

**TOWN OF BELFAST  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 16, 2019**

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

Community present: Andy Chamberlain, Maggie Thompson, Brad Atherton, Peggyann Watts, Beth Hazelton, Sheila Weaver, Beth Stevick

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

Peggyann Watts wondered about the progress with the cleanup of the property above her house in town and was answered by Councilman Hillman that he had met with the Code enforcement officer who stated that an attorney had given him new direction with the issuing of "letters of remedy". The problem was that folks would not sign for their letters and would not answer their door when it appeared they were home. Now a letter can be sent certified, regular first class mail and/or left in the door of the residence. He stated that there is one case going before the judge on 9/17 and three pending cases.

Ms. Watts asked if a Town Law could be established where the town could take over the property for demolition. Councilman Hillman stated he'd have some discussion with the Town Justice and see what legal options the Town has.

Beth Hazelton gave a short report on the Town Library. The number of folks visiting the library during the month of August was 403, with 1002 books circulated. She asked if the library could submit a report on a monthly basis to the town for inclusion on the agenda. She also stated that the Library is still waiting on Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement Officer, to see about the library roof. They have been waiting over 4 months. Councilman Hillman stated that he forgot to bring that up when he was speaking with Kevin about property maintenance.

The August bills were approved for payment by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second from Councilman Jennings.

Cole – aye, Jennings – aye, Hillman – aye		All in favor	Carried
Street Lighting	#09	\$641.79	
Water	#86-98	\$8689.30	
Highway	#121-131	\$13874.90	
General	#171-187	\$4267.39	

Councilman Jennings made the motion and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the minutes of the 8-19-19 special public hearing meeting to review proposed local law #1 entitled “A Local Law to opt-out of the real property tax exemptions provided for certain energy systems by RPTL Section 487 in the Town of Belfast.”

All in favor            Carried

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Jennings seconded to approve the minutes of the 8-19-19 regular board meeting. All in favor            Carried

Councilman Jennings moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the minutes of the 9-9-19 special meeting to approve Local Law No. 1 entitled “A Local Law to opt-out of the real property tax exemptions provided for certain energy systems by RPTL Section 487 in the Town of Belfast”. All in favor Carried

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

The Town Clerk’s Report for the July accounts was approved by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second by Councilman Jennings. All in favor    Carried

Highway report from Superintendent Kish:

- Murray Hill getting finished. Waiting on Verizon
- Mowing
- 99% patching done
- Hauling gravel, cutting shoulders
- Tire blow on truck 8 causing \$2800 damage – insurance took care of
- Miller Road bridge was red flagged – nothing wrong with the bridge and problem taken care of
- Ordered crosswalks by school

- Investigated Jason Smith's inquiry about establishing local law to regulate use of ATV's on town highways. Looking at around \$1000 for purchase of signs. Not in the budget for this year. Recommended no action be taken

#### Water Superintendent Atherton report:

- Caneadea installed a chlorinator, help with the Belfast water quality
- Continued flushing
- TTHM's and HAA5's test results good
- Arsenic levels appear very good.
- Belfast manor requested daily water usage numbers as they are working on septic system
- Marked Murray Hill water line
- Fixed numerous water leaks, repaired
- Acid flow meter pump not working. Used pump would cost \$1000 vs. new at \$2500. Will try a used one
- Mowing and maintaining Town
- Both water people out on Tuesday to attend a class in Cuba
- Superintendent Atherton will be out rest of the week

#### Code Enforcement

Kevin Margerum not at the meeting

Councilman Hillman reported he has spoken with Kevin and we will be getting a physical report for Board Meetings in the future.

The mandatory Sexual Harassment Training was set for Monday, September 23 at 7:30 a.m. in the Belfast Town Hall.

Councilman Jennings moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve Resolution #6-19 that would authorize the County 911 fire district to check address numbers and make changes to only those that are way off. The first number system was developed in the 1970's. All in favor      Carried

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to appoint David Jennings as a secondary signer of checks for the Town of Belfast. He will take a copy of the minutes to the bank and fill out a signature card. All in favor  
Carried.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve a Resolution (7-19) to relevel delinquent water bills to the County on October 14, 2019. All in favor. Carried

Councilman Jennings moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the budget transfers as requested by Baldwin's. Councilman Hillman stated that this was something that shouldn't be necessary every time if budgeted correctly in the first place. All in favor Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second from Councilman Jennings. All in favor Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
Town Clerk