

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
June 20, 2022**

Present: Josh Cole, Andrew Chamberlain, Mike Hillman, David DeRock, David Cox, Mike Unfus, James Ace, Tim Atherton, Patty Oliver

Others present: Brett Taylor-Gughiocello, Beth Hazelton

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

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman DeRock seconded to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting. All in favor. Carried

The May bills were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman DeRock.

General Fund	#121-144	\$22,758.24
Water Fund	#50-58	\$17,844.58
Street Lighting	#06	\$718.59
Highway	#92-114	\$39,649.80

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

The Line Transfers requested by Baldwin’s were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second by Councilman DeRock. All in favor Carried

The Supervisor’s Report, dated May, 2022, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second by Councilman DeRock. All in favor Carried

The Town Clerk’s Report, dated May, 2022 for the April accounts, was accepted by a motion from Councilman DeRock and a second from Councilman Hillman. All in favor
Carried

The Report from Water Superintendent Tim Atherton contained the following:

- Keeping up on mowing
- Samples all good
- 22 Digsafe notices this month
- Repaired two water leaks
- Helped Jim Schneider at Belfast School repair backflow preventer

- Supervised installation of air conditioning in Hall and offices of town hall
- Had generator at plant worked on. May need new panel
- Installed portable air conditioner at library annex
- Waiting for two kids from County to help during summer
- Received 12 endpoints to install
- Flushed deadends on June 14th
- Cleaned up branch in park on Saturday
- Retrieved bag of garbage someone dropped in park. Checked camera and took picture of car and license

The Board told Tim to contact Kim Barton and have him look at plant generator to see if worth fixing.

Highway Superintendent James Ace reported the following:

- Finished Gleason Hill
- Sloped bank
- Finished CHIP sealing on Lilly Road and Crawford Creek
- Still patching
- Have new street signs to go with new fire numbers
- Will put roller and stacker on auction block along with Sterling
- New Peterbilt should be here soon. Have Paccar papers to sign tonight
- Still waiting on last year's CHIPs money
- Wrote letters to many politicians regarding help with funding for new grader...shot down
- New Hudson will help us out with grader for time being
- Will check into rent/lease prices
- Highway guys would like to participate in Deferred Compensation Plan offered by the State

Mike Unfus, Code Enforcement Officer, reported on the following:

- Cory Burrows has finished 4 out of 6 sessions of training and doing well
- Attended STW Conference at Houghton College
- Belfast Legion, Lisa Hawkes, asked to be allowed to put outside seating by the building. Could see no reason why not
- Checked South Street regarding the garbage problem
- Checked with Amish regarding outside ramp at midwife's house. Just waiting on logs
- Phil Edwards had a water problem with the solar fields. Had meeting and seems resolved
- Solar field now generating electricity

- Residents should call RG&E and ask for 10% discount
- Setting up meeting with fire chiefs and town officials to instruct what to do in case of fire, etc.
- Harrington's gas tanks are being installed
- MACE office having problems with Town of Rushford

Beth Hazelton reported for the Belfast Town Library asking permission to apply for a grant for a building project which includes demolishing the current annex and constructing a new more accessible building with more square footage, seating areas and gathering space. Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the Library Board to seek grants for a library project. Councilman Hillman will contact Brian Hildreth from Southern Library Systems for more information on grants, etc.

August 29th is the scheduled date for the Library annual Taste of Belfast, with Music in the Park being held each Monday during the month of August.

The concrete in front of the Town Hall has been poured and looks good. Waiting for expansion cuts.

At the moment, there is no man power to help with replacing or straightening poles and restringing rope surrounding the park. Tim will check to see if there is enough rope. (Then he will hang Patty with it.)

The Belfast Lion's Club has generously donated \$1000 towards a new spring toy in the park. Their preference would be a lion, but one hasn't been found as yet.

The pad for the bench in honor of Walt Lindsley is ready and just waiting on Curt Crandall to install the bench.

Saputo is working on the new batting cage at the little league field on GLF Road.

For an extra \$215 per year, the Town can join Weebly, a website page, and add our own information as well as different pictures and calendar events to a webpage. It was decided to go ahead and try for a year.

Supervisor Cox has received notification from the Teamsters that negotiations for a new highway contract is coming up.

The next shot of ARPA funds will be in July.

Air conditioning installed by Finger Lakes Power Systems. Water leaks have been remedied. Checking to see if fire hall meeting room has air or should have air. Waiting on generator.

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve the purchase of two sided fire signs from Eastern Metal signs for the newly named roads on Gleason Hill. Councilman Chamberlain has volunteered to arrange for volunteers to help install the signs.

Unfortunately, the Town of Belfast was not picked as a location for a Canal Marker sign.

The Board was made aware of the request from the Historical Society to be added as a budget line in the amount of \$500 to the 2023 budget.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cox seconded to call Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. All in favor Carried

All visitors plus Tim Atherton, Mike Unfus and Jim Ace left the meeting at this time.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to come out of Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve Resolution #2-22. All in favor Carried

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RESOLUTION #2-2022

Motion made by Councilman Chamberlain and seconded by Councilman Cole to completely remove #1 (*1. All Full-Time Employees must be residents of the Town of Belfast*) from the General Guidelines for All Employees of the Town of Belfast (effective date 01/01/2022).

Chamberlain	<u>Aye</u>
Cole	<u>Aye</u>
Hillman	<u>Aye</u>
DeRock	<u>Aye</u>
Cox	<u>Aye</u>

5 yes 0 no

Approved on this day: June 20, 2022

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk

(seal)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second from Councilman DeRock. All in favor Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk

