

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
8-16-2021**

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

Public Present: Maggie Thompson, Rick Smith, David Cox, Dorothy Clarkson & partner

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

Dorothy Clarkson presented a request in writing along with a map for a road frontage variance for a small house she intends to build on Loftis Road. The variance was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole.
All in favor Carried

Dorothy and her friend left the meeting at 7:03.

Presentation of the bills were approved by roll call:

Highway	\$135,405.00
General	\$3,586.42
Street Lighting	\$682.10
Water	\$1,464.22

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

Minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second from Councilman DeRock. All in favor Carried

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

Line transfers as requested by BBS Services were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman DeRock. All in favor Carried

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

Water Superintendent Tim Atherton's report contained the following:

- Summer Youth Employment ended August 6
- All samples taken are good
- Flushing hydrants, concentrating on dead ends
- Mowing and every day jobs
- Six trees planted
- Ready to do 10 lead-copper samples
- 44 dig safes
- Read water meters, working on updates for new ones
- Called Chris regarding computers....waiting on chips
- Backflow prevention devices tested good
- Set up hall for board meeting

Superintendent of Highways, Bob Kish, reported the following:

- New truck is not being built until September 9 and probably won't be ready until the new year
- Will be working on drainage and sidewalks
- Paving will start September 1st
- Grading and helping other towns
- Just waiting for pipes for McClay Road
- Rt. 305 property is just a Town right-of-way and he will not grade
- Discussion of the safety of the River Bridge

Mike Unfus reported for Code Enforcement:

- Davenport – same, probably need to wait for tax sale
- Stanton – no action
- Cassady – no action (Dave J. will refresh Attorney Buck)
- Swamp behind elementary library – Highway will dig ditch for drainage soon
- Wolfe – no order of remedy issued – he did attempt to mow some
- Allegany Grill – mowed but needs garbage removed (Is it possible to condemn building?)
- Transit Bridge property – DEC issue
- Tibbetts Hill – property maintenance issue – health dept. may have to get involved
- Tomorrow will attend solar field meeting
- Will review Mobile Home Local Law and Property Maintenance Local Law

There was no library representation.

Dog Control report consisted of one sentence. Ms. Clagett is waiting on getting paid before she investigates unlicensed dogs. Supervisor Jennings will contact Attorney Buck to write a letter regarding expectations as soon as she is paid up to date.

The following “Old Business” items are on hold until Attorney Buck sends information that has been requested:

- ATV use on local roads
- Mobile Home skirting issue
- Opting out of cannabis sales
- Local Law prohibiting use of tobacco, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, cannabis, herbal cigarettes on all real property owned or leased by the Town

Discussed River Bridge situation and reviewed letter to Tom Windus, County Engineer, and his response.

Councilman DeRock moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to continue the process of opting out on the sale of cannabis in the Town of Belfast. All in favor Carried

No definitive information regarding the American Rescue Plan monies. Half the money should be here this month. Supervisor Jennings would like to look into pricing emergency power for the Town Hall/Fire Hall building.

Councilman Hillman is still waiting to meet with Dan Winans regarding the Veteran Flags for Main Street.

Councilman Chamberlain reported on the Alfred architectural student project. Some possible projects that came up at the last community meeting:

- Do something with trees on Main Street
- Refurbishing welcome signs on both ends of town
- Erecting display boxes or kiosks for free food, books, etc.
- Do something with the Canal House
- Renwick House
- Mural on a Main Street building (Historical picture – tressle?)
- Use Allegany Grill property for something
- Put up pavilion in park with seating and upgrade park
- Walking/bike trails
- Promote town pride

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss the 2022 budget/wages. All in favor Carried

Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to come out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. All in favor Carried

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second from Councilman Chamberlain at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk