

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
February 15, 2016**

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

Community Present: Robert Kish, Rick Smith, Maggie Thompson, Tim Atherton

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

Councilwoman Taber moved and Councilman Cox seconded to approve the payment of the February bills:

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| • General | #29-44 | \$6080.48 |
| • Street Lighting | | \$0 |
| • Highway | #17-33 | \$27,406.63 |
| • Water | #14-28 | \$10,371.76 |

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

After reviewing the minutes of the January 18, 2016 minutes, they were approved by a motion by Councilman Cox and a second by Councilwoman Taber. All in favor Carried

The Supervisor's Report, dated January 2016, was approved by a motion from Councilwoman Taber and a second by Councilman Hillman. All in favor Carried

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

Highway Supervisor Bill Nichols, after his recent back surgery, is working part time per doctor's orders. He reported that the truck chassis is in Buffalo and will be going to Angelica any day where they will begin work on it. Should be ready in a month.

Superintendent Nichols explained to the Board a Resolution he would like to see adopted calling on the State of New York to restore funding parity between the capital plans of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the New York State Department of Transportation. Councilwoman Taber moved and Councilman Cox seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2-16

WHEREAS, restoring parity between the Department of Transportation’s (DOT) highway and bridge five-year capital program and the MTA’s capital program will assure each program is funded at a \$26.1 billion level, providing enough resources to help fund the local needs as described, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

1. That the Town of Belfast calls upon Governor Cuomo and our State Legislative Delegation to work with our County and other local governments in order to develop and fully-fund a Five-Year Capital Plan that will provide the necessary and proper funding to New York’s Counties, Towns and Villages by substantially increasing CHIPS and Marchiselli funding and establishing a five-year State Aid to Local Bridge and Culvert Program to give them the ability to adequately maintain their infrastructure.
2. That the Town Clerk of the Town of Belfast shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Catharine M. Young, Assemblyman Joseph M. Giglio, the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways.

Supervisor Annette Kish	Aye
Councilman David Cox	Aye
Councilwoman Sandra Taber	Aye
Councilman Michael Hillman	Aye
Councilman Randy Ellison	Absent

Superintendent Nichols also informed the Board of an e-mail received from Tom Becker offering an opportunity to pursue funding for another piece of highway equipment. The application should be for \$200,000 and Bill would try to include replacement of a small truck and the 1984 roller which he has trouble getting parts for. Councilman Hillman asked if this grant could include equipment from other departments such as water. Supervisor Kish will question Mr. Becker regarding the limits of the grant. This is a grant that the Town could back out of at any time.

RESOLUTION #3-16

Councilwoman Taber made the motion and Councilman Cox seconded to pursue a grant for highway equipment including a small snow plow truck and a roller

Supervisor Annette Kish	Aye
Councilman David Cox	Aye
Councilwoman Sandra Taber	Aye
Councilman Michael Hillman	Aye
Councilman Randy Ellison	Absent

All in favor Carried

Mr. Nichols also reported to the Board that sand and fuel consumption are down as well as fuel costs and overtime.

Water Superintendent Jennings reported that he is still waiting for another company to demonstrate a leak detector. The water arsenic levels went from 18 to 15, but when mixed with Houghton water, the level is down to 8. He and Mr. Tim Atherton worked over the frigid weekend on a water freeze and broken line. He also informed the Board that he would not be available to be an assessor on the Grievance Board due to a conflict on his calendar.

Supervisor Kish asked the Board to think of someone who would make a good member of the Board of Assessment, stating a class will be held on April 18 and Grievance Day is June 7th.

Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. was set for the Policy Book workshop.

Supervisor Kish informed the Board of a meeting she attended in Caneadea regarding Code Enforcement. It was the consensus of the Board that after multiple issues with the current Code Enforcement Officer and paying for services we don't feel we are getting,

Supervisor Kish pursue conversation with Kevin Margerum to become our Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilman Cox moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. All in favor Carried

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk