

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 19, 2016**

Present: Sandy Taber, Randy Ellison, David Cox, Annette Kish, Dave Jennings, Bill Nichols, Kevin Margerum and Patty Oliver

Absent: Mike Hillman

Community Present: Bob Kish, Tim Atherton, Rick Smith

Supervisor Kish called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and all in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Taber moved and Councilman Cox seconded to approve the schedule of November bills as presented:

Highway	#190-206	\$36,084.89
Street Lighting	#10	\$672.10
General	#238-264	\$18,738.85
Water	#147-154	\$32,445.01

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

Minutes of the November 21, 2016 meeting were perused and approved by a motion from Councilman Cox and a second from Councilman Ellison. All in favor. Carried

The Supervisor's Reported, dated November, 2016, was approved by a motion from Councilwoman Taber and a second from Councilman Cox. All in favor. Carried

Highway Superintendent Nichols presented **Resolution number 10-16** to the Board for approval which stated the Town of Belfast confirms the prior acceptance of listed Town roads and acknowledges the Town of Belfast maintains those roads.

The Resolution was passed by a motion from Councilwoman Taber, a second by Councilman Cox and a vote as follows:

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

The highway crew has been plowing and sanding, and in their spare time they have made repairs to the grader which so far has cost more than \$6000.00. The grader looks good, but is still 30 years old.

Water Superintendent Jennings' report included:

- Worked on Christmas lights
- Went to Painted Post with trailer to pick up furniture for the Public Library
- Cut back tree limbs away from sidewalks so the walks could be plowed
- Plant inspection by Allegany Co. Health Department
- Plowed sidewalks 9 times
- Repair leak at the plant
- Marked 4 water lines
- Turned on water at a house
- Investigated 3 homes for water leaks

Mr. Jennings informed the board that next year they have two tank support frames that need replacing at a cost of \$6650.

The Belfast water department was approved for a Community Development grant in the amount of \$50,000 to do an evaluation of the water plant.

Councilman Cox moved and Councilman Ellison seconded to approve **RESOLUTION #11-16**, accepting a Community Development Block Grant for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

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

The purchase of a sander for the sidewalks was discussed and approved for purchase.

The Belfast School Choice Week Proclamation was approved, recognizing January 22-28 as School Choice Week in Belfast.

The Re-organizational Meeting will be held on January 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Cox , Councilwoman Taber and Supervisor Kish will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 27th for the End-of –Year meeting.

Code Officer Margerum reported that before he can deal with Mr. Temple on Rt. 19 regarding his code violations, he had to see Judge Young to make sure the right paperwork was being used. He has been trying to connect with Mr. Cassidy, but it seems as though Mr. Cassidy is going to great lengths to avoid him. Mr. Margerum will see that Mr. Cassidy gets a Remedy Order tomorrow. Mr. Helms on Route 305 will receive a condemn notice and if there is more evidence he's still there, will receive an appearance ticket.

Mr. Margerum informed the Board that while he did find a resolution for Code Enforcement dated 1989, there was no formal Local Law adopting the Uniform Code. He will obtain a sample

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of the local law wording and a public hearing will be held at the January board meeting to approve a local law. An attorney is needed to look over the document before it is approved.

Dave Jennings asked the Board to be thinking about approval in next year's budget of the purchase of a utility trailer to be used to haul the mower to cemetery sites, etc. Supposedly the County is going to provide the town with a job-trak worker to take care of the back River Road cemetery.

Councilwoman Taber moved and Councilman Cox seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk