

**TOWN OF BELFAST
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019**

Present: Sandie Taber, David Jennings, Josh Cole, Tim Atherton, Robert Kish, Patty Oliver

Absent: Michael Hillman, Annette Kish

Community present: Robin Owens, Maggie Thompson, Lana Mackmer, Rick Smith, Beth Hazelton, Brad Atherton, Andrew Chamberlian

In the absence of Supervisor Kish, Councilwoman Taber called the meeting to order at 7:00 and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lana Mackmer represented the Free Methodist Church and asked about placing a sign by the Belfast Library directing folks to the Free Methodish Church on Sherman Street. Bob Kish will give her the contact information for the State of NY in order to receive permission as the sign would be located on State Rt. 19 property.

Robin Owens acted as spokesperson for the Belfast Public Library and presented the Board with a list of concerns and items that need attention at the library. She informed the Board that the library has received a grant to take care of flashing on the library roof. Now their biggest concern is a mold problem in the Children's Annex basement. Because the building was built on a wet area, there is a lot of moisture. Fans will be used to try and air out the basement as well as a dehumidifier. Councilman Jennings offered to go with Tim Atherton to check out the basement and see if there is a significant problem needing professional help, or if it is something that can be fixed in house. Ms. Owens expressed concern that the Library budget is such that it barely can cover staffing and books and there is no money for major repairs. Councilman Jennings stated that perhaps the 2020 library budget will need to be increased to take care of some of the major issues with the building.

Beth Hazelton left the meeting at 7:15.

Andy Chamberlain, representing the Riverside Cemetery Association, requested that the Highway Department install approximately 120 feet of guard rail alongside the section of the Riverside Cemetery which runs parallel to Charles Street, directly off East Hughes Street. Highway Superintendent Kish will see if he can call in a favor from the county to secure some railing and will get back to Andy.

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Jennings seconded to approve the March bills:

Highway	#46-63	\$200,079.71
General	#73-90	\$32,113.06
Water	#34-43	\$8656.25
Street lighting	#04	\$699.52

Cole-aye, Jennings-aye, Taber-aye, Kish-absent, Hillman-absent.
All in favor. Carried

The minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting were approved by a motion from Councilwoman Taber and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor. Carried

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

The Town Clerk's Report, dated March 2019 for the February 2019 accounts, was accepted with a motion from Councilwoman Taber and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor. Carried

Water Superintendent Atherton's report contained the following information:

- Ordered and received the curbing for the playground in the park
- Cleaned out and removed mice from generator plant
- Checked leaks and shut offs at different residences
- Cut trees back along sidewalk

- Received order for new meter heads and continue to replace as necessary
- Marked poles for dig safe
- Attended continuing education lab in Painted Post
- Repaired ceiling tile in Fire Hall
- Had both drain tanks pumped at plant
- All water samples and test results have been good

Highway Superintendent Kish's report included the following:

- Gleason Hill is done
- Murray Hill – big drain pipe done, RG&E will start process of moving power lines (Some poles have been there since 1938.)
- Sweeping, but now the sweeper is broken
- Had tree removed from Merton Avenue. RG&E will take the tree by Parker's
- Getting ready to cold pave South Street
- Grinding and resurfacing on Fritz Road
- Received several bids for new excavator
- Superintendent Kish has been studying for his AB fuel test license
- Waiting on Zeb Beardsley for an estimate on the roof for the Highway building

Councilman Jennings made the motion and Councilwoman Taber seconded to accept the excavator bid submitted by George and Swede from Pavilion in the amount of \$183,500. All in favor. Carried

Councilman Jennings asked what the next big equipment item the highway will need might be. Superintendent Kish responded that possibly a roller, but there are numerous in the county that he can borrow. In three years the highway will have to look into buying a new truck.

Superintendent Kish stated that the old grade-all and the 14' box taken off one of the trucks will be sent to Auctions International.

Councilwoman Taber stated that the auditor was still waiting on some missing documents before he can finish up his audit.

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A thank-you note from Sheree Gielow and Rick Wiseman regarding the answers to their concerns and questions of protocol when parking in public places during a snow emergency. Also, they wished to thank the Town for the prompt removal of a dead tree in front of their residence.

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Jennings seconded to offer up **Resolution #2-19** entitled **Audit of the Town Justice Books 2018**, which was completed by Councilwoman Taber and Councilman Cole. The Town Clerk will forward the audit to the NYS Office of Court Administration. All in favor. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk