

**TOWN OF BELFAST  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, February 18, 2019**

Present: Sandie Taber, Mike Hillman, David Jennings, Bob Kish, Tim Atherton, Patty Oliver

Absent: Josh Cole, Annette Kish

Community present: Lee James, Rick Smith, Maggie Thompson, Andy Chamberlain , Bill Heaney, Eva Heaney

Rick Smith questioned when the Fire Department was going to receive their tax share because they are in need of money. Patty with check with Jena tomorrow. He also was concerned about making sure they do not get overpaid again next year as they will this year and did last year. It makes an inconvenience for their bookkeeper to straighten out.

Terry Wiseman, a Belfast resident whose truck was clipped by a plow during a snowstorm while it was parked, did not attend the meeting as expected. While the Town insurance denied his claim, he has submitted a claim to his own insurance company and will let them “fight it out”.

Lee James from Marshall Insurance came to let the Board know that she is in the process of coming up with a bid for the Town Insurance and that Supervisor Kish had signed a “Broker of Record” form for Trident Insurance allowing her to do a comparison. We are now through Ryan Agency in Hornell, but the policy expires on March 24.

Bill Heaney gave an interesting and informative report to the Board expounding on his duties as Town Historian. He gives many talks all over the County, is an active event organizer for Allegany History Awareness Week, meets monthly with the Belfast Historical Society and attends to many e-mails, phone calls and written correspondence. He reminded the Board of the rich history of Belfast and focused mainly on the John L. Sullivan Boxing Hall of Fame, William Muldoon and John L. Sullivan. Bill and Eva left the meeting at 7:35 along with Lee James.

A motion was made by Councilman Hillman to approve payment of the bills and seconded by Councilwoman Taber:

General	#33-56	\$7,106.94
Water	#07-20	\$9,468.25
Highway	#20-33	\$10,993.23
Street Lighting	#02	\$746.47

Taber-aye, Jennings-aye, Hillman-aye	All in favor	Carried
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The minutes of the January 21, 2019 meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from councilwoman Taber. All in favor. Carried

The January, 2019 Supervisor's Report was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Jennings. All in favor. Carried

The Town Clerk's Report dated December, 2018 for the November 2018 accounts was accepted by a motion from Councilwoman Taber and a second from Councilman Jennings.

The Water District Report included the following:

- Repair of frozen base plate
- Water shutoffs
- Repair of Kubota
- Repaired Town Hall generator
- Read meters and mailed out water bills
- Painted
- Took all samples for DOH testing and sent to Life Science, awaiting results
- Check on propane usage, doing all can to keep usage down
- Teeter Totter arrived and waiting for good weather to install
- Plant running consistently well

Highway Supervisor Kish reported the following:

- Have been busy plowing
- Caught up in shop
- Info from Tyler Shaw stating Belfast qualifies for grant money for a new salt shed (50/50, not until June or July)
- Murray Hill really not as big a mess as first thought – major drainage problem
- Roof on Highway building – no one has gotten back with a bid. Bob will talk to Kevin Margerum, Code Inspector, to see if there are major problems
- GradeAll is unsafe. At auction, my bring \$15,000 to \$20,000 and possibly more. Need for ditching. Will try out a used one for \$173,000. Renting was too expensive. In a month a truck will be paid off which will free up some money
- Connor Parker will be done as highway employee in 15 days and Ryan Powers has been hired full time

Councilwoman Taber asked Patty to contact Kevin or the Consortium to see if there is any progress with a grant for LED street lighting in Belfast.

The Town Audit is still in progress. Waiting for some documentation from the bank that seems to be missing from the vault.

Councilwoman Taber and Councilman Cole will work on the justice audit as soon as Justice Young has it ready.

Councilman Jennings asked if there had been many complaints regarding mailboxes being hit by plows to which Superintendent Kish answered that there were. Councilman Jennings also inquired as to where exactly the Terry Wiseman vehicle was parked when it was hit by the plow, to which the answer was on the road by the parking lot.

Councilman Hillman wanted to make sure that the Town and the Highway Department were aware of and prepared to be in compliance with the new Work Place Violence and Sexual Harassment laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
Town Clerk