

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
July 15, 2019**

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

Absent: David Jennings

Community Present: Brenda Sisson, Terry Sisson, Peggyann Watts, Jackie Cobb, Fred Cook

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

The Sissons were concerned about neighbors burning garbage and the smoke and fumes coming into their home. There is nothing specific in the Local Law, and the DEC and NY State only deals with burning garbage in municipalities consisting of more than 20,000 residents. However, Kevin Margerum did state that no one is allowed to burn within 50' of a structure and Mr. Sisson stated that this burning was closer than that. Kevin will visit the neighbor in the morning.

Fred Cook was questioning what was considered rubbish or junk and how the Property Maintenance Law distinguished between an eyesore or what someone did or needed for their livelihood. Mr. Cook asked about erecting a fence, and he also stated he was going to clean up around his residence.

Both the Sissons and Mr. Cook left the meeting at 7:15 p.m

Peggy Watts was given information that the Cassidy property now has a court date with the Town Justice to try and see that his property is cleaned up. Unfortunately, if he refuses to remedy the situation (after paying a fine if the Court so orders), the whole process will have to start over.

Jackie Cobb spoke on behalf of the Legion and the fact that they would like to put some permanent speakers in the Town Park. His information was limited, but he was told to meet with Tim Atherton and David Cox regarding underground wires, etc., and was asked to investigate wireless options. Jackie left at 7:22.

The payment of the bills presented was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole:

Highway	94-102	\$7917.10
General	130-150	\$17,341.17
Water	68-76	\$3330.17
Street Lighting	07	660.64

- Starting grant for salt building. Pretty sure will go through – 50/50 money between grant and town. Won't happen until next year
- Murray Hill – RG&E working to move power lines
- Received permission from County to have right of way to remove gravel on County Rd. 26
- Grading
- Working on Fritz
- Hired 4th man, Jeff Guilford, who will start August 5th. Has to be union and take health insurance

Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement, reported the following:

- Will invite Lavonne Davenport into court to prove that she is not the owner of the Rt. 19, Main St. property in Belfast
- Stanton's have moved some bags, but stated that the materials are related to their work
- Kew – issued a Remedy Order and they will have 30 days to clean up
- Kline – violation notice and will send a Remedy Order within the week
- Has four court sessions set to hear violations
- Will check with Sisson regarding his vacant garage property on S. Main
- Will visit James Wolfe regarding the overgrown ditches in front of his property
- Rung vs. Fuller line dispute....Rungs advised many times to hire an attorney. Kevin will draft language for Annette to send them a letter
- Trailer condemned on Tibbetts Hill and CPS as well as SPCA called
- Will look into language to add to Property Maintenance Law specifically regarding burning of garbage and definition of

The Sexual Harassment presentation was postponed until after August 5th so all Town employees will be available to see the CD.

The NYClass Informational Night sponsored by Baldwin's on 7/23 in Nunda was addressed and Annette, Bob Kish and Josh Cole indicated they would attend.

September 7th the Free Methodist Church is sponsoring a Love Belfast event and would like to have several projects that volunteers could do for the Town. Several suggestions included a deep cleaning of the kitchen in the Town Hall as well as weeding and cleaning of sidewalks on Main Street.

Councilman Hillman broached the subject of "green power production" and the impact on the Town. He suggested the Town meet with an attorney to set up language so the Town could opt out of the tax exemption with a strong dissolution clause. Annette will contact Attorney Pullen who has been working with other towns (Angelica, Alfred) on this same issue. A special

