

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
January 18, 2016**

Present: Annette Kish, Randy Ellison, Sandy Taber, Michael Hillman, David Cox, David Jennings, Patty Oliver

Community Present: Russ Heslin, Robert Kish, Rick Smith, Jerry Krieger

Supervisor Kish called the meeting to order at 7:02. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Russ Heslin, the newly appointed assessor, gave a report on recent Belfast land and residential sales. The last reval for the Town of Belfast was 9 years ago. Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 1:00 in the Town Hall, Russ will hold a public meeting to go over the revaluation process and answer any questions the public has. He also stated that Grievance day will be June 7, 2016.

January bills were approved for payment:

- General #1-22 \$13,640.32
- Street Lighting #1 \$696.82
- Highway #1-16 \$20,816.15
- Water #1-13 \$3690.25

Randy Ellison-aye, David Cox-aye, Michael Hillman-aye, Sandy Taber-aye, Annette Kish-aye
Carried

After review, the minutes of the December 28, 2015 meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cox. Carried

The Supervisor's Report, dated December, 2015, was approved by a motion from Councilman Cox and a second by Councilwoman Taber. Carried

The Town Clerk's Report, dated November, 2015 for the October accounts, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Ellison. Carried

Water Superintendent Jennings reported that since the last meeting in December, a failed water sample has been received. The likely cause is the new filter system than needs to be seasoned. The samples mixed with Houghton water are OK so there is not a public health issue. The next samples will be taken from the Highway garage next week. The County is not concerned at this time.

Water usage is down the last six months to 40,000 gallons per day. The water department is in need of a new leak detector. The Board was asked if they wanted to consider going in with Houghton to purchase one, or spending approximately \$2800 to purchase our own. No decision was made.

Mr. Krieger from the community asked Water Superintendent Jennings if there was a spring or ground water problem on West Hughes Street. Mr. Jennings replied that from the time he was a young boy, there had been a water issue in that area, but he would be glad to meet with Mr. Krieger to check it out.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Brad Atherton was not at the meeting to represent Bill Nichols (who had back surgery this morning), as he was out plowing roads. Supervisor Kish opened the single fuel bid from Rinker Oil. The bid was accepted by a motion from Councilman Cox and a second by Councilman Ellison. All aye. Carried

- \$1.3543 gal 87 octane unleaded gasoline
- \$1.2522 gal ULSO#2 diesel fuel
- \$1.2822 gal all weather ULSO#2 diesel fuel

RESOLUTION NO. 1-16, dated 1/18/2016 APPROVING THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK was approved by a motion Councilwoman Taber and a second by Councilman Ellison.

Offered by: Allegany County Town Highway Superintendents Association

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Belfast hereby agrees to allow William A. Nichols, Highway Superintendent, to extend Mutual Aid assistance to another participating municipality within the County of Allegany when requested to do so by such municipality in time of abnormal snow or work conditions. This agreement is subject to the conditions listed in the written agreement. Kish-aye, Cox-aye, Ellison-aye, Taber-aye, Hillman-aye Carried

An article from the last issue of Towns & Topics was distributed. It stated that "if there is a vacancy in a highway department position, the highway superintendent is in charge of filling it. Appointments should be made in an open meeting, and a majority of the board must agree on who to appoint."

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilwoman Taber seconded to approve the following transfers:

Due from Highway: \$8415.02	2014: \$1,957.02	General money deposited in Highway Money Market
	2015: \$6,458.00	Justice Grant deposited in Highway Money Market
Due from Water: \$11,292.40	2014: \$6,100.00	\$3,850 budgeted transfer not done \$2,250 Water salaries paid out of General Funds
	2015: \$5,192.40	\$3,850 budgeted transfer not done \$1342.40 Water salaries paid out of General Funds

Due to Light District: \$6,000.00 2015: Only \$3,500 of \$9,500 of 2015 taxes transferred to
Light District Checking from
General Fund Money Market

Due to Highway: \$118.56 2014: \$118.56 Highway bill paid out of General Fund
Checking

Actions:

- A) General Fund will issue following checks:
 - To Lighting District \$6,000.00
 - To Highway Fund \$118.56
- B) Highway Fund will issue following checks:
 - To General Fund \$8,415.02
- C) Water Fund will issue following checks:
 - To General Fund \$11,292.40

The following appointed and elected officers for 2016 were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilwoman Taber. All in favor. Carried

**Town of Belfast
Belfast, New York 14711**

Current Appointed and Elected Officers for 2016

<u>Office:</u>	<u>Name of Office:</u>	<u>Term Ends:</u>
Supervisor	Annette Kish	12/31/17
Deputy Supervisor	Sandra Taber	12/31/17
Registrar of Vital Stats	Patricia Oliver	12/31/17
Town Clerk	Patricia Oliver	12/31/17
Deputy Town Clerk	Diana Enders	12/31/17
Supt. Of Highways	William Nichols	12/31/17
Dep. Supt. Of Highways	Brad Atherton	12/31/17
Tax Collector	Diana Grastorf	12/31/17
Real Property Assessor	Russell Heslin	10/01/19
Town Justice	Dawn Young	12/31/19
Councilman	Sandra Taber	12/31/19
Councilman	David Cox	12/31/19
Councilman	Randy Ellison	12/31/17
Councilman	Michael Hillman	12/31/17
Code Enforcement Office	Clair Beeman	12/31/16
Building Code Inspector	Clair Beeman	12/31/16

Board of Assessment	David Jennings	9/30/17
Board of Assessment	Philip Edwards	9/30/16
Board of Assessment	Elwyn Michael	9/30/18
Dog Control Officer	Dawn Cook	12/31/16
Historian	William Heaney	12/31/16
Business Service	Baldwin Business Services	12/31/16
Attorney for the Town	Hire as needed	
Youth Rec. Director	Lisa Denning	12/31/16
Water Bill Collector	Patricia Oliver	12/31/16
Official Depository	Community Bank	12/31/16
Newspaper	Olean Times Herald	12/31/16
Monthly Meetings	3rd Monday of Each Month	
Mileage	Town Rate	.50
Voting Machine Custodian	David Jennings	12/31/16

Councilman Cox moved and Councilman Ellison seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.
All in favor. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk