

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
3-18-2019**

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

Community Present: Lee James, Sheree Gielow, Rick Wiseman, Rick Smith, Brad Atherton, Thomas Yackerren, Andy Chamberlain, Beth Hazelton, Maggie Thompson, Conner Parker

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

Visitors Sheree Gielow and Rick Wiseman spoke on behalf of a truck/plow incident that happened in January involving Terry Wiseman. They respectfully asked for an explanation of why, when Terry's truck was parked in a public parking lot and clipped by a snow plow, the town's insurance denied a claim. The answer they were given was that at the time of the incident there was a State and County driving ban which included vehicles parked in public places, and folks "traveled at own risk" when parking/driving during a ban. Sheree questioned how the public was supposed to be aware of this information and was assured that it would be sent to the 911 call center, broadcast over the scanner and called into local TV news stations. Rick did compliment the Highway Department for their diligence in keeping the roads clear, the water department for keeping the sidewalks clear, the Town Board and the Town Clerk.

Sheree asked that a tree in front of her house be looked at to see if it was on her property or town property as there are many dead limbs that need to be taken care of. Bob Kish said he'd take a look and figure out who is responsible. Rick and Sheree left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Conner Parker informed the Board that his job with the Highway Department would end on Friday, March 22. He has not received his longevity or comp pay and Annette assured him that would be taken care of. He also informed the Board that he had heard grumbling regarding his work performance the last few

months of his employment when it was not possible for him to attend his school classes and go to work.

Connor also stated that there was a tree in front of his house that should be looked at.

Lee James from Marshall Insurance passed out the new insurance policy from Marshall Insurance effective March 24, 2019 at a cost of \$22,980. She informed the board that there were a couple of adjustments to buildings and elimination of one pickup truck. She just needed signatures to go ahead with the renewal with Trident.

The March abstracts were approved as follows (with the change of an account number from A1910.1 to A1910.4 for insurance):

Street Lighting	#04	\$708.19
General	#57-72	\$6572.35
Highway	#34-46	\$13,377.84
Water	#21-33	\$7045.36

Kish – aye, Taber – aye, Hillman – aye, Cole – aye, Jennings – aye Carried

The minutes of the 2-18-19 meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Jennings and a second from Councilwoman Taber. All in favor Carried

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

Two Town Clerk Reports, one dated January, 2019 and one dated February, 2019, were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilwoman Taber. All in favor. Carried

Water Superintendent Atherton’s report included the following:

- Went over budget, expenditures and operations for 2018
- Bearing failure and new vapor seal
- Organized files for new year
- Attended continuing education in Hornell
- Installed vent tube in T-2 tank
- Painted trim and door at Town Hall

- Worked on Town of Belfast Annual Water Report
- Much plowing throughout town
- Still working with RG&E for light repairs
- Worked on shutoffs
- Quarterly samples for TTHM's and Haa5's
- Checked on LED lighting, no grant at this time
- Met with highway regarding Murray Hill

Superintendent Atherton also informed the Board they will begin with Hydrant maintenance soon. Also, they were commended for their care of plowing of snow from sidewalks this winter.

Highway Superintendent Kish reported:

- Truck #2 and #8 both went down
- DEC inspected fuel system. Lee James took care of the missing insurance policy.
 - Tanks have been there since 1986. Perhaps next year can tackle putting in above ground tanks so no need for AB operator's license or insurance.
 - Suggested getting same size tanks so can continue servicing fire department and school.
- Gleason Hill will be closed on Monday for three days to replace a pipe
- Will begin work on Murray Hill on Wednesday putting in drainage ditches
- Kevin Margerum, code enforcement, checked out roof of Highway building. Bob still trying to get quotes to replace roof
- Truck #2 is paid off
- Will put out bid for excavator. Has enough in budget to pay for and has found one that fits the bill
- Ready to get busy with spring work

Dave Jennings asked for a list of town equipment and Bob Kish said he'd make sure Dave got one. Dave also posed a question about the 2018 Fuel account.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Jennings seconded that Highway Superintendent Kish put out for bid the purchase of a new excavator. All in favor. Carried

Supervisor Kish stated that the Town auditor will be in soon to finish up his work and she will report on his findings as soon as his report is ready.

Councilman Cole and Councilwoman Taber were reminded again to audit the Justice books. Patty will find out when Justice Young is ready for them.

The Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy was approved by a motion from Councilman Jennings and a second from Councilwoman Taber. Lee James will be taking a course so that she is able to review this policy with all town employees. This must be done before October, 2019. All in favor Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk