

**TOWN OF BELFAST
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES, 6:45 P.M.
3-15-2021**

Present: Lisa Brulotte, Ashley Yackeren, Dan Winans.

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

PUBLIC HEARING 6:45

The public hearing was called to order at 6:45 and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Information was presented regarding the Local Law 1-21 “A Local Law to Amend Local Law No. 1-2020 of the Town of Belfast, Section 6, License Fees”. Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the passing of Local Law 1-21. All in favor Carried

Information was presented regarding Local Law 2-21 entitled “A local Law to Establish Grievance Day in the Town of Belfast”. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to approve the passing of Local Law 2-21. All in favor Carried

Lisa Brulotte brought up the subject of licensing cats in the Town of Belfast. She stated that there was a real ferret cat problem and asked if there was any kind of remedy the Town could come up with. She was told that the problem would be taken under advisement, but there was not much the Town could do.

The public meeting was adjourned at 6:55 by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second from Councilman Hillman. All in favor Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
3-15-21**

Town reps present: Mike Hillman, Andy Chamberlain, Josh Cole, David DeRock, David Jennings, Patty Oliver, Bob Kish, Kevin Margerum, Tim Atherton

Others present: Lisa Brulotte, Ashley Yackerren, Dan Winans, Rick Smith, Beth Hazelton, David Cox

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

Lisa Brulotte reiterated about the cat problem in Belfast.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve payment of the March vouchers:

Street Lighting	03	\$720.74
General	44-60	\$6590.60
Water	24-34	\$3323.69
Highway	30-46	\$23,393.82

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

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Hillman seconded the approval of the 2-15-21 Public Meeting minutes. All in favor Carried

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Hillman seconded the approval of the 2-15-21 Regular Meeting minutes. All in favor Carried

The Supervisor's Report, dated February 2021, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman DeRock. All in favor Carried

Councilman DeRock moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve the Town Clerk's Reports dated January, 2021 for the December 2020 accounts and February, 2021 for the January 2021 accounts. All in favor Carried

Tim Atherton, Water Superintendent, presented the following report:

- plowing and salting when needed
- checking chlorine around town daily
- water samples taken
- dig requests (7)
- daily routine jobs
- replaced meters (have 2 left)
- updated all reports for 2021
- contacted Glen Cole about Town Hall boiler problem
- met with Terry Sisson about water complaint (his filter was bad)
- turned water off at Rt. 19 Stillwater for a water leak
- set up meeting about updating meter reading and arranged for rep from Schmidts Wholesale to speak
- getting ready for spring cleanup

Highway Superintendent, Bob Kish, reported the following:

- gradeall is ready to go to auction
- getting ready for spring
- ditching and hauling gravel
- Tom Yackeren off on disability for 6 to 8 weeks
- ready to hang banners
- sweeping

Bob Kish informed the Board that he was ready to purchase a 2022 Peterbilt truck and chasis (complete truck) for \$241,575 as approved at budget time. If ordered now, should be ready by November. The truck comes with a 6 year warranty. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to approve this purchase pending approval of BAN determination. Supervisor Jennings will call the lawyer to see what the process entails. All in favor Carried

Beth Hazelton spoke on behalf of the Belfast Library. Said things are going well.

Code Enforcement Officer, Kevin Margerum, reported that the campers on 131 S. Main have turned into a COVID issue and while the owner of the property does not want them there, they cannot be evicted at this time. He did issue an order of remedy for two unlicensed vehicles on the property and a Stop Order on the use of a woodstove.

Mr. Margerum spoke with Ms. Leisure regarding the property on Route 305. The variance she received a f

ew months ago was issued with the understanding that the property would be well maintained and abandoned vehicles were not to be stored on the property.

Mr. Margerum spoke with Levi Troyer regarding an additional saw mill on his property and encouraged him to try and put the power source for that building in such a way as to deflect the sound away from neighbors as this has been an issue in the past.

Mr. Margerum will contact Real Property in Belmont to see if they are considering a tax auction this year. He will also check with attorney Rich Buck to continue to pursue the Gary Cassady issue. Robinson's barn on Chestnut Street has been taken down.

Councilman Chamberlain will contact Lion Mike Preston to clarify the Lion's desire to purchase shade trees for the Town of Belfast and split the cost with the Town. Final approval of location of trees would be at the descretion of Bob Kish and Tim Atherton.

Bill Buckley will be informed that Bingo cannot begin until such time as the Courts are allowed back in session. Also, the Town Supervisor will compute the hall fuel bills from last year and this year to see how much it costs to heat the hall when in use.

The strip of property on 305 owned by the Town of Belfast will be put up for auction or sealed bid. The deed needs to be studied for right of way first.

On April 5 at 7 p.m., Alfred College students taking a course in Urban Design would like to meet with any interested parties and they would design a better looking Main Street and/or office design. This is a no cost to the Town and gives students some experience in design.

The required Pandemic Preparedness Plan was distributed to Board members. By law, it needs to be published on the town's website.

There is a MACE meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 16. Mr. Margerum stated that one issue he was in favor of was when one purposefully doesn't obtain a building permit and it is discovered, 3 x's the cost of the original building permit would be charged. Councilman Hillman will represent Belfast at the MACE meeting.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss personnell matters.

All left the Board meeting except for Mike Hillman, Andy Chamberlain, Josh Cole, David DeRock, David Jennings and Patty Oliver.

Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to come out of Executive Session at 9:05.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. by a motion from Councilman Chamberlain and a second by Councilman Hillman. All in favor Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk