

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
March 19, 2018 Regular Meeting**

Present: Josh Cole, Diana Grastorf, Mike Hillman, Sandy Taber, Annette Kish, Tim Atherton, Kevin Margerum, Bob Kish, Patty Oliver

Public Present: Joe Foley, Lee James, Tom Yackerren, Rick Smith, David Cox

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

Lee James, from Hasper and Dye Insurance, stated that it was too late this year to obtain insurance for the town through NYMIR, but hopes that next year they will be considered before the March deadline. She did spend time going over the Ryan Agency insurance plan, pointing out where changes should be made in her opinion. Lee was thanked for taking the time to make sure that the Town has adequate coverage in all areas even though it was not through her agency. Lee left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Joe Foley spoke on behalf of the Belfast Public Library. The concern is over the roof and places where it leaks. Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement Officer, spoke to the fact that he is working with the National Historical Registry to have the building declared a historical building. If accepted into the National Registry, grant money would be easier to come by. Supervisor Kish stated that the Town has no funds for a \$150,000 tile roof and that the Library Board should begin looking into grant money. She stated that she knows someone who could help writing a grant. Tim Atherton stated that the water department was keeping an eye on the leaks.

The bills for the month of February were approved as follows:

General	#53-74	\$5338.19
Street Lighting	#03	\$701.46
Water	#25-36	\$6318.88
Highway	#32-45	\$20,765.30

Cole-aye, Grastorf-aye, Taber-aye, Hillman-aye, Kish-aye All in favor. Carried

Motion was made by Councilman Hillman to approve the Supervisor's Report for the month of February, noting that the Fuel charges for Highway were not added and will be included next month. All in favor. Carried

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

Supervisor Kish informed that Board that she was extremely pleased with the progress of the Water Department and that Tim and Dave were doing an awesome job. Superintendent

Atherton provided a lengthy list detailing what the water department has been doing for the last month. He stated that they have continued to cut back on the use of Houghton water and have implemented changes proposed by Brad Sick from Larson's Engineering.

Highway Superintendent Kish stated that the truck box has been ordered, they are pretty much cleaned up from the trees down last week from the snow storm and explained that the trees had to be taken care of before they could plow the roads. A truck went into the ditch, but no damage or injuries occurred. He stated that taking care of the snow on Main Street was a public service and the Highway Department is glad to do it whenever possible. The parking area next to Ace's Restaurant is actually Town owned and Mr. Kish will see to it that signs stating "Public Parking" are ordered. Mr. Kish stated that his men will begin four 10 hour days on Monday, March 26th.

Councilwoman Taber moved and Councilwoman Grastorf seconded that Supervisor Kish should sign the Teamsters Highway Agreement, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022. All in favor. Carried

Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Margerum stated he has been attending meetings on Clean Energies Community Program which may allow a \$5000 grant to Towns. He has been researching the Historical information for the Belfast Public Library; stated that he is waiting for Kevin Borden's neighbor to agree to Kevin's variance for a pole barn; stated that the Howe trailers have been burned by the Belfast Fire Department; stated that Maggie Thompson's house roof has been removed in preparation for burning and that the trailer will be dragged out once the building is burned.

When asked about shared services for Code Enforcement, Kevin stated that the Towns of Allen, Cuba, Amity and Friendship may be interested in forming a consortium. He will contact these towns and have an answer for Annette by the next board meeting. He assured Annette that he was staying with Belfast and not going to Rushford.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk