

**TOWN OF BELFAST
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
10-15-18
MINUTES**

Present: Josh Cole, Mike Hillman, Sandra Taber, Tim Atherton, Bob Kish, Patty Oliver, Kevin Margerum

Community present: David Jennings, Maggie Thompson, Ashley Thompson, Rick Smith, James Webb, Brad Atherton, Robin Owens, Thomas Yackeren, Phillip Stockin

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

James Webb attended the meeting again this month wondering about the disposition of the saw mill next to his house on Cloverleaf Road. Kevin Margerum answered that a Building Permit has been issued, although not yet filed in the Town Clerk's office. Mr. Margerum stated that there was not much he could do without a noise ordinance. Mr. Webb said he himself would investigate NYS Commercial Codes to see if there was any ordinance that would help him.

Mr. Stockin inquired whether or not Belfast was satisfied with the Code arrangement with Town of Caneadea that has been in effect for one month. The consensus was that things were going well.

Ashley Thompson asked for a variance for a double wide mobile home located on Rt. 19. Mr. Margerum stated that there were no concerns regarding the location other than to make sure the gas line is not in question. Mr. Kish, Highway Superintendent, had no concerns. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to grant the variance. All in favor. Carried

The October bills were approved by a motion by Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole.

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| Highway | \$33,043.69 |
| Water | \$3512.50 |
| General | \$6507.08 |

Street Lighting \$718.20

Cole – aye, Hillman – aye, Taber – aye

All in favor. Carried

Minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor. Carried

The September Supervisor's Report was tabled by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor. Carried

The Town Clerk's Report, dated September 2018 for the August accounts, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilwoman Taber. All in favor. Carried

Water Superintendent Atherton's report included the following:

- Problems with pump shutting down. Took apart, reset, fired up and worked.
- S-10 brake line repaired by Preston's
- Highway opened up end of swamp by plant
- 2:15 a.m. called to plant, T-3 lost prime
- Have begun mixing water with Houghton as per DOH order
- Ordered parts for generator
- Still problem with light switches at Town Hall. Replaced some switches
- Repaired leak in Fire Hall roof
- Weed wacked, flushed hydrants
- When cleaning tank #1, found sealant loose. While OK at this time, will need new cathodic rods next time (2020 at approximately \$10,000)
- Replaced water heater on generator
- Dave had 4 hr. oral interview with DOH for his certification
- Changed and read meters at Martin's
- Alarm at 2:15 – filter exceeded backwash time.
- Internet problems at plant
- Kept up with mowing

Highway Superintendent Kish reported:

- Paved Sherman by post office
- CHIPS projects almost completed

- Attended Snow and Ice School
- No “Bare Road Policy”
- Possibility may need to build salt shed (grants may be available)
- Hauling salt and sand
- Ditching
- Gleason Hill ½ done
- Shopping for tire rims
- Nov. 5th the plows go on
- Working on Art McClay Road
- Grading and rolling (grader not working properly. Can lease or purchase used.)
- Dave Cox will be helping with highway staff problem this winter

Code Enforcement Officer Margerum reported:

- Problem on Art McClay road regarding approved ditch crossing
- Looking for standard procedure for site inspection before ditch crossing approved

The Following Resolution was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole:

**TOWN OF BELFAST
RESOLUTION 6-18
10-15-18**

Title: FUTURE CDBG GRANT PROGRAMS

The Town of Belfast shall provide documentation of affirmatively furthering Fair Housing, including establishing Fair Housing Plan and related policy. For all future NYS CDBG grants, the Town will monitor their Subrecipient and produce a monitoring report resulting from that monitoring. Future grants will also follow all CDBG program requirements by retaining documents on-site and in an organized file. Any future projects will comply with filing and record keeping requirements.

Hillman – aye, Cole – aye, Taber – aye. All in favor. Carried

New Carpeting for Town Hall was discussed and suggested that the Fire Department and BABA be given the opportunity to contribute to the cost as they use the facility as much as the town.

A new riding toy for the Town Park was put on hold until insurance ramifications can be presented.

The 2019 Baldwin Business Service contract was signed.

As long as the Town Justice has funds, by consensus the Board approved the building of a platform in the Justice office by David Aylor.

A Public Hearing for approval of the Preliminary Budget for 2019 was set for November 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Reviewing the Employee Handbook was tabled until after the first of the year.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk