

**TOWN OF BELFAST  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
6/19/2017**

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

Community present: Bob Kish, Tom Yackerren, Rick Smith

Also present: Michael O'Connell from Larson Design Group and Brad Sick from Larson Design Group

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

Mike O'Connell and Brad Sick, from Larson Design Group, spoke about the CDBG approved grant to look into the Belfast water system and identify needs and costs. They will assess conditions and make recommendations. They are not looking to "steer the ship", but present options. This is phase #1 of the study and phase #2 will be geared toward looking for funding and grants to carry out options selected by the Board. The entire study and final report will be ready for review in November. Larson's will assist with required quarterly reports and other necessary paperwork. Signing the formal contract with Larson's is the next step and all members of the Board gave Supervisor Kish the go ahead to sign the contract.

There was discussion regarding a sewer grant study also available, \$25,000 with a 20% local government match. The consensus was not to pursue that study at this time.

Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Sick left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The presentation of bills was approved and carried by roll call:

SL	#06	\$664.64
General	#114-139	\$13,069.51
Water	#63-73	\$5157.36
Highway	#94-107	\$100,492.10

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

Councilman Cox moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting, with a second from Councilman Hillman. All in favor. Carried

The May, 2017 Supervisor's Report was accepted with a motion from Councilwoman Taber and a second from Councilman Hillman. All in favor. Carried

The May, 2017 Town Clerk's Report for the April receipts was approved by a motion from Councilman Cox and a second from Councilman Ellison. All in favor. Carried

Highway Superintendent Nichols stated that chip sealing has been pushed back on some roads because of the rainy weather. He has met with an engineer from RG&E regarding a situation on Black Road. The Gleason Hill slide will be repaired and Sandy Taber pointed out that the Back River Road is dangerously washing out.

Water Superintendent Jennings stated that mowing is being done and two high efficiency backwash pumps had to be purchased. Now the reservoir gauge is not working, but hopefully can be fixed when Tim comes back from vacation.

David's letter of retirement, effective 7/22/2017, was accepted with regret. After the 22<sup>nd</sup> date, David would still like to be involved in working with the Larson Design engineers on the water study.

Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that he's been busy issuing building permits. There are problems with Ron Martin's parcel number for his new modular and a building permit issued for a modular which turned out to be a double wide. Supposedly the Temple property sale is closing the end of this month, the Cobb Remedy Order has expired and the situation will now be turned over to the judge, and the Cassady property is slowly being cleaned up. Kevin did bring up the subject of RV's being licensed, registered and inspected and not just left sitting on properties.

Connie Otto, the dog control officer, has confiscated 27 chihuahua dogs to send to the SPCA and another 18 that the SPCA is working to get spade and neutered, all living in a 10' X 60' trailer on Fritz Road.

Supervisor Kish passed around an anonymous letter received by the town listing several issues, all of which are things the Town has no control over.

Supervisor Kish reported that Russ Heslin, Assessor, stated that Grievance went well with only two parties showing up and Hughes Associates sending correspondence from an attorney contesting the assessment of the Belfast Manor. Because the Manor has a large tax impact on the County and the School as well as the Town, Russ felt it wise to contact the County to see if they would help with settling with Hughes Associates rather than the Town hiring a lawyer right away.

The Summer Recreation Bus use contract was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cox. All in favor. Carried

The Teamster's contract was tabled until next meeting.

Jim Ace, Jr. has requested the Town pay for back years when he did not belong to the NYS Retirement system despite the fact that he had signed a notice that he did not wish to participate in the retirement program. The Board voted unanimously not to reimburse Jim for those years.

The Board was informed of a situation with Dan Kroening and a camp on Crawford Creek where pine trees he has planted through the years were mowed down. Mr. Kroening inquired about filing a Notice of Claim with the Town. Bill Nichols will call him tomorrow to see exactly what he is looking for in way of apology, compensation or replacement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 by a motion from Councilman Cox and a second from Councilwoman Taber.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
Town Clerk