

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
11-21-22
REGULAR MEETING**

Town Officials Present: Mike Hillman, Andy Chamberlain, Josh Cole, David DeRock, David Cox, Patty Oliver, Jim Ace, Jr., Mike Unfus, Jeremy Marsh

Towns People Present: Kathy Garrison, Rick Smith, Maggie Thompson, Brian Cox

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 and all present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brian Cox requested a variance for a 10' addition to his garage. Code Officer Mike Unfus stated there was no encroachment on the highway and had no problem. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole approved the variance as requested. All in favor Carried

Kathy Garrison thanked the Highway Department for their plowing, but requested that on Sunday mornings they plow by St. Pat's Church before 9:15 a.m. or after 11:00 a.m. to avoid conflicts with the persons trying to park in the handicap parking lot. Highway Superintendent Ace will take under advisement.

Minutes of the October 17, 2022 meeting were accepted by a motion from Councilman DeRock and a second from Councilman Hillman. All in favor Carried

Minutes of the November 3, 2022 public meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second from Councilman DeRock. All in favor Carried

Payment of the October bills were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole:

Street Lighting	#11	\$734.21
General Fund	222-248	\$6547.28
Water Fund	105-117	\$9050.99
Highway Fund	154-169	\$31,541.88

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

The October, 2022 Supervisor's Report, including modifications, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second by Councilman Cole. All in favor
Carried

The Town Clerk's Report, dated October, 2022 for the September accounts, was approved by a motion from Councilman DeRock and a second from Councilman Hillman. All in favor Carried

Highway Superintendent Jim Ace reported the following:

- Ordered/received sand and salt (1/2)
- Fuel over \$5 a gal., not enough money budgeted
- Grader may be back in service by New Years but might cost more than \$7,000
- Got bucket for the excavator
- New tires are in
- Beavers are gone, now faced with otters
- Will dump snow in the gravel pit
- Would like on website notice about plows not responsible for damage and no parking allowed in right of way

Jim left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Water Superintendent Jeremy Marsh reported the following:

- Present truck is 2015 with 53,000 miles – will check about leasing a new truck
- Inquired about purchasing a new skid steer
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- – will be discussed further at the next meeting. Will need to check with Baldwin's to see if there's money
- All lawns were mowed and leaves mulched
- Samples all good
- 8 Udig notices
- Fixed AC in Library. Installed a 30 amp single pole magnetic contactor
- Installed new dusk to dawn lights on the outside of fire hall. First had to fix their switch wiring that was done incorrectly
- Got quotes from Stump Thumpers for trees in park. Big oak is \$8000 if we get "Make safe trim" from RG&E. Small tree is \$3000
- Helped Andy with historical building and got the outside service ready for inspection. All needs done now when RG&E hooks it up is to change out the interior panel
- Put buntings up in the town hall vestibule
- Flushed all hydrants in town
- worked on boiler at Town Hall and had to get Glen Cole – fixed now
- State bid for Ferris 48" zero turn mower from Charles Oliver & Son
- Called Carl Mains which is Genesee Valley Builders on installing a shut off valve on West Hughes – estimated \$6000 if we fix the road afterwards. Will try to get done in spring

- Need to take out outdated manual valve – issues and may stick with manual valve
- Turf Tenders can do weed killing possibly in April or May and don't give much notice – when they're here, they're doing the job
- Helped highway guys putting up Christmas decorations
- Problems with internet at the plant
- Drove 38 posts in park for Christmas tree celebration on December 4
- Plowed Sidewalks

Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman DeRock seconded to approve the estimated expenditure of \$6600 for a new Ferris Mower on State bid through Oliver and Son in Hornell. All in Favor Carried

Jeremy left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Unfus reported the following:

- Issuing lots of permits
- Attended a seminar with Cory Burrows
- Order of Remedy on South Street – partially complied – may have to issue an appearance ticket
- Dollar General did a patch job on their parking lot
- Have not been able to discuss a moratorium with attorney Buck. 16 people, constant supervision and 24 hour custodial care are stipulations to go along with the moratorium
- Still waiting on the Tibbetts Hill property

No representation from the Library, but they did send an email which stated that because the Town owns the Library, the Town is responsible for applying for a USDA grant. They have had a meeting with an architect. The Board would like to know what the numbers are for clients using the Town Library and whether or not the building is on the Historical Registry.

Rick Smith left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

There was no report from the Dog Control Officer.

There was no progress on the installation of the Gleason Hill fire signs.

Supervisor Cox placed a call into Finger Lakes Power System regarding the generator for the building but hasn't heard back.

Supervisor Cox informed the Board he'd received notice that NYS energy projected costs for winter months will rise 31% for electric and 19% for gas. This was the delivery rate increase.

Supervisor Cox informed the Board about green lights for US troop support. Councilman Cole stated that the Legion has some green lightbulbs for distribution. It was suggested that someone talk to the Fire Chief, Jeff Chamberlain, regarding placing green bulbs on the overhead doors.

Executive session was called by Councilman Hillman at 8:50 p.m. and Councilman Cole seconded to discuss budget and highway contract negotiations. All remaining attendees left the meeting except the 5 Town Board members.

At 10:21, Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to come out of Executive Session. All in favor Carried

Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the 2023 Budget. All in favor Carried

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman DeRock at 10:26 p.m. All in favor Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk