

**TOWN OF BELFAST
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
April 17, 2017**

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

Community present: Tim Atherton, Bob Kish, Tom Yackeran, Rick Smith, Maggie Thompson

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

Roll call was taken for payment of the April Abstracts:

Water #35-49	\$4662.08
Street Lighting # 04	\$683.20
General #75-90	\$29,218.18
Highway #56-74	\$33,422.95

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

Councilwoman Taber moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting with a second from Councilman Hillman. All in favor Carried

The March, 2017 Supervisor's Report and the March, 2017 Town Clerk's Report were both approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilwoman Taber. All in favor Carried

David Jennings, Water Superintendent, reported on the following:

- Reported arsenic levels for the month were very good
- Will have a report from Caneadea within a week
- Will get copy of sample reports for the year from Caneadea
- Incident with kids climbing on the Town Hall roof, the Legion roof, the roof of the school and the water reservoir. Troopers have contacted all individuals involved

- when asked about his retirement intentions, stated he will have answers at the next board meeting
- The subject of Tim Atherton's vacation time and how he was to proceed was brought up

Bill Nichols, Highway Superintendent, reported on the following:

- Bids for asphalt products
- Grader is finished and on the road
- Passed out a sheet reflecting equipment repair expenses since the year 2010
- Men have been grading, sweeping and cleaning up debris from cut trees
- Will begin work on Crawford Creek, paving Chestnut and part of Sherman Streets
- Received additional \$20,000 in CHIPS money for "extreme winter" expense
- Passed out Overtime Summary Sheet showing savings in overtime costs by working 4 a.m. to 12 noon. Next week will begin working 4 ten hours days
- Passed out a Sand Usage sheet for 16-17 which showed about the same usage as in past years
- Distributed a highway "Indebtedness Schedule" showing payment schedules for highway equipment
- Stated that used excavators were hard to come by and expensive
- Has called the county twice to come and look at the Gradeall, but they haven't returned calls
- Adjusted the swing brake on existing Gradeall and now safe to use
- Vantage Equipment estimated \$39,389.67 to repair existing Gradeall
- Highway Department has \$80,000 available to put toward a new Gradeall and can apply for a \$25,000-\$30,000 grant. In two years, the 2014 Peterbilt will be paid off and that money could be used for payment on a new Gradeall
- Possibly get \$10,000 out of the old Gradeall

At the March meeting, approval was given to go ahead with a pre-application for a grant to help with the purchase of a new Gradeall. Supervisor Kish will meet with Tom Becker to fill out the application.

Councilman Ellison moved and Councilwoman Taber seconded to approve the asphalt bids as presented by Highway Superintendent Nichols. All in favor Carried.

Councilwoman Taber moved and Councilman Ellison seconded to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss public safety issues/pending litigation.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

There was discussion from a community member regarding the purchase of a piece of property that has been served with Code Violations and if an extension would be made available to the new owner to rectify such violations. Mr. Margerum stated the purchaser would be treated as a new owner, but progress would need to be made to bring the property up to code.

Councilman Ellison moved and Councilwoman Taber seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk