

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
7-19-2021**

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

Absent: David Derock

Visitors present: David Cox, Beth Hazelton, Dan Winans, Jeremy Cole (arrived at 7:30)

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

June bills were presented and approved by role call:

Water	61-66	\$792.60
Street Lighting	07	\$679.18
Highway	74-89	\$30,297.92
General	118-139	\$9052.96

Hillman-aye, Chamberlain-aye, Cole-aye, Jennings-aye. DeRock-aye (approved earlier in the day) All in favor Carried

The June 21, 2021 minutes were approved by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second from Councilman Chamberlain. All in favor Carried

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

The Town Clerk's Report, dated June, 2021 for the May accounts, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor
Carried

The Water Report, submitted by Superintendent Atherton, contained the following:

- Summer Youth Employment boys started (Jacob Buchholz and Daemon Cobb)
- Serviced #13 Kubota
- Parts and repairs to lawn mowers and weed eaters
- Keeping up with mowing and trimming
- All water samples are good
- Picked up 6 trees from East Wind
- Had 25 dig safe notices
- Worked on water pump for the Fireman's Kubota

- Flooding on 16 Chestnut St.
- Flushed hydrants and cleaned around them
- Prepared Hall for Board meeting
- Planted 5 trees and have one left to do
- Met with Chris regarding the new water meters

Highway Superintendent Kish reported the following:

- Many washed out roads after all the heavy rain, everything is now back open
- All road work has been delayed due to heavy rain
- Paving now set for mid August
- Will work on Chestnut Street soon
- Cemetery Driveway scheduled for gravel on Wednesday, weather permitting
- River Bridge issues – apparently not scheduled for replacement until 2022 (made a simple repair last week)

Supervisor Jennings will draft a letter to Tom Windus, with a copy to legislators, regarding the safety issues of the bridge and also the inconvenience and loss of revenue to local businesses when the bridge comes down. Also, he will ask that the bridge be placed on a fast track for repair and not wait until 2022 to begin.

Ann Guilford did not attend the meeting, but did express concern regarding a capped spring on Rt. 19 that affects her back yard. Because this capping of the spring happened 20 to 25 years ago, it was unclear if Town, County Health Department or State did the capping. However, Supervisor Jennings will have a conversation with Bill Nichols, former Highway Superintendent, to see if they can come to some determination as to what/who she should file a formal complaint with. Apparently, the back yard has eroded due to all the water backup, the lawn is water saturated all the time and the back of the house is moldy every spring/summer.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Unfus reported the following:

- Ron Mix has been issued a “notice of violation” in connection with the septic between his trailer and the Town Hall
- 27 South Street has been warned regarding the garbage surrounding the property
- Davenport property still in limbo between Bank and County
- Kevin has talked to Stanton’s regarding cleanup
- The attorney is still trying to get ahold of Cassidy brother – Mike has phone and address
- Bob’s crew will be fixing water problem behind library when they do Chestnut Street
- Kevin has talked to Wolfe twice and next step will be order of remedy

- Made aware that mowing and cleanup around old Allegany Grill needs to be done

Mr. Unfus passed out a draft of a possible ordinance regarding grass maintenance of properties. The Town does have a Property Maintenance Local Law. The Board will review and see if this ordinance should be included in the Local Property Maintenance Law 1-1998.

Beth Hazelton reported for the Belfast Library and stated they have scheduled the August Monday Night Concerts. They have submitted the grant regarding expansion of the library but have heard nothing back.

Supervisor Jennings stated that the Dog Control Officer, Leslie Clagett, has not submitted any reports since she began in April. Leslie did complain that she has not been paid since she was hired.

Councilman Chamberlain stated that his committee on the Appalachian Architectural Program will have one more meeting before August to finalize suggestions for the Alfred students' project to beautify Belfast.

After presentation by Councilman Hillman, Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to adopt Resolution 3-21.

TOWN OF BELFAST RESOLUTION 3-21

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS the Town of Belfast is part of MACE and wishes to set Building Permit Fees for Commercial Solar Projects within the Town of Belfast.

RESOLVED, that the Town of Belfast does hereby establish the building permit fee for Commercial Solar Projects in the Town to be \$2,500 **per megawatt**. The Town will be billed for the services of MACE at the rate of \$30.00/hr. The payment for those services will be paid by the Town to MACE from the respective \$2,500 **per megawatt** fees.

Motion made by: Andrew Chamberlain

Seconded by: Josh Cole

Hillman-aye, Chamberlain-aye, Cole-aye, Jennings-aye
DeRock-absent

Motion carried.

Patricia Oliver, Town Clerk

(seal)

The proposed local law for use of ATVs on local roads was tabled until further information from Mr. Buck's office is obtained.

The issue of opting out of cannabis retail sales was also tabled until there is more input from Mr. Buck's office.

The issue of revising the Mobile Home Local Law 2-2009 in regard to skirting, vertical siding and positioning to the road was tabled until the Board can fully review the original law.

There is still no definitive answers to how American Rescue Plan monies can be spent. Possibility that the money will have to be placed in a separate account. There is the possibility that it could be used toward "Air handling/control" and Supervisor Jennings has made arrangements for a representative from MJ Mechanical Services, Inc. to visit the Town Hall on 7/27 at 10:30 to discuss air conditioning.

Dan Winans, representing the Belfast Legion, expressed an interest in forming a committee to help honor deceased and living veterans by displaying pictures and names on flagpoles. Councilman Hillman volunteered to be on that committee.

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk