

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
7-20-2020 Regular Meeting**

Present: Mike Hillman, Andrew Chamberlain, Josh Cole, David DeRock, David Jennings, Patty Oliver, Tim Atherton, Kevin Margerum

Absent: Robert Kish

Public present: Margaret Thompson, Rick Smith, Jeremy Histed, Aran Heaney

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jennings at 7:02 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resident Jeremy Histed was there to present his case for a variance on the skirting of a mobile home he is replacing on Barrigan Hill. Owl Homes sold him a vinyl skirting package and our Mobile Home Law states that skirting must be masonry or masonry in appearance. Councilman DeRock moved and Councilman Cole seconded to deny the variance and adhere to the Mobile Home Local Law. It was suggested that Mr. Histed ask Owl Homes for a refund of the package they sold him. All in favor
Carried

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to appoint Aran Heaney as Town Historian beginning immediately. Mr. Heaney proposed that a website be developed to promote the Town's history and he will also present to the school district the idea of a Junior/Senior elective course teaching the Town's history.

June bills were presented and approved:

Highway	91-104	\$107,354.37
Water	49-58	\$1983.87
General	94-117	\$20,124.87
SL	07	\$644.56

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

The minutes of the June 15, 2020 regular meeting were approved by a motion from Supervisor Jennings and a second from Councilman Hillman. All in favor Carried

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

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

Aran Heaney left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Water Superintendent's Report contained the following:

- Playground re-opened with daily disinfecting of tables and benches
- Doing lots of flushing dead ends. Weather has been hot and humid

- Mowing and weed control
- Standing water occurring behind Library Annex. Kevin Margerum did send a letter to property owner who lives in Nunda politely asking he reconfigure the sump pump drainage so it doesn't go on the annex property. If he doesn't hear anything by the 15th of August, he will contact again with legal action
- Made a plexiglass shield for the Town Library desk. Will make another for the Children's Annex
- Been working with Lavey family off Rte. 305 with a smelly water issue due to the hot weather and the distance of the water line. They were advised to let the water run to refresh the lines. Mr. Atherton hasn't heard any complaints from them for a few days
- Councilman Chamberlain asked about the LED lighting in the park to which Mr. Atherton said RG&E has never gotten back to him

The Board was informed that the Hall/Fire Department septic and grease pits will be pumped this week. It has not been done in 8 to 10 years.

Code Enforcement Officer Margerum reported on the following:

- Insanely busy with building permits for decks, pools, etc.
- 51 Sherman St. property (Cassady) he doesn't know what's happening. Mr. Buck from Pullen's office was supposed to contact the Judge, but this hasn't happened. The three abandoned cars on that property were checked: two have tags (not sure if they are current) and one belongs to the neighbor. Supervisor Jennings will e-mail Mr. Pullen's Office and suggest that some action be taken within 15 days.
- The Davenport property on Rt. 19 – Supervisor Jennings has placed calls to Teri Ross, County Clerk, and has gotten no response. He has spoken to her assistant, Jena Kelley, but received no answers and no calls back. The door to the structure is wide open and the grass unmowed. It is the Town's understanding that this is the responsibility of the County. Supervisor Jennings will e-mail Teri Ross, with a cc to Curt Crandall and Carissa Healey.
- With regard to the barn on Chestnut Street, Mr. Margerum will check it out tomorrow. Supposedly, the Amish have been "hired" to take it down
- Was asked if Gwen Ashford had moved a shed as directed at the June 15th board meeting. Mr. Margerum will remind her
- The Leisure property on 305 that was given a variance at the last board meeting is coming along nicely and will be given a C of O as soon as everything is complete
- Mr. Margerum stated that the building permit for the roof on the Town Hall will be ready tomorrow.
- Mr. Margerum was given a list of several other property maintenance issues to be addressed

Highway Superintendent Robert Kish was absent from the meeting so there was no Highway Report.

Questions that were going to be posed to him included:

- Has South Street been final coated
- Cemetery driveway and guardrails - timeline
- Broken curbs in Town – apparently the State is not going to take care of
- Tree trimming on Main Street – apparently the State is not going to take care of
- Issue with the stolen road sign
- Cross walks – timeline

The Board was informed that Bingo is on hold indefinitely. Councilman Hillman stated that each Town needs to make a Re-Entry Plan and there may be some templates on the Association of Towns website. Gary Hurd will be working on installing a new digital sign in the park(purchased by the Fire Department) within the next couple of weeks. It was stated that the sign will not advertise Bingo on a daily basis, but maybe advertised once a week. This brought up the issue of the ugly, big yellow sign in the park advertising Bingo. Could it possibly be removed? Councilman Hillman stated that the Board should be mindful of the fact that BABA was hugely responsible for the construction of the Town Hall in the first place so respect should be shown to the organization.

A special meeting was set for Monday, July 27th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss budget as well as revisions to the Non-Union Employee Policy. Town Board members were given a copy of the original contract along with the changes to be considered.

August 24th at 1:30, the Town Superintendents, the Town Supervisor, the Town Clerk and any interested councilperson will travel to Nunda to the Baldwin Business office to prepare the 2021 budget.

Supervisor Jennings stated he received an e-mail from Mr. Lavey on Route 305 regarding a drainage ditch that needs to be cleaned out and maintained. Highway Superintendent Kish was given a copy and Mr. Jennings will speak with him about the matter.

There was an e-mail regarding a Zoom meeting with Tom Reed's office for any interested town official on Thursday, June 23 at 11:00 a.m.

There is a MACE meeting scheduled for August 18 at 6:30 in Caneadea Town Hall for any interested town official. Supervisor Jennings will be attending.

The Board was notified of Jena Utz's resignation from Baldwin's and Samantha Curran will be her replacement.

The American Red Cross has asked if they could schedule 6 blood drives during the year at the Belfast Town Hall. This was approved per availability of the hall.

Councilman Hillman informed the Board that the County Summer Youth Employment Program will be in effect again this year and asked Mr. Atherton if he was interested in entertaining a youth. Mr. Atherton agreed he would be interested.

The \$5000 payment to the Village of Wellsville for a share of the Waterfront Revitalization Grant was tabled for the second time due to the fact that there was a lack of response for additional paperwork regarding this project.

There has been no word on the progress of the solar project by Norbut Solar Farms.

At 8:30 p.m., Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver

Town Clerk