

**TOWN OF BELFAST**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MINUTES**  
**August 17, 2015**

Present: Annette Kish, David Cox, Sandy Taber, Mike Hillman, David Jennings, Bill Nichols, Patty Oliver, Sharon Collins

Absent: Randy Ellison

Community members present: Bob Kish, Tim Atherton, Rick Smith, Tom Taber, Maggie Thompson

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

Rick Smith spoke on behalf of the Fire District and requested use of the town grader to fix the roadway on E. Hughes going into Valley Park. Highway Superintendent Nichols will check with the State to see if this was a legal option. A motion was made by Councilman Cox and seconded by Councilman Hillman to approve the use of the grader contingent upon legality. All in favor. Carried

The motion was made by Councilwoman Taber and seconded by Councilman Cox to make the following budget transfers:

		<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	
Transfer from:	A3089	Justice Grant	\$5368.00
Transfer to:	A1110.4	Justice Contractual	\$4809.00
	A1355.4	Assessor Contractual	\$20.00
	A1410.4	Town Clerk Contractual	\$539.00
		<b><u>Highway Fund</u></b>	
Transfer from:	DA9060.8	Hospital & Medical Ins.	\$7402.00
Transfer to:	DA5130.2	Machinery Equipment	\$1402.00
	DA9010.8	State Retirement	\$6000.00
		<b><u>Water Fund</u></b>	
Transfer from:	SW8320.1B	Source of Supply-Laborer	\$393.00
Transfer to:	SW8330.2	Purification Equipment	\$393.00

All in favor. Carried

Rick Smith left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Approval of the bills:	Street Lighting	#08	\$606.79
	Highway	#130-142	\$28,917.13
	Water	#103-117	\$7240.66
	General	#152-172	\$6920.87

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Kish-aye, Taber-aye, Cox-aye, Hillman-aye                      All in favor. Carried

Minutes of the July 20, 2015 meeting were accepted with a motion from Councilwoman Taber and a second from Councilman Cox. All in favor. Carried

The July, 2015 Supervisor's Report was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilwoman Taber. All in favor. Carried

The Town Clerk's Report, dated June, 2015, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second by Councilman Cox. All in favor. Carried

#### **HIGHWAY REPORT:**

- Chapel St. and Little John Road are finished
- Two remaining CHIPS projects
- CHIPS needs all invoices and cancelled checks for projects before any money received
- Van Allen Road project – expect around \$45,000 around the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September
- Down to three man crew
- Millings from the Main Street project will be crushed and product can be used for a number of things
- Snow plow truck – has to be bid by ourselves and cannot piggy back as originally thought. Specs are all done. Would like to open bids at Highway Department office a week before the September board meeting.
- Hopefully the old snow plow truck will pass inspection as will not have the new one for this winter

#### **RESOLUTION**

Councilman Cox moved and Councilwoman Taber seconded to approve a loan resolution USDA Form RD 1942-47 authorizing issuance of a bond in the principal amount of \$181,500.00 for the purchase of a new snow plow truck.

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

#### **WATER REPORT**

- Met with Annette, Phil Stockin and Dennis Ricketts from the Town of Hume to gather information regarding combining water plants
- Rid of old Cub Cadet (\$266.00)
- Benches for the park have arrived and are being assembled
- Leaky tank at the plant – Dave and crew can remove old one, but will need help to install new one. Highway Superintendent Nichols said his men would help

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Councilwoman Taber moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to authorize Mr. Jennings to purchase a new tank to replace the leaky one. All in favor. Carried

#### **ASSESSOR**

- Suggested a name for a data collector

Supervisor Kish informed the Board of a concern expressed by Phillip Barr (Town of Allen) regarding no stop or yield sign at the end of E. Hughes and Cty. Rd. 26. Highway Superintendent Nichols stated that the County said there was not enough traffic on that road to warrant a sign.

Supervisor Kish informed the Board of several Property Maintenance Complaints and also pointed out in the Town of Belfast "Property Maintenance Law" document it states in **SECTION 13: A.** The Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Belfast as designated by the Town Board of such Town, shall have authority, as specified herein, to inspect all premises by plain view within the Town of Belfast to enforce the provisions of this law., and **B.** Whenever it shall appear that the provisions of this Article are being violated, the Code Enforcement Officer shall, except upon plain view where no entry is necessary secure approval from an owner, lessee, agent, tenant, or other person with authority, to make an inspection of the property and shall prepare a written report of the condition found.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cox seconded to pursue the Tax Cap over-ride for 2016. This will ensure that the over-ride is in place if it needs to be used. All in favor. Carried

The request from the Rushford Snowmobile Club to use land for snowmobile trails during the 15-16 winter season was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilwoman Taber. This is a yearly request and the Club carries their own insurance. All in favor. Carried

The Employee Policy manual, dated 1999, was assigned as "homework" for Board members to review and make suggestions for updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 by a motion from Councilman Cox and a second by Councilwoman Taber.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
Town Clerk

