

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2020**

Town officials present: Andy Chamberlain, David DeRock, Mike Hillman, Josh Cole, David Jennings, Bob Kish, Kevin Margerum, Tim Atherton, Patty Oliver

Others present: Steve Harriger, Devin Harriger, Joe Leiseur, Tanya Leiseur, Maggie Thompson, Rick Smith, Gwendelyn Ashford

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

Steve Harriger asked the town for a variance in order to erect a 10X20 removable storage building on South Street that would sit 40' rather than the 50' off center of the road as stated in Code. The variance was granted by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Chamberlain, contingent upon written approval of the neighbor. All in favor. Carried. Kevin Margerum will see that a copy of the sign-off is delivered to the town hall. The Harriger's left the meeting at 7:12.

Mr. and Mrs. Leiseur asked for a variance for a mobile home on Route 305 regarding inadequate square footage of 900 square feet. They intend to build a mudroom addition which will bring them a little over the 900 square feet. Also, the mobile home is on an existing pad that supported a double wide trailer at one time and is not parallel to the road as required by the Town Mobile Home Local Law. Councilman DeRock made the motion to allow both variances. DeRock-aye, Cole-aye, Chamberlain-aye, Jennings-aye, Hillman-nay. Carried The Leiseur's left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Gwen Ashford asked for a variance for the placement of a tiny house 9' rather than the required 10' from a neighbors property line. There was an honest mistake between the neighbors, Gwen, the contractor and the Code Officer when the boundaries were marked, but all parties have agreed to the placement of the tiny house. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to motion to allow the variance. Hillman-aye, Cole-aye, Chamberlain-aye, Jennings-aye, DeRock-nay. Carried

Ms. Ashford was asked about the 3rd tiny house intended for the property and assured the board that it will be within property lines. She also stated that it will be no problem to move a storage shed 5 or 6 feet to appease the neighbors. Ms. Ashford left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

The May bills were approved by roll call:

Street Lighting	06	\$652.77
General	74-93	\$4096.48
Water	43-48	\$1308.89
Highway	77-90	\$61,722.06

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

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 regular meeting as well as the May 18, 2020 abbreviated meeting (due to COVID 19). All in favor Carried

The Supervisor's Report, dated June, 2020, was approved with a motion from Councilman Cole and a second from Councilman Chamberlain. All in favor Carried

The Town Clerk's report dated May, 2020 for the April accounts, was approved by a motion from Supervisor Jennings and a second from Councilman DeRock. All in favor
 Carried

The water district report from Tim Atherton contained the following:

- Hung summer banners throughout town
- Began burning weeds along Main Street and the Park
- Many dig notices from new Armstrong Cable and RG&E
- Odor in water. Flushing hydrants on regular basis
- Taking care of River Road Cemetery due to lack of County workers
- Weed wacked and trimmed throughout town
- Trying to order supplies in order to open the park

Bob Kish reported for the Highway:

- Section 284 of Highway Law was signed by the Board members
- Grinding roads
- Trying to use all CHIPS money before the end of June
- Done in town other than patching
- Oiled and stoned
- Many tractor breakdowns
- Obtained a DEC permit to take care of beavers in pond behind Preston's
- Tony Iocanno reported highway to DEC regarding what he thought were toxic ingredients spread on road by his residence. All was approved by DEC.
- Stolen road sign reported to troopers. Pressed charges
- Have not heard anything from State regarding trimming of trees on Main St.

- Cross walks at school will be painted as soon as stone is vacumed up
- Back River Road is doing well so far
- Broken curbs are the State's responsibility, but if they don't repair or pick up soon, Bob will work on
- Highway Dept. has no way to crush stone and that's why they buy rather than make their own
- New roller is awesome

Councilman Cole offered up Resolution 2-20 (attached) dealing with the Norbut Solar Farms LLC decommissioning agreement. Councilman Chamberlain seconded. All in favor Carried

The Town received a bill from the Village of Wellsville for \$5000 for its share of the Waterfront Revitalization Grant. Most Councilmembers were under the impression that the Town was not going to be responsible for paying any money to this end, but Town Resolution 4-19 states that if a grant was received, the Town would pay \$5000 over a 2 year period. The bill will be held until next month.

This brought up the subject of the Davenport property located on Rt. 19. There have been complaints about the tall grass and unkempt appearance of the property, which has been condemned. However, there is still a question as to who actually owns the property....the previous land owner, the bank or the county. There was discussion of the Town buying the property from the County (if they indeed own it). There is a town individual who is interested in turning it into a park of sorts because it does have access to the Genesee River.

Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Margerum was asked about a barn on Chestnut Street that is falling down and he said the owner is making plans to have it torn down. The Cassady property is once again in limbo. Mr. Margerum states that now it is between the lawyers and the court.

Aran Heaney and Brenda Sisson have both expressed interest in being appointed as Town Historian. Councilmen Chamberlain, Cole and DeRock will set up a time to interview them and see if they might even want to work together.

Supervisor Jennings moved and Councilman Hillman seconded that a new copier be purchased for the office in the amount of \$1500 rather than put \$900 into the old unit. All in favor Carried

Supervisor Jennings informed the Board that pending any changes, Bingo will re-open July 1.

Councilman Hillman stated that the Town as well as Bingo, has to come up with a re-entry plan for building use due to the Corona Virus.

Supervisor Jennings informed the Board that Belfast, although responsible for voting expenses, will not be used for primary voting on June 23rd. That will be held in Houghton.

Councilman Hillman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Councilman Cole seconded.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk