

**TOWN OF BELFAST
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 16, 2016
Minutes**

Present: David Cox, Sandra Taber, Michael Hillman, Annette Kish, Randy Ellison, Kevin Margerum, William Nichols, David Jennings, Patricia Oliver

Community present: Shelby Bennett, Tina DeNigro, John Temple, Maggie Thompson, Rick Smith, Margo Jennings, Robert Kish

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

Shelby Bennett and Tina DeNigro from EFPR Solutions Staffing & Outsourcing in Rochester, presented an introduction to their accounting services. Their firm does everything but payroll. The conversion fee to Quickbooks is a \$750 one time charge. It would take about a month to transition. References can be provided, although they have no clients in Allegany County at the present time. They left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

John Temple attended the meeting regarding code enforcement violations on the 7928 State Route 19 property he purchased in 2011. Mr. Temple stated that he was not aware of all the code violations on his property. The previous code enforcement officer did not follow the building codes set forth by the State or was lax in enforcing local law. While ignorance of the law on Mr. Temple's part does not excuse the violations, the Board felt he should be given the opportunity to come up to code regarding sealing and making the house safe within 30 days, and after that he will be given 6 months to comply with the other violations listed in a letter to him dated May 9, 2016. Mr. Temple stated that no one lives on the property and he will have the two unlicensed/inoperable motor vehicles removed from the property. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Ellison seconded to approve a variance on the square footage of the manufactured home on the property. Belfast Local Law #2 of 2009 states that a mobile home must have a minimum floor space of 900 square feet and the home on this property is 860 square feet. All in favor. Carried. Mr. Temple left at 7:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Cox and seconded by Councilwoman Taber to pay the March abstracts:

General	#75-92	\$7090.67
Water	#59-71	\$13,751.60
Street Lighting	#3	\$617.16
Highway	#65-87	\$32,584.27

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

Minutes of the April 18, 2016 special meeting and the April 18, 2016 regular meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cox.

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

The Town Clerk's Report, dated March 2016 for the February accounts, was approved by a motion from Councilman Ellison and a second from Councilman Cox. All in favor. Carried

Highway Superintendent William Nichols stated that bids for the new snowplow truck were opened at 1 p.m. on the 16th of May. Maple City Dodge quoted \$44,507.00 for the cab and chassis, and Valley Fab & Equipment quoted \$68,295.00 for the body and equipment for a total of \$112,802.00. A resolution authorizing, subject to a Permissive Referendum, the issuance of \$110,000 bonds to pay the cost of the purchase of a truck with a snow plow was offered by Councilwoman Taber and a second by Councilman Ellison. Roll call: Cox-aye, Taber-aye, Ellison-aye, Hillman-aye, Kish-aye. Absent-none. All in favor. Carried

Mr. Nichols reported that Bill 1356 passed by the Senate regarding speed limits being set by towns of less than 50,000 population was not passed by the Assembly and therefore was not passed into law as interpreted by Mr. Harrington at the last Board meeting. The DOT needs to set the speed limit on New Road in the Town of Belfast. Mr. Nichols was asked to pursue the process of setting a speed limit due to the safety of pedestrians and the fact that more residents are building on that road. He will be in contact with Guy James.

CHIPS projects are being completed on Little John Road and Lilly Road.

Water Superintendent David Jennings shared that the annual water report has been mailed to district water users. In working with Assessor Russ Hesslin, he came up with 15 properties that have not been assessed full value for water and light. At the next meeting he will have a plan regarding deficiencies in the water district maps and the consequent deficit in assessment. Councilwoman Taber and Councilman Hillman both requested that Pike Street and East Hughes Street have hydrant flushing done.

Councilman Ellison moved and Councilman Cox seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk

