

**TOWN OF BELFAST  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 19, 2020**

Present: Mike Hillman, Josh Cole, Andrew Chamberlain, David DeRock, David Jennings, Tim Atherton, Patty Oliver

Absent: Kevin Margerum, Bob Kish

Community Present: Maggie Thompson, Rick Smith

**At 6:30 p.m., a public hearing** was called to order for the purpose of adopting the Real Property Tax Cap Levy – Local Law #2 of 2020 - that was introduced at the September 21, 2020 meeting. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to adopt this local law. All in favor  
Carried

At 6:32 p.m., Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman DeRock seconded to close the public hearing.

Present: Mike Hillman, Josh Cole, Andrew Chamberlain, David DeRock, David Jennings, Tim Atherton, Patty Oliver

Absent: Kevin Margerum, Bob Kish

Community Present: Maggie Thompson, Rick Smith

**At 6:45 p.m., a public hearing** was called to order regarding the preliminary 2021 budget. Two townspeople attended. Discussion centered around the uncertainty of CHIPS money for the highway department next year and perhaps the budget will have to be adjusted later. Councilman DeRock moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve the Preliminary Budget for 2021 as presented. All in favor  
Carried

Councilman Hillman made the motion and Councilman Cole seconded to adjourn the Budget meeting at 6:55 p.m.

**The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Mike Hillman, Josh Cole, Andrew Chamberlain, David DeRock, David Jennings, Tim Atherton, Patty Oliver

Absent: Kevin Margerum, Bob Kish

Community Present: Maggie Thompson, Rick Smith

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The presentation of the bills were approved by role call:

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| Street Lighting | #10      | \$674.07    |
| Highway         | #128-138 | \$10,807.24 |

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| General | #160-173 | \$8351.42 |
| Water   | #79-92   | \$7103.01 |

Hillman-aye, Cole-aye, Chamberlain-aye, DeRock-aye, Jennings-aye  
All in favor                      Carried

The minutes of the September 21, 2020 meeting were accepted by a motion from Councilman Chamberlain and a second from Councilman Cole.                      All in favor                      Carried

The Supervisor's Report, dated September, 2020, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor                      Carried

The Town Clerk's Report dated September, 2020 for the August receipts, was approved by a motion from Councilman Jennings and a second from Councilman DeRock.                      All in favor                      Carried

The Water District Report contained the following:

- Continue to disinfect playground
- Mowing and trimming
- Cleaned Tank B, inspected and put back together
- Sample taking
- Fixing customer water leaks
- Helping to install digital sign in park
- Lots of dig safe this month
- Brushhogging

Councilman Chamberlain asked about the water drainage behind the Children's Library and if it had been addressed. Mr. Atherton stated he thought

Kevin Margerum sent the property owners a letter.

Due to the absence of Highway Supervisor Kish, there was no highway report. There was also no report from Code Enforcement or Library.

Councilman Chamberlain stated that he wanted to make note of the fact that the guardrails have been installed by the cemetery.

The 2021 Budget was approved by a motion from Councilman DeRock and a second from Councilman Hillman. All in favor                      Carried

The Employee Policy Guideline document was approved by a motion from Supervisor Jennings and a second from Councilman Hillman, effective 1-1-2021. All in favor                      Carried

The issue regarding the trimming of trees near the Robert Popp property on Kleinbeck Road was discussed and decided that it would be turned over to the insurance company for settlement. It was noted that after the initial trimming, the highway crew went back and manicured the trim.

Whether or not to continue holding Bingo in the Town Hall was addressed and the consensus was to decide at each monthly board meeting when to resume. The Town would be held responsible should there be repercussions from the Health Department.

Supervisor Jennings stated that Scio is joining the Code Enforcement (MACE) consortium. Reports from Mr. Stockin state that there were over \$6000 worth of building permits issued in September and to date in October there is \$2400.

Councilman Chamberlain inquired about the 1.69 acres owned by the Town on 305. The property is used as a dumping grounds. Supervisor Jennings suggested that after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, sealed bids could be obtained for anyone interested in purchasing that piece of property.

2020 Halloween trick or treat hours were set for 10/31/2020 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to proclaim January 24-30, 2021 as School Choice Week in Belfast as the town has done for the last several years. Issuing this proclamation provides an opportunity to shine a positive spotlight on the K-12 education options available for children and families in Belfast. All in favor Carried

At 7:34, Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. All in favor Carried

Maggie Thompson and Rick Smith left the meeting at this time.

At 8:00 p.m., Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to come out of Executive Session. All in favor Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
Town Clerk