

TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
2-17-2020

Present: Michael Hillman, Andrew Chamberlain, Josh Cole, David DeRock, David Jennings

Also present: Beth Hazelton, Brad Atherton, Rick Smith, Maggie Thompson, Dan Huntington, Ashley Yackeren, Daniel Winans, Thomas Yackeren, Ryan Powers, David Pullen

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

Town residents were given an opportunity to speak but noone voiced any questions or concerns.

The bills were presented and approved by a motion from Councilman DeRock and a second from Councilman Cole.

Highway	#20-32	\$26,879.93
Water	#11-21	\$3,254.73
Street Lighting	#02	\$687.16
General	#30-55	\$11,090.82

DeRock-aye, Cole-aye, Hillman-aye, Chamberlain-aye, Jennings-aye
All in favor Carried

Councilman Hillman moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2020 regular board meeting and Councilman Chamberlain seconded. All in favor Carried

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve the minutes of the 1-27-20 public hearing regarding the solar project application. All in favor Carried

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the minutes of the 1-27-20 public hearing regarding the solar project setback waiver request. All in favor Carried

The Supervisor's Report, dated January 2020, was approved by a motion from Councilman DeRock and a second from Councilman Hillman. All in favor Carried

The Town Clerk's Report, dated January 2020 for the December 2019 accounts, was approved by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second by Councilman Hillman. All in favor Carried

The Water District Report contained the following:

- Cleared snow from Main Street
- Shoveled snow from around hydrants
- Completed inventory of water plant supplies and equipment
- Cleared snow from around reservoir tanks
- Installed new service at 16 South Street
- Took water meter readings around water district for water bills
- Repairs and replacements to both men's and women's bathrooms in town hall
- Installed No Parking sign at Town Hall by the dumpster
- Marked numerous dig-safe notices received
- Plowing sidewalks throughout town
- Have received 2 bids on the roof replacement at the fire hall, waiting on a third

The Highway report contained the following information:

- Replaced hot water tank in shop
- Cutting Brush
- On March 2, will go back to 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. hours
- Checked into grant monies for new roller – too much fund balance for that piece of equipment
- Advised to purchase the roller and then get grant for replacing truck #5 next year
- Discussed purchasing a new Hamm Roller to replace the 1984 one which is unsafe
- New roller would be just a dirt roller, but Caneadea has small roller to use for patching they are willing to share with Belfast anytime
- Bob will check to see if the loader has a back-up alarm that is working
- Bob will supply the Town Supervisor with a priority list of what needs to be replaced within the next 5 years

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the purchase of a new Hamm roller from Monroe Tractor, Campbell, NY, at a price of \$127,126.00 from the Highway Department fund balance. All in favor Carried

Questions asked of Highway Superintendent Kish included concern regarding destroyed mailbox on Smith Road from snow plow (explained the force of the snow thrown off the end of the plow cannot be helped sometimes), and perhaps some "Rough Roads" signs could be put up, especially on Gleason Hill Road. He was also asked about sidewalk repair or replacement. In front of the Catholic Church is first on the list and then in front of Joe McCumiskey's house. It was explained that there are lots of sidewalks that need work, but the budget is only \$3000. Perhaps come September, some money could be switched around to insure more sidewalk work can be done.

Mr. Kish stated that the crosswalks by the school will be done when the weather breaks. He will find out who is responsible for maintaining the trees and surrounds on the sidewalks along Main Street. Cecil Wasbon's concern regarding a new drainage pipe will be taken up in the spring and there may be some grant money to help with that project.

Councilman Chamberlain expressed a concern regarding doing a better job of clearing the sidewalks of snow. One pass through is not adequate.

Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement Officer, was not at the meeting. However, Supervisor Jennings reported that Mr. Truax has been informed that his barn that burned needs to be cleaned up, weather permitting. Mr. Jennings also stated that there are many barns in town that are falling down and creating a safety hazard as well as an eyesore. He will contact Mr. Margerum and they will go together to check out areas of concern. Mr. Buck from the attorney's office is working on the Cassidy issue, starting from square one with a new complaint petition. Hopefully, this will ensure that everything is done according to Hoyle and can be resolved. There is no new information on the Davenport property.

The Library gave a short report. Tim Atherton will take care of a leaking faucet and Robinhood Construction has finished the outside dormers and will work out scheduling for inside work.

The IDA reported no negative environmental impact for the Norbut Solar Farm project. The decommissioning plan needs to be dealt with. Looking for an insurance policy bond 125% value of the project for the life of the project.

Ryan Powers left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Councilman Hillman moved to approve a resolution authorizing approval of acceptance of the Norbut Solar Farm application, subject to final language as negotiated and approved by the Town Attorney, using the Host Agreement of \$22,000 annual payment, and language to guarantee if Angelica gets a better offer, Belfast would be afforded the same offer. Councilman Chamberlain seconded.

Hillman-aye, Chamberlain-aye, Cole-aye, DeRock-aye, Jennings-aye
All in favor Carried

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the Setback Waiver Request from Norbut Solar Farms.

Hillman-aye, Chamberlain-aye, Cole-aye, DeRock-aye, Jennings-aye
All in favor Carried

The Justice Audit, done by Councilman Cole and Councilman DeRock, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second by Councilman Chamberlain. All in favor Carried

RG&E proposal regarding LED lighting was tabled until the next meeting as well as the review of the General Guidelines for Non-Union Employees of the Town of Belfast.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 with a motion by Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Chamberlain.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk