

TOWN OF BELFAST
Minutes
April 20, 2020

Notice: On 4/17/2020, Richardson and Pullen attorney's office stated as long as social distancing was practiced and no more than 10 people were in attendance, the 4/20/2020 regular board meeting could take place in the Town Hall.

Present: David Jennings, David DeRock, Josh Cole, Andrew Chamberlain, Michael Hillman, Tim Atherton, Robert Kish, Patty Oliver

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

The presentation of the bills was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman DeRock.

General	79-95	\$8285.00
Water	35-47	\$4133.79
Highway	48-62	\$8343.70
SL	04	\$669.00

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

The minutes of the March 16, 2020 regular meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Chamberlain and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor. Carried

The Supervisor's Report for March was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman DeRock. All in favor Carried

The Town Clerk's Report, dated March 2020 for the February accounts, was approved by a motion from Councilman Jennings and a second from Councilman DeRock. All in favor Carried

The water report contained the following information:

- cutting back and removing brush
- partial flush of hydrants, took samples
- internet issues, adjusted alignment with highway roof
- inspected and repaired generator
- wiped down all tables and chairs in Town Hall
- wiped down library and annex buildings
- cut trees back along sidewalk on W. Hughes
- raking, filling holes
- serviced summer mowers
- assisted in resident concerns

The highway report contained the following:

- trees on Main St. - Environment Dept. states we cannot cut, but someone from State will be out to prune – on a 5 year plan
- sweeping
- working on Crawford Creek and East River Road
- 2nd week in May, streets done last year will get a top coat

- ditching and grinding and hauling stone
- will work on cemetery road with load of crushed stone
- guard rail by cemetery is on agenda
- new roller will be here in a week

Quotes for a new roof from the Town Hall were received from 2 firms despite seeking quotes from two additional who did not respond. Belfast Valley Enterprises quoted \$76,250 while All Seasons quoted \$73,000. Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to award the bid to All Seasons with the stipulation they provide an Insurance Bond. Materials will come from Kessel Construction, R13 insulation, old roof will not come off and guaranteed for 35 years. All in favor
Carried

Councilman Chamberlain represented the Belfast Fire Department with the presentation of having an electronic sign erected in the Town Park at total expense of the Fire Department. It would be a two sided sign, non-political postings, public oriented, insurance and all repair and maintenance responsibility of the Fire Department. Supervisor Jennings will put in writing what should/should not be displayed on the sign. Councilman Hillman moved to allow the sign to be erected in the Town Park and Councilman Cole seconded the motion. All in favor
Carried

The following Resolution amending a change in language to the February 10, 2020 Resolution passed regarding payment per megawatt to the Town by Norbut Solar Farms, LLC by a motion from Councilman DeRock and a second by Councilman Cole. All in favor
Carried

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION passed February 10, 2020

The Town Board of the Town of Belfast hereby deletes in its entirety the second paragraph of its resolution adopted February 10, 2020 approving the applications by Norbut Solar Farm, LLC for two (2) solar energy facilities within the Town and replaces it with the following:

That such permits shall be subject to finalization and execution by the parties of a Host Community Benefit Agreement, as currently proposed by Norbut Solar Farms, LLC, subject to final approval of the Town of Belfast Town Attorney. It is understood that such Host Community Benefit Agreement will authorize an annual payment to the Town of Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,200.00) per megawatt.

All other terms and conditions of the above referenced approval resolution will remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Supervisor Jennings stated that because of the Carona pandemic, building permits are down. Clair Beeman, Building and Codes officer, is retiring in June and there have been 5 applicants for his position with two in the final running.

NY Class have averaged around \$1000in interest per month from all accounts.

The generator has been repaired and ready if there is a power outage at the Town Hall. Will not run the whole building.

The street sign by the Mobile station that was hit a few weeks ago has not yet been repaired. The State did come and fix the Stop sign, but not the street sign. Bob Kish said he's on it and has ordered a new street sign.

Discussion was had regarding passing a local law allowing off road vehicles using certain roads. Several members of the Board were not in favor of opening this can of worms. No action was taken.

Councilman DeRock brought up the subject of brush and trash being dumped down by the river across from his residence. Bob Kish said he would call the County to see if some "No Dumping" signs could be erected there to curb the problem.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve authorizing the Town Supervisor to approve ordinary and customary monthly bills in case of a State of Emergency when Town Board meetings are not allowed to be held. The Town Attorney will be consulted for wording of a Resolution to this effect. All in favor Carried

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Councilman DeRock and a second from Councilman Cole.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk