She will be asked to look into different options and will present something at the next board meeting.

Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to reappoint Zachary Guilford to the Board of Assessment Review, term to expire on 9/30/24. All in favor. Carried

The Reorganizational Meeting was set for January 2, 2020 at 6:30. Attorney Pullen will meet with the board at 6:00 to review any new items received from Norbut Solar Farms.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. by a motion from Councilman Jennings and a second from Councilman Cole.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
Town Clerk

