

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, JULY 20, 2015**

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

Absent: Michael Hillman

Community members present: Jim Ace, Jr., Dennis Doell, Greg Cummings, Bob Kish, Rick Smith, Brad Atherton

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kish at 7:01 and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dennis Doell thanked everyone for support and trust in the Life Way event that happened on June 20th. In particular, he wanted to thank the Fire Department for their hard work in making the event successful.

Bills were approved as presented:	Street Lighting	#07	\$618.40
	Highway	#116-129	\$67,245.99
	Water	#92-102	\$1790.88
	General	#127-151	\$11,439.11

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

The June 15, 2015 minutes were accepted by a motion from Councilwoman Taber and a second from Councilman Ellison. All in favor. Carried

The Supervisor’s Report, dated June, 2015, was accepted with a motion from Councilman Ellison and a second from Councilman Cox. All in favor. Carried

The Town Clerk’s Report, dated May, 2015, was approved by a motion from Councilwoman Taber and a second by Councilman Ellison. All in favor. Carried

Highway Superintendent Nichols reported on:

- Haskins Road finished
- Little John Road
- Chapel Street – finish sometime in August (Blades will come in and pave for a quicker and better job.)
- Letter of resignation from Don Comstock effective 30th of January, 2016. Last day of work will be August 20, 2015.

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- Highway Department will continue with 3 men for the rest of the fall and plan on hiring the 1st of December.

Water Superintendent Jennings reported:

- Busy mowing and taking care of water plant
- Installed new spring riding toys in the park
- Problem with chemical fumes in the plant
- Busy with stake-outs for construction project (one day alone had to locate 22 water lines)
- Anyone with complaints regarding water quality should notify David immediately and he will come and take a sample

Handicap ramps are being replaced at the curbs in town because the existing ones do not meet code. Paving Rt. 19 through the town is scheduled for the 28th and 29th of July.

Sharon Collins, Assessor, reported:

- She continues to do evaluation of new construction
- Need for advertising for a data collector (She will accompany to rural areas)
- Her letter of resignation with an effective date of September, 2016

Councilwoman Taber moved and Councilman Cox seconded that an ad be placed in the paper for a data collector. This item will need to be budgeted. All in favor. Carried

Greg Cummings from Larson Design Group presented information on the water study that was approved at the last meeting. The study will include such items as operator attention, estimating how long tanks should last, viable alternatives other than purchasing water from Houghton and an asset management plan. As the study has already been approved, he and Water Superintendent Jennings will work together and get started. The grant for this study was in the amount of \$50,000 and the Town must pay \$2500 as their portion of the cost.

Jim Ace, Jr. left the meeting at 7:45.

Mr. Cummings left the meeting at 7:50.

RESOLUTION #5-15 Plow Truck Purchase in the amount of \$219,800 was offered by Annette Kish and seconded by Councilwoman Taber.

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

RESOLUTION #6-16 Water System Planning Study was offered by Annette Kish and seconded by Councilwoman Taber.

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

Supervisor Kish will distribute the 2009 General Guidelines Policy Book and entertain suggestions and updates at the next meeting.

At 7:55 p.m., Councilman Cox moved and Councilwoman Taber seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk