

TOWN OF BELFAST  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 16, 2018

Board members present: Josh Cole, Sandra Taber, Michael Hillman, Annette Kish  
Absent: Diana Grastorf

Others: Patty Oliver, Robert Kish, Kevin Margerum, Tim Atherton

Community members: Anthony Iacono, Caleb Hawley, Jeff Luckey, Thomas Yackeren, Joe Foley, David Cox, Charles and Diana Lindberg, Rick Smith, David Jennings

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

Jeff Luckey, Director of Office of Emergency Services for Allegany County, appraised the Board of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and asked that a resolution be passed to continue with the plan prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilwoman Taber seconded to adopt Resolution (4-18) to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Cole-aye, Taber-aye, Hillman-aye, Kish-aye, Grastorf-absent. All present in favor. Carried

Charles and Diana Lindberg, Belfast residents living on Rt. 305 for the last 23 years, were present to inform the Board of a situation with a neighbor who built a saw mill next to their property. The neighbor did not obtain a Building Permit before construction as required, but has since filled out a permit. Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement Officer, has been to see the builder several times and has tried to impress upon him that in the spirit of being a good neighbor, perhaps he could establish appropriate hours for running his mill and re-direct the exhaust duct so that it does not blow into the Lindberg's windows. Because the building is situated 10' from the property line, code-wise there is not much Kevin can do. Mr. Lindberg was encouraged to visit the Town Justice to discuss a possible civil case. Kevin will visit the neighbor this week to make sure the building passes the code inspection and if it does not, he will put a "Stop Work Order" on the building.

Jeff Luckey left the meeting at 7:25.

Roll call was taken for approval of the March bills:

Highway	#46-71	\$23,088.42
Water	#37-53	\$10,622.36
Street Lighting	#04	\$673.24
General	#75-97	\$32,740.49

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

Councilwoman Taber moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the March 19, 2018 meeting. All in favor. Carried

The Supervisor's Report, dated March, 2018 was approved with the change of the \$46,138.00 deposit in Highway miscellaneous be moved to Snow Removal. Councilman Hillman made the motion and Councilman Cole seconded. All in favor. Carried

The Town Clerk's Reported, dated March 2018 for the February accounts, was accepted with a motion by Councilwoman Taber and a second by Councilman Cole. All in favor. Carried

Water Superintendent Atherton stated that the plant has been running with limited water from Houghton and the water quality has been extremely good, even receiving compliments from Belfast residents. The men have been doing repairs, meeting with Brad Sick from Larson Design, cleaning house at the plant, etc. Dave Spring from the Health Department is coming to show them how to do the annual water report. Perhaps in the future, they could have an open house at the water plant for town residents and even school students. All is going quite well.

Highway Superintendent Kish reported that the "Public Parking" signs have arrived and will be placed in the parking lot next to Ace's, Truck #5 is complete with the new box, they will be putting a new outlet in McDonald's Pond and a new 24" pipe on Gleason Hill where the road will need to be closed for a couple of days. They will be doing some tree trimming at the Spencer Ball Field as well as fixing the parking lot. They have had multiple calls regarding pot holes on dirt roads, but nothing can be done until the frost is out of the ground and it dries up, then the roads will be graded and rolled. They are replacing a pipe by Middaugh's on Little John Road with a 48" pipe, and they have been cleaning ditches and cleaning up after the recent snow, wind, and ice.

Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that he is ready to serve a "Remedy Order" on the Kline, Cassady, Greek and Cobb properties. The Maggie Thompson house has been scheduled for burning by the Belfast Fire Department on June 30<sup>th</sup>. In regards to the Lindberg complaint, Kevin stated that perhaps what needs to be done when someone does construction without a building permit, a fine needs to be established for unauthorized construction.

In regard to the consortium issue with neighboring towns, Kevin had no further concrete information. Supervisor Kish stated that she will draft a letter to the Towns of Friendship, Amity, Allen and Village of Cuba to finally put this question at rest.

Supervisor Kish informed the Board that she had a meeting with Betty Bunt, Kevin Margerum, and Bill Heaney in regard to applying for grants. The question of erecting a gazebo behind the library with monetary donations was discussed. Tim and Dave will check out the area to see if it would be a good place for a building. Apparently the roof has not been leaking even with all the rain we have had. Kevin thinks perhaps it was ice buildup this winter that caused the roof to leak.

In lieu of the fact that in four months there has only been one customer at the Town Clerk's office after 4:00 p.m., the board was in favor of going back to the 4:00 p.m. closing time on Monday's rather than staying open until 6:00 p.m. The Town Clerk appreciates the Board's consideration.

The Board regretfully accepted a letter of resignation from Denise Atherton who ran the Summer Recreation Reading Program for the last 16 years. That position will be posted.

Councilwoman Taber asked for consideration of establishing a Scott Burt Day in July in honor of his 10 year commitment to the Boxing Hall of Fame in Belfast. While the Board appreciates all of Mr. Burt's work, it was felt that his outstanding efforts will be recognized in July at the Boxing Hall of Fame events weekend.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilwoman Taber seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. All in favor. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
Town Clerk