

**TOWN OF BELFAST  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
11-16-2020**

Present: Mike Hillman, Andy Chamberlain, Josh Cole, David DeRock, David Jennings, Bob Kish, Tim Atherton, Patty Oliver

Others present: Maggie Thompson, Beth Hazelton, Dan Winans

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

Dan Winans was present to request a variance to build a 9X12 lean-to on back of his barn. There is only 4' instead of the 10' required from his neighbor's property. He was advised that if he gets a signed statement from the neighbor for permission to be closer than 10', the board would grant the variance. Councilman Hillman made the motion and Councilman Chamberlain seconded. All in favor            Carried

Dan left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the November abstract as presented:

Highway	139-156	\$22,274.96
Street Lighting	11	\$691.44
General	174-193	\$7060.54
Water	93-105	\$2415.98
Hillman-aye, Cole-aye, Chamberlain-aye, DeRock-aye, Jennings-aye		
All in favor	Carried	

The minutes of the 10-19-2020 meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman DeRock. All in favor            Carried

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

Water Superintendent Atherton provided a water report including the following:

- Continuing to disinfect playground

- Lead & Copper +TTHM and HAA5 samples are all good
- Water off at 29 W. Hughes and 31 Angel St.
- Water off at 17 W. Hughes and 94 S. Main St. and meters pulled out
- Lights and locks replaced at water plant
- Mounted school WiFi on Town Hall
- Set up Town Hall and read meters
- Lights in parking lot of library are working
- Ford pickup passed inspection
- Mulching leaves as needed
- Cub is ready for winter
- Christmas Trees will be delivered to park on Nov. 23
- Marking water lines for Digsafe

Supervisor Jennings suggested that the water line to 94 S. Main be plugged.

Highway Superintendent Kish reported on the following for the Highway Department:

- Continue ditching and cutting brush
- Hauling free gravel
- Met with Highway Association for update on Drug and Alcohol Policy. Anyone in the program has to have a pre-drug exam before hire. All drivers need to have drivers licenses inputted into the program.
- Since Water Superintendent Atherton does not drive a 10 wheeler, it is not necessary for him to be in the Drug pool. Bob will notify the proper authorities
- Highway will purchase old Chevy S10 truck from Water Department for \$500
- Lions Club is interested in purchasing trees for the Town (in memory of local icons who have passed away) and wondered if the Town would match their purchases. Will check into cost, kind, etc. of trees and look for further information. Councilman Chamberlain will check out prices.
- Bob was asked to try and get Christmas lights up and maybe help with stakes in the park for the Christmas trees on November 23 or 24<sup>th</sup>

Kevin Margerum, Code Enforcement Officer, was not at the meeting. Supervisor Jennings reported that he had conversation with Richard Buck from Pullen's office and we are ready to proceed with the Gary Cassady property issue. The Davenport property is still up in the air and probably will be until the County can once again hold their tax auction. 95 S. Main Street, where there was a house fire, cannot be demolished until the insurance is done investigating. The roof safety issue of the old tanning/beauty salon on Main Street has yet to be addressed due to the fact that supposedly the owners of the property cannot be located. The DEC is moving ahead with their plans behind the Terry Sisson property on Route 19.

Beth Hazelton, representing the Belfast Public Library, asked when Austin Locksmith would be paid for installing cameras in the library. The abstract was in this month's bills.

BABA took the initiative to cancel Bingo until the first of the year when it will be brought up at the Reorganizational Meeting.

The Christmas in the Park tree lighting ceremony will take place on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Everything will be held outside.

The new digital Firemen's Sign is up and running in the Park. Guidelines have been set regarding what can be put on the sign. See Andy Chamberlain or Neal Green for questions.

A Draft of a Noise Ordinance local law was distributed to Board Members for review. Questions regarding enforcement, determining what is too loud, hours, etc. need to be looked into. No action was taken.

Councilman Chamberlain reported that the RG&E Energy Department has approved the LED lights and they will arrive in December. Early 2021 is the target for installation.

The Reorganizational meeting was set for January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Jennings stated that there is a strong possibility that the December Board meeting will be cancelled and Board Members could just stop in the Clerk's office to sign the abstracts.

Councilman Hillman informed the Town Board that he was quite annoyed that he has not been signed up with NYS Retirement through Baldwin's since 2011. He is trying to get it straightened out and working with Sandra Curran from Baldwin's Business Service.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a motion from Councilman Chamberlain and a second from Councilman Hillman.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
Town Clerk

