

**TOWN OF BELFAST  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 20, 1025**

Present: David Cox, Randy Ellison, Michael Hillman, Sandra Taber, Annette Kish, William Nichols, David Jennings, Sharon Collins, Patricia Oliver

Community members present: Rick Smith, Bob Kish, Dana Atherton, Tim Atherton, Connor Parker, Terry Parker

Supervisor Kish called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Connor Parker asked to speak regarding the issue of his retirement not being deducted from his pay from the time he was hired in September, 2014. Supervisor Kish assured him she would address the issue with Baldwin's. Connor and Terry Parker left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Payment of the bills were approved by roll call:

Councilman Ellison	aye
Councilman Hillman	aye
Councilman Cox	aye
Councilwoman Taber	aye
Supervisor Kish	aye

Street Lighting	#04	\$30.52
Highway	#55-77	\$38,455.24
General	#51-79	\$16,053.60
Water	#50-66	\$7936.25

The March 16, 2015 minutes were accepted by a motion from Councilman Ellison and a second by Councilman Hillman. Carried

The Supervisor's Report was approved by a motion from Councilwoman Taber and a second by Councilman Ellison. Carried

The Town Clerk's Report was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second by Councilwoman Taber.

Highway Superintendent Nichols reported that on the 9<sup>th</sup> he opened bids for asphalt and construction related products. Councilman Ellison moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve the bids as presented and attached to these minutes. All ayes. Carried

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Men have been busy sweeping streets and roads. The roller is back from repair at a cost of over \$2000 and another truck is being fitted with a new oil pan.

There was a slight increase in CHIPS money, a little over \$15,000 for extreme winter weather.

Resolution #2-15 was offered by Councilman Hillman and seconded by Councilman Ellison to pursue USDA funding for a snow plow truck. It is anticipated the Town may receive between \$20,000 and \$30,000 and the remaining cost would be a low interest loan with a 15 year pay back. The loan may be repaid sooner with no penalty. Karen Herdman, Village Clerk of Angelica, was extremely helpful in sharing information.

Hillman – aye, Cox – aye, Taber – aye, Ellison – aye, Kish – aye. Carried

Water Superintendent Jennings reported that the water plant is now working very well and he was extremely pleased with analytical results as supplied by Life Science Laboratories, Inc. Mr. Stockin from Houghton is still working on a consolidation plan. Work has been done at the library, turning a downstairs room into an office space. Work has been done at the Historical Society building and the Town Hall kitchen has had the ceiling tiles replaced, painting done and most of the new countertops installed.

There are eleven damaged street light bases in town and RG&E wants an exorbitant amount of money to replace the base. Mr. Jennings will try to find another solution. To date, there is no LED street lighting programs through RG&E.

The new security system is installed as well as the new Verizon phone line. The new phone system should be in place in a couple of weeks.

Assessor Collins provided the board with a handout of her duties as Assessor as well an Exemption Summary for 2015. Grievance Day is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in May and she will send a reminder to the Grievance Board.

Ms. Collins and Supervisor Kish will meet with Robert Hilbert from Robert Hilbert Associates regarding a reval. His estimated cost to the Town is \$30,000. The Board will eventually need a resolution to conduct a reval. Ms. Collins also provided the Board with correspondence she has had with the Baptist Church representatives regarding information needed to maintain their non-profit status. After letters, visits and phone calls, she was finally able to obtain the necessary documents required by the State.

A code variance was granted to Robert Stair for a 12X16 portable building on skids to be erected on his property located on 6728 Gleason Hill Road. All ayes. Carried

Councilman Ellison moved and Councilwoman Taber seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
Town Clerk