

**TOWN OF BELFAST  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting, May 20, 2019**

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

Community present: Sheree Gielow, Henry Woltag, Rick Wiseman, Jason Smith, Peggy Watts, Rick Smith, Maggie Thompson, Sheila Weaver, Scott Burt, Beth Stevick

Supervisor Kish called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Peggy Watts was first on the agenda as a concerned citizen questioning the progress of the cleanup of 41 Sherman Street which has been a community concern for the last three years. Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement officer, was not in attendance, but he did send a condensed report that stated Mr. Cassidy was mailed an "Order to Remedy" and if the work is not completed, an appearance ticket will be issued. Ms. Watts was not impressed as this was the same response she was given 3 years ago and the situation is still a disgrace. Town Board Member Mike Hillman stated that he will personally contact Kevin to see what the next step is after court appearance and he will contact Ms. Watts with that information.

Rick Smith was up next as a representative for the Fire Department. His issue had to do with a contract the Fire Department has with the Town, so Executive Session privilege was called and he did not object to being placed further down the agenda.

Henry Woltag, a representative from ConnectGen, a solar and wind turbine energy company, introduced a project his company was exploring. ConnectGen is interested in the former SixS golf course as a 200 acre solar field. This project would include part in Belfast and part in Angelica. The purpose of his visit was to put the project on the Town radar and reiterated this was in the early infancy stages. He will return in two to three months with an update. If the location

qualifies, the project would take 18-36 months to complete and create over 100 jobs.

Scott Burt, founder of the slogan “Knuckle Town, USA” presented the agenda for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Ceremony of the Bare Knuckle Boxing Hall of Famers on July 13, 2019. Mr. Burt has almost single handedly put Belfast, NY on the map beginning with the restoration of the John L. Sullivan training facility. Several years ago, Mr. Burt purchased banners to hang on light poles indicating Belfast was the home of the John L. Sullivan training facility. While some banners are still intact, some are missing and there are not enough to display on the 13 light poles. Sandy Taber moved and Josh Cole seconded to approve purchase of 6 banners and all banners will be stored in a town facility. All in favor and motion was approved.

Councilman Cole moved and Councilwoman Taber seconded to approve the minutes of the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. All in favor. Carried

The Supervisor’s Report dated April, 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 April, 2019 for the March accounts, was approved by a motion from Councilman Jennings and a second from Councilman Hillman. All in favor. Carried

The schedule of bills for payment for the month of April were approved by roll call as follows:

Highway	#64-76	\$11, 371.60
General	#91-108	\$4351.76
Water	#44-57	\$8509.45
Street Lighting	#05	\$669.87

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

Water Superintendent Atherton’s report included:

- Water in Library Annex basement – seeping in through block wall
- Repair of shut-offs

- Serviced mowers and tractors
- Raked, put up banners on Main Street
- Repaired leaks in tanks
- Read meters, replaced older ones
- Flushed water pipe dead ends
- Met with water customers regarding leaks, mostly toilets running
- Took water samples for TTHM's and HAA5's for Dept. of Health
- Mowing, mowing, mowing
- Stated that the Library issue was with mildew and not mold as first reported

Highway Superintendent Kish reported the following:

- He passed the DEC test for his license
- Crew has done lots of milling, ditching, cutting brush, etc.
- South Street getting ready to be paved
- RGE still working on Murray Hill
- Repaired parking lot by ball field with millings
- Broom truck needed repair, sent faulty cylinoid, causing frustration and cost
- Old GradeAll on auction block up to \$6000 and still 10 days to go
- Investigating ProAction Program, like the old Green Thumb program, for 55 and older to employ 20 hrs. a week
- Received two bids from Beardsley for roof repair to Highway barn – 1<sup>st</sup> at \$43,000 with no insulation and the 2<sup>nd</sup> for \$99,000 with insulation. Will investigate other options

Supervisor Kish passed around a brochure from Belfast resident Mark Dowd showing his bench creations. Town will keep in mind when need for new benches arises.

At 8:12 p.m. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss a contract issue and an insurance issue.

8:30 p.m. came out of Executive Session.

8:30 p.m. the regular meeting was re-opened. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve a dental insurance plan for David Cox at a cost to the Town of \$50.08 per month.

At 8:46 the meeting was adjourned with a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilwoman Taber.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
Town Clerk