

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
5/21/18**

Present: Annette Kish, Josh Cole, Diana Grastorf, Sandra Taber, Michael Hillman, Robert Kish, Kevin Margerum, Timothy Atherton, Patty Oliver

Community present: Joe Foley

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

The April bills were approved by roll call:

Highway	#73-86	\$66,531.40
Water	#54-74	\$10,458.89
General	#98-115	\$5,163.40
Street Lighting	#05	\$731.79

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

Minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting were approved by a motion from Councilwoman Taber and a second from Councilwoman Grastorf. All in favor. Carried

The Supervisor's Report, dated April, 2018, was approved by a motion by Councilman Hillman and a second by Councilwoman Taber. All in favor. Carried

The Town Clerk's Report, dated April, 2018 for the March accounts, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second by Councilman Cole. All in favor. Carried

Water Superintendent Atherton presented a lengthy written report of work that has been done during the month. Mr. Atherton requested that he be allowed to order top soil to be deposited by the pole barn for the purpose of filling in holes around town and stated they have been working on Main Street and will mulch around the trees on Wednesday. Dave Cox is scheduled to take his CDL road test on the 29th and he has finished all assignments for his Rural Water License.

Supervisor Kish questions Mr. Atherton about shutting down the acid. Mr. Atherton stated that this has not been done as he is waiting on the results of previous testing. He was offered the chance to contact Mr. Brad Sick from Larson Engineering if he felt he needed information or assistance. Mr. Atherton was asked about the water issue that Houghton experienced last week, and Mr. Atherton stated it did not affect the Belfast plant. Town residents have complimented the quality of the water the last few months and Mr. Atherton and Mr. Cox were praised for the good job being done.

Highway Superintendent Kish reported that his crew has the ball field all trimmed and parking lot graveled, they have hauled stone, swept streets, and are working on the CHIPS project on Gleason Hill. Tomorrow they will begin grading Barragon Hill. There is a problem by the Loftis farm caused by beavers making dams and backing up water. The DEC has been looking into the situation and the last case scenario would mean shooting the beavers.

Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Margerum stated it had been a busy month. He's issued a hand full of building permits and was finally able to issue Felty Yoder a permit for his saw mill, however the noise issue has not been resolved. He has a couple of suggestions/solutions that might work to help out the neighbors.

There is a Rung/Fuller issue that apparently will need to be resolved in civil court or with a mediator. Kevin has issued 5 Remedy Order letters. He stated that even after he contacted the Health Department, they never came to inspect the sewer problem at Cody Cobb's dwelling. Supposedly there is a new owner of that property and Kevin will speak with them tomorrow. Kevin also stated he will be in touch with the mortgage company responsible for the Davenport dwelling on South Main and begin the process of using the Zombie Law that requires the mortgage company to inspect the abandoned property or face structured fines. Kevin will find out the current owner of the Allegany Grill.

Kevin, Annette, Bill Heaney and Betty Bunt met with a representative regarding obtaining a grant to help with roof repairs and ceiling repair in the Belfast Library at a 25% match. The repairs may be easier and less costly than first anticipated. Tim Atherton will meet with the Library representatives to find out where they are thinking of putting a gazebo and if there is a dry spot to locate the gazebo. The fact that the library board would like to hire a couple of local kids to do trimming and flower boxes and be paid through Library funds was discussed. Because of Town liability issues, Councilman Hillman suggested Summer Youth Employment through the County might be able to supply a couple of youth to help with lawns and help in the Town Hall.

Changes to the Employee Policy Manual were tabled until the next meeting.

Amy Kenyon requested a handicapped parking spot be established on Main Street by the insurance office and her beauty salon. This will be done.

A bid for a new generator for the Town Hall building was received from Kim Barton in the amount of \$21,016, labor included. No action was taken.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the Bus Lease for the 2018 Summer Recreation Program. All in favor. Carried

The Board was informed that all elected officials need to provide Workman Compensation physicals to the County. They were given the proper paperwork, but also informed that they could use previous physical documents.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilwoman Grastorf seconded to call the meeting into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m., the purpose of which was to review personnel, contract and insurance issues. All in favor. Carried

Those staying for Executive Session were: Annette Kish, Josh Cole, Diana Grastorf, Sandy Taber, Mike Hillman, Robert Kish and Patty Oliver.

At 8:15 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session. No one else attended the rest of the meeting other than those listed above.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilwoman Grastorf seconded to allow Supervisor Kish to contact David Pullen to represent the Town of Belfast in the legal matters concerning the Teamster Health Insurance issue as well as the GDBG grant that has been an ongoing issue for the last 4 years. All in favor. Carried

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Councilwoman Taber and a second by Councilwoman Grastorf at 8:25 p.m. All in favor. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk