

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
6/21/21**

Town representatives present: David Jennings, Mike Hillman, Andrew Chamberlain, Joshua Cole, David DeRock, Robert Kish, Michael Unfus, Tim Atherton, Patty Oliver

Others present: Beth Hazelton, Rick Smith, Buffy Greek, Tracy Jerge, David Cox, Bronwyn Enders, Shane Enders (arrived at 7:20)

Supervisor Jennings called the meeting to order at 7:03 and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Buffy Greek and Tracy Jerge inquired about a variance for skirting on a new mobile home they purchased from Owl Homes. The Town's mobile home law states that skirting "be made of masonry material such as brick or block (or have a masonry appearance)". Ms. Greek stated that it was cost prohibitive at this time for them to install masonry skirting when vinyl is included in newly installed homes from Owl Homes. Councilman DeRock moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve a variance for the use of vinyl skirting. All in favor Carried

Councilman Hillman stated that the Mobil Home Local Law, established in 2009, needs to be looked at for possible revision, or from this point on the Local Law needs to be enforced and no more variances issued. Another suggestion was that when Owl Homes are issued a building permit, it is stated to them emphatically that masonry skirting is all that is acceptable or no permit, thus eliminating a sale.

Buffy Greek and Tracy Jerge left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

May abstracts were approved by role call:

Street Lighting	06	\$8419.56
Water	53-60	\$7220.84
Highway	66-73	\$25,629.04
General	96-117	\$16,661.15

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

All in favor Carried

Minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman DeRock and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor Carried

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

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

The Water District Report contained the following:

- nothing major going on
- flushing hydrants and did chlorine samples at each
- water turn on at 17 W. Hughes
- two Summer Youth Employment boys will begin July 6 for 6 weeks
- trimmed hedges at library
- AWQR water report done and sent to Belfast residents

Just received a survey regarding the new water meters and what equipment and training will be required. Supervisor Jennings stated that there is a slight chance there may be some grant money to help with this project.

Highway Superintendent Kish reported that he has a quote for \$2321 to remove two dead trees and stumps. His crew has been ditching and working with other towns. First round of mowing is done and then tractor broke down. It is fixed now. Will be skid paving on Ramsey Road. Will help with the drainage behind the Library and help dig the ditch in the fall. The cemetery driveway is tentatively scheduled to be stoned the middle of July. Suggested areas for new trees purchased by the Town and Belfast Lions Club as Sherman and Laurel Street.

Mike Unfus reported for Code Enforcement. South Street scheduled for Demo and spoke with inhabitants of 23 S. Main Street. Nothing has been done regarding Davenport house on South Main or Wolfe property on W. Hughes. He will provide the town a copy of a lawn mowing law that Kevin Margerum is drafting.

Mike informed the Town Board that they will have to come up with building permit fee per megawatt for the solar project to make sure that there is enough charged for both the Town and MACE to be paid. Also, a fire access road needs to be investigated. A meeting will be set up with towns of Angelica and Houghton to go over building permit fees.

Beth Hazelton reported for the Belfast Public Library. The Story Telling Festival is scheduled for July 10 in the park and Music in the Park will be held during the month of

August. They are still working on a grant for expansion of approximately 1800 square feet to the library.

There was no report from the dog control officer despite two separate requests. Supervisor Jennings will have Pullen's office send her a certified letter that this is something that needs to be done on a monthly basis.

Attorney Buck did not get back to Supervisor Jennings with information on the ATV use on local roads issue or the change to the Employee Policy Handbook issue. Hopefully there will be a Public hearing scheduled before the next regular meeting on the ATV issue.

Councilman Chamberlain reported on the Alfred Appalachian Architectural program. They have had one meeting and another scheduled for the end of July. The Curcios have put together a slide show that may be ready for board review by next meeting.

The American Rescue Plan was discussed and there is still no definitive guidelines for distribution of this money. However, the Town needs to accept or decline the money by July 9th. Councilman Hillman and Supervisor Jennings will work on this. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to empower Supervisor Jennings to apply for funding from this plan by July 8th. All in favor Carried

Supervisor Jennings informed the Board that there will be no Summer Reading/Recreation Program this year. In January, we will start advertising for a director for the summer of 2022.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk

