

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
9/18/2017**

Present: Mike Hillman, Sandie Taber, Randy Ellison, Annette Kish, Kevin Margerum, Tim Atherton, Bill Nichols, Patty Oliver

Community Present: Bob Kish, David Cox, Josh Cole

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

After reviewing the August, 2017 bills, the roll call was as follows for approval:

General	#187-200	\$3772.90
Water	#106-127	\$10,792.92
Street Lighting	#09	\$677.91
Highway	#136-152	#41,170.79

Randy Ellison – aye Sandie Taber– aye Mike Hillman– aye Annette Kish– aye All in favor.
Carried

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Ellison seconded to approve the August 22, 2017 minutes. All in favor. Carried

Councilman Ellison moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2017 special meeting. All in favor. Carried

The Supervisor’s Report, dated August, 2017, was tabled until the next meeting.

The Town Clerk’s Reports dated July, 2017 for the June accounts and August, 2017 for the July accounts were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Ellison.

Water Superintendent presented a detailed written report of the month’s activities including:

- Serviced all lawnmowers for fall
- Backhoe repaired
- Problem resolved with Terry Sisso
- Pump to tanks
- Leaking filters
- Budget review
- Sensor problem at the plant, changed out meter

- Marking water lines
- Brush hog around plant
- Repaired chemical pump
- Larson Engineer water study meeting
- Installed radios in backhoe/mower
- 32 Angel St. meter pit installed

David Cox has passed his CDL Learner permit and is also signed up to take classes to qualify for D license and Water/Wastewater Training Lab

Mr. Atherton also reported that water filter replacement to the tune of \$11,000 each is a possibility. He was asked to get at least two quotes on new filters to present for board approval.

Supervisor Kish reported that she has placed the Larson Water Study Grant on hold in anticipation of some sort of resolution from the State audit. She has been waiting for two years for a State audit to be done. She will send a letter to Senators Young, Giglio and to State Comptroller DiNapoli tomorrow informing them that the situation is hindering moving forward with the water study because grant money may not be released until the Town takes care of CDBG monies that have disappeared. Supervisor is not in favor of just turning this problem over to the insurance company and wants to identify the ones responsible for the misappropriated funds.

Bill Nichols, Highway Superintendent, reported that they have been working on the Belvidere Road, patching, working for/with other towns and have seeded Gleason Hill. A letter was read from Cheryl Oetinger regarding turning Chapel Street into a one-way street. Mr. Nichols stated that this was the first request he has ever received regarding this issue and the street can only be changed by a local traffic ordinance. This would also cause a problem with snow plowing of that street.

Superintendent Kish passed out thank you notes from Allegany County Employment and Training for letting a young man work in the water department this summer and from the family of Amy Shafer who used the Town Hall for a memorial luncheon in Amy's honor.

Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement, reported that he had sent Dana Kline a letter regarding his property and is waiting to hear back from him. Kevin was asked about the 305 property as well as Jean Howe's, Allegany Grill, LaVonne Davenport's, Cody Cobb's, the Temple property and Gary Cassidy's. Kevin will meet with Annette soon to discuss creating a new consortium for a group of towns not under obligation with current consortiums. He also prepared a document addressing the issue of minimum size dwellings and requiring restricted size. He will have more on this at the next meeting.

Councilman Hillman offered the following resolution, seconded by Councilman Ellison:

TOWN OF BELFAST

RESOLUTION 6-17

Title: Delinquent water bills to be levied on property owners taxes

Delinquent water bills for users in the Town of Belfast are to be levied on the property owners' 2018 taxes by Allegany County. The filing date for said delinquent water bills for the Town of Belfast is October 23, 2017. Payment of such bills may be made at the Town Clerk's Office.

I, Patricia Oliver, Clerk of the Board of the Town of Belfast, County of Allegany, State of New York, do hereby certify this resolution, which was passed by said board on the 18th day of September, 2017.

OFFERED BY: Mike Hillman

SECONDED BY: Randy Ellison

Supervisor Kish aye

Councilman Ellison aye

Councilman Hillman aye

Councilwoman Taber aye

Vote: Ayes 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk

A list of concerns from the Town Library was given to Mr. Atherton to address. Some things on the list were simple fixes, but there were items that might be costly and need to be built into the budget.

By consensus, the Board was in favor of the Fire Department's request for use of the generator when needed. There was discussion that perhaps we could obtain a quote for the cost of hard wiring a generator into the building and have the cost split among the Fire Department, BABA and the Town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 with a motion from Councilman Ellison and a second from Councilman Hillman.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk