

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
Public Information/Regular Meeting
July 18, 2016**

Present: Annette Kish, Randy Ellison, Sandy Taber, Mike Hillman, David Jennings, Kevin Margerum, Bill Nichols, Patty Oliver

Absent: David Cox

Community/others present: Bradley Sick from Larson Design Group, Bob Kish, Brad Atherton, Tim Atherton, Maggie Thompson, Rick Smith

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

Bradley Sick, of Larson Design Group, was given the opportunity to present information on a water engineering study of the Town water system using a Community Development Block Grant. This study will take a look at the entire water infrastructure. Councilman Hillman made the motion and councilwoman Taber seconded to pass Resolution 7-16.

**RESOLUTION 7-16
Water System Planning Study**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Belfast held a public meeting on July 18, 2016 to discuss funding opportunities available through the Office of Home and Community Renewal's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and to discuss the necessity of completing an engineering study to determine the scope and cost of necessary water system improvements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements are deemed by the Town Board to be of benefit to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to pursue 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$50,000 to assist the completion of the proposed improvements, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Belfast finds the Water System Improvements Project to be in the public interest, and be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs that Larson Design Group prepare the appropriate Community Development Block Grant application; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Belfast fully supports the Community Block Grant application and authorizes the Chief Fiscal Officer to execute the application and all related forms and documents and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the use of 5% of the cost of the engineering study or \$2,500 of Town funds to be used to pay the local share of the project and further

directs that the authorized \$2,500 be appropriated and set aside for the proposed engineering study if the application from the Town of Belfast is approved for such a study.

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

Mr. Sick left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Taber and seconded by Councilman Hillman to approve the payment of the July abstracts:

General	#125-148	\$5,142.69
Water	#82-91	\$2,893.54
Street Lighting	#05	\$603.86
Highway	#103-114	\$51,130.30
Taber-aye, Hillman-aye, Ellison-aye, Kish-aye, Cox-absent		Carried

Councilman Ellison moved and Councilwoman Taber seconded to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2016 meeting. All in favor Carried

The Supervisor's Report was approved as presented by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Ellison. All in favor Carried

The Town Clerk's Report, dated July 2016 for the April accounts, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilwoman Taber. All in favor Carried

Highway Superintendent Nichols reported that the NYS Department of Transportation acknowledged the request for a speed limit reduction on New Road, will do an investigation and notify the Town of their findings. He also reported that he cleared \$25,245.50 on equipment sold at Auctions International. He has received \$24,577.41 from PAVE New York which will almost cover the cost of paving King Street.

Mr. Nichols shared with regret that he had received a letter from long-time employee Brad Atherton stating his intent to retire effective August 26, 2016. Mr. Nichols will be looking to hire someone to replace Brad before winter.

Water Superintendent Jennings stated that the Town Library's windows are finished. He said the heater in the Library went bad along with the air conditioner and the front door lock broke, resulting in a \$500.00 budget overage for this year.

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Mr. Jennings has been looking for some water district maps and has not been able to locate them. Hydrant flushing is being done. The water plant was down three days waiting for a new regulator. Supervisor Kish asked to see daily logs for work being done by water personnel.

Tim Atherton left at 7:40 p.m.

Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement officer, reported he had been in contact with Mr. Temple regarding the property on the bend on Route 19. Mr. Temple is waiting for truck parts so he will have a vehicle to grade and excavate around the property. The consensus of the board was that Mr. Temple has been given ample time to bring his property up to code and will not receive another extension. Mr. Margerum stated a letter will be sent to the owner of the Unfus property regarding un-mowed grass. He also stated that the reval data collection is about 75% finished.

The agreement with the County to establish a youth program - the Belfast Summer Reading and Recreation Program - was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Ellison. All in favor Carried

At 7:45 p.m. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilwoman Taber seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk