

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
10/16/2017**

Present: Randy Ellison, Michael Hillman, Annette Kish, Kevin Margerum, Tim Atherton, William Nichols, Patty Oliver

Absent: Sandra Taber

Visitors: Robert Kish, Rick Smith, David Cox, Josh Cole

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

September bills were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Ellison. Roll call – Hillman, aye; Ellison, aye; Kish, aye. Carried

General	#201-221	\$6760.01
Highway	#153-163	\$21,998.63
Water	#128-140	\$4456.63
Street Lighting	#10	\$675.01

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Ellison seconded to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting. All in favor. Carried

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Ellison seconded to approve the Supervisor's Report dated September, 2017. All in favor. Carried

Councilman Ellison moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve the August and September Town Clerk's Reports. All in favor. Carried

Tim Atherton presented a detailed written report on work done by the water department from September 19 through October 16. Highlighted were the draining, cleaning and repair of tanks, and working to complete the list of repairs to the library and the annex. Mr. Atherton stated that all water samples tested in the normal/passing range.

Councilman Ellison moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve WWE as the successful bidder for two new water filter tanks at a cost of \$10,937.50 each. It should be understood by the company that these tanks should have no sight glass. All in favor. Carried

Highway Superintendent Nichols reported his men have been working on widening the Belvidere Road and by the end of the week all seasonal roads could be plowed if necessary this winter. The Little John Road bridge has been repaired and painted and road side mowing is complete.

Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement Officer, reported he had to issue a “stop work” order on Crawford Creek, listen to an issue with the “little house” septic and the health department, and settle a property line fence issue between neighbors. He has visited Jean Howe (Gladys Snyder) regarding falling down trailers on 305, and resolved a wood stove issue on Rt. 305. He reported that Cody Cobb has picked up the garbage and rubbish around his house, but what is left cannot be categorized as “garbage” so Kevin’s hands are tied. Kevin will send Dana Kline a remedy order regarding his vacant home on Rt. 19 as Dana has not answered two previous attempts to contact. Kevin will talk with Maggie Thompson to see what is happening with the Temple property she purchased on Rt. 19, will try to see someone regarding the Allegany Grill property on Rt. 19 and check out if the vacant Davenport house on South Main St. is bank owned. If it is, he will contact the bank to see that some maintenance (mowing) is done.

Supervisor Kish informed the Board of a letter received from Joseph Giglio regarding the Community Development issue and also a message from Jeff Mazula from the Comptroller’s Office stating that they will strive for an audit the first part of 2018. In the meantime, she received word to go ahead with the first draw-down of the water grant. However, without further confirmation, she is hesitant to proceed with this draw-down.

The Dog Control report from Connie Otto was reviewed.

Kevin Margerum’s report on requirements for houses under 320 feet was tabled until another time.

Councilman Hillman and Councilman Ellison have met regarding the Highway Department contract. They are waiting to review with Councilwoman Taber and had no issue with listening to suggestions from Bill Nichols. They have not reviewed the contract with the Highway union members.

The tentative 2018 budget was reviewed and another budget meeting was called for October 26th at 7:00 p.m., with November 9th set for the public hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk