

**TOWN OF BELFAST**  
**MINUTES**  
**2/21/22**

Town members present: David Cox, David DeRock, Josh Cole, Andrew Chamberlain, Michael Hillman, Tim Atherton, Mike Unfus, James Ace, Patty Oliver

Community members present: Asheton MacLeod, Andy Martin (Ingalls Planning & Design), Maggie Thompson, Rick Smith, Russ Hall

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

Asheton MacLeod presented to the board some documentation she had compiled regarding issues with dogs on her property. They live next door to the Belfast Manor and the “owner” of the dogs lets them run unleashed. They come onto her property and relieve themselves, bark and jump and scare her and her small child. She has called the Dog Control Officer, talked to the management at the Manor and has called the troopers and not gotten any satisfaction. She was informed that we have a new DCO and the issue will be presented to her and hopefully she can remedy the situation. The Clerk will check to see if the dogs are licensed and report that as well to the DCO.

Andy Martin spoke from 7:15 until 7:30 regarding the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. He’s looking for volunteers for a Steering Committee. A list of Belfast Projects was presented including improving kayak access, restoring and rehabilitating the Canal Warehouse, constructing a small parking area and additional signage for Genesee Greenway Trail at Gleason Hill road, etc. This is a consolidated funding program, usually 75/25%. Wellsville is the “keeper of the keys” so to speak. Andy left the meeting at 7:30.

Russ Hall, Fire Code and 911 computer and mapping person, began speaking at 7:30 mainly regarding the errors in addresses on Gleason Hill Road. There are some duplicate numbers because the Road runs West, East and North. They are building a NG (next generation) 911 where everything will work on GPS. About 70 new fire signs need to be made for Gleason Hill, with one end being named Gleason Hill Extension and one end being named Gleason Hill Spur. Several years ago the Board passed a resolution leaving the naming of roads to the County. There is a possibility that American Rescue Funds can be used for purchase of road signs.

Mr. Hall ended his talk at 8:30 and left the meeting. Asheton Macleod left at this time also.

Minutes of the January 17, 2022 meeting were approved as presented by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor Carried

Payment of the January bills were approved by roll call:

Street Lighting	02	\$712.76
Water	10-17	\$10,083.28
General	29-53	\$5,883.95
Highway	1-20	\$28,785.32

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

The Supervisor's Report, dated January, 2022, was approved by a motion from Councilman Chamberlain and a second from Councilman Cole with the correction that the Historian Pay should come out of budget A7510.1 and not A7510.4. All in favor  
Carried

The Town Clerk's Report, dated January, 2022 for the December 2021 accounts, was accepted by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor Carried

The Water District Report contained the following:

- Plowing, salting and helping clean Main Street intersections
- Frozen water lines their side of meter (8)
- Frozen plates broken (4), ordered new plates
- 3 calls on high water bills – finding water left running so as not to freeze
- Turned off water at 7 E Hughes
- Samples taken look good
- Digsafe marked out (9)
- Cleaning and organizing Plant and inventory
- Had class in Hornell
- Kabota right front seal is leaking
- Have a new light for outside Town Hall

Highway Superintendent James Ace reported:

- Received last of salt and sand
- One truck is being repaired
- CHIPS deadline was missed again (\$130,000 – will not lose, but will be late)
- What about money for new truck? - \$200,000 BAN

- Need new tarp and coal shoot door
- Estimate on small blacktop roller \$30 to \$50K
- Need to get back into the “hearing” program
- More info from Leonard Preston regarding pipe on Gleason – issue with way to make pipe level
- Notice of violations from NYS DEC

Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Unfus, reported:

- Mike Harrington may need a variance for a garage he’d like to build next to the new house he’s building
- Wilson/Clarkson have permission from DEC to build on wetlands on Loftis Road
- Solar project is wrapping up. He will check on gate
- Unlawful addition on Shaller Road
- Horse barn built on neighbor’s property – no permit
- No ramp at the mid-wife’s property yet

There was no library representation.

Crystal Austin Hull e-mailed a short dog catcher report. She did report that she has tried to catch the party from the Belfast Manor whose dogs have been threatening the neighbor but hasn’t been able to speak with him yet.

Councilman DeRock is ready to do the Justice Audit as soon as he has access to the Justice checkbook.

Some discussion regarding the small piece of property the Town owns on 305. Two individuals may be interested in buying it, perhaps causing a bidding war. No action was taken at this time. The Highway Department may need that piece of property to dump snow during the winter as they cannot get across the bridge to dump by the river.

It was brought up that the front concrete entrance to the Town Hall is all pitted and pocked causing difficulty and safety issues for older folks with walkers and canes. Perhaps it can be resurfaced or replaced using American Rescue Funds money.

The Highway Law 284 agreement cannot be signed until the CHIPS money is in and a list of roads needing repair can be presented.

The Justice grant fund in the amount of \$6915.77 has been approved and Town Justice Young will be ordering fire proof file cabinets and paying for a specialist to come and purge old files and records.

The Town can apply for a free marker for the Canal. Need to find out where to put on Town property, but seems to be plenty of room to erect the sign.

Discs holding vital record information are outdated (microsoft 7) and need to be reformatted at a cost of \$400. At the moment our local computer agent is checking to see if there is something he can do to transfer information, but if not, the consensus was to go ahead and have the Biels Company reindex to PDF format.

Councilman DeRock had an issue with a notice on his vehicle from the Highway Department stating his vehicle could not be parked in the roadway or it will be towed. The issue was that the snowplow has no room to turn around. It was explained that several notices were handed out to any vehicle prohibiting the successful plowing of the roadways.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to go into Executive Session at 9:40 to discuss leasing/rental of Town Property. All in favor Carried

Mr. Ace, Mr. Atherton, and Mr. Unfus left at this time along with all towns people.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to come out of Executive Session at 9:55. All in favor Carried

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m All in favor Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
Town Clerk