

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 21, 2016**

Present: David Cox, Michael Hillman, Annette Kish, Randy Ellison, Bill Nichols, David Jennings, Patty Oliver, Kevin Margerum (7:23)

Absent: Sandy Taber

Community Present: Bob Kish, Tom Yackeren, Maggie Thompson, Tim Atherton, Rick Smith

Supervisor Kish called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the October 17, 2016 regular meeting and the November 10th Public Budget Hearing were approved by a motion from Councilman Ellison and a second from Councilman Hillman. All in favor. Carried

The October, 2016 Supervisor's Report was not approved as it did not include the Clerk's report.

The October, 2016 Clerk's report was approved by a motion by Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cox. All in favor. Carried.

Highway Superintendent Nichols' report included the following information:

- Posting of seasonal roads (Town Clerk also given a list to post)
- Busy cutting shoulders on Gleason Hill and New Road
- Issue on McClay Road where a headwall collapsed. Borrowed an excavator from Caneadea to assist in repair
- Engine of the grader has been removed for repair. Time to think about replacement
- Plowed snow for the first time on Sunday, November 20

Water Superintendent Jennings' report included the following:

- Cut a rotted tree on Co. Rd. 26

- Replaced a post in the park
- Fixed a light problem at the Library
- Replaced 4 meters
- Worked on the Christmas lights
- Worked on the chimney moisture problem on Children’s Library (flashing needs to be replaced)
- Attended three (3) water classes
- Fixed flag pole at the Library
- Read water meters
- Took Arsenic and Methane samples (Arsenic higher than expected. Next will sample Belfast water and Houghton to verify which water supply arsenic is coming from)

Councilman Hillman moved to approve the purchase of a new Kubota mower/sidewalk plow tractor from Burt Young under state bid at a price of \$29,455.65. Motion seconded by Councilman Ellison. The current tractor will be sold. There is enough money in the 2016 Water budget to pay for the tractor. All in favor. Carried

Code Enforcement Officer Margerum reported:

- He is addressing problems with Mr. Cassidy. Would not allow him a building permit until he has a meeting with Mr. Cassidy and the owner of the property.
- Is dealing with Mr. Ely and the camper on Rt. 305.
- Was given the go-ahead to execute a ticket to Mr. Temple for his failure to comply with code even though he was given a 6 month extension to meet with regulations

Councilman Cox moved and Councilman Ellison seconded to pass **Resolution #9-16** wherein the Justice books were audited by Councilwoman Taber and Councilman Hillman and a report of their findings will be forwarded to the NYS Office of Court Administration. All in favor. Carried

Councilman Ellison moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve payment of the October bills as presented:

General #215-237	\$7,210.91
Water #132-146	\$12,832.23

Highway #168-189	\$37,298.43
Street Lighting #09	\$661.08

Cox-aye, Hillman-aye, Ellison-aye, Kish-aye, Taber-absent All in favor
Carried

At 7:32, Executive Session was called by Councilman Hillman and seconded by Councilman Cox, to discuss Water and Highway issues.

At 8:05, the Board came out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

Councilman Ellison moved and Councilman Cox seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk