

**TOWN OF BELFAST  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 15, 2016**

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

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Kish, James Ace, Jr., Tim Atherton, Rick Smith (7:05)

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kish at 7:00 p.m. and all present took part in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After reviewing the bills for the month of July, roll call was taken for approval of payment:

Highway	#115-129	\$35,393.86
Water	#92-108	\$4,617.89
General	#149-169	\$4,657.04
Street Light	#06	\$625.39

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

Carried

July's Supervisor's Report was approved by a motion from Councilwoman Taber and a second from Councilman Cox. Carried

The Town Clerk's Report, dated August 2016 for the May 2016 accounts, was approved by a motion from Councilman Ellison and a second from Councilman Hillman. Carried

Highway Superintendent Nichols informed the board that the USDA grant for a small snowplow truck came in for \$30,000, making the loan a total of \$82,800 at 2.75% interest. After discussion regarding Town debt, the need for the new truck and the fact that the grant may not be available and at such low interest in the future, Councilman Ellison moved to approve the purchase of the cab and chassis from Maple City Dodge. Councilman Cox seconded. Councilman Ellison also moved to approve the purchase of the snow plow truck equipment from Valley Fab and Councilman Cox seconded. All were in favor and both motions were carried.

Mr. Nichols reported that Truck #5 needs some major repair, costing upwards of \$30,000. He stated that King Street will be paved a week from today. He has not heard from the DOT regarding the speed limit on New Road.

Mr. Nichols also informed the Board that today, August 15, 2016, was his 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of working for the Town of Belfast. Congratulations/condolences were given.

Cellino and Barnes Law firm has notified the Town of an impending lawsuit filed by David Warner regarding an accident that happened last month on the corner of East Hughes and Main. Connor Parker was driving a town truck, stopped at the stop sign and David Warner pulled up behind him on his motorcycle. A school bus, driven by Ted Gordon, was making a left hand turn from Main onto East Hughes and Connor backed the town truck unaware that the motorcycle was right behind him. The motorcycle was damaged, Mr. Warner refused treatment at the time of the incident, but went to the emergency room the next day. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a deposition hearing between Mr. Warner's lawyer and the Town's NYMIR lawyer.

Water Superintendent Jennings gave an extensive report on the activities of the water department since the last board meeting. Their work activities included:

- Marking water lines
- Loosening caps on East Hughes after the new paving
- Replacing water blown lines in houses that have set vacant for long periods of time
- Reading water meters
- Meeting with RG&E regarding poles on Main St.
- Researching two piece replacement bases for street light poles
- Replacing kitchen faucets and fittings in the Town Hall kitchen
- Mowing, weed eating
- Replacing the door on the Historical Society building
- Cleaning and organizing behind the plant

Mr. Jennings reported that all the water samples taken have been good to excellent. Flushing hydrants will begin this week. He's not sure what TTHM's will show because of the hot, dry weather.

Portable air conditioners for the Town Hall was briefly discussed and the consensus was that they would be too small to make a difference in a room the size of the Hall. Mr. Jennings stated that he had checked the ventilation system and it was working fine.

Code Enforcement officer Kevin Margerum reported that he has kept in close contact with Mr. Temple regarding the lack of progress in cleaning up his property on Route 19. In May, Mr. Temple was given 6 months to comply with code enforcement regulations. Kevin will continue to monitor the situation. He will also be in contact with Gary Cassidy regarding code violations. Kevin informed the Board that he discovered that while he has no authority over anything County owned (foreclosures, etc.), the Department of State has financial leverage over the County to make the County take care of said properties.

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Regarding the reval that Kevin and Claire Worthington have been doing, Kevin stated they have found so much that no one was aware of. He wondered if it was possible to impose a fine for building without a permit. A local law would need to be established. No action was taken at this time.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilwoman Taber seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
Town Clerk