

**TOWN OF BELFAST  
MINUTES  
Monday, December 19, 2022**

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

Townpeople present: Trish Jopson, Wendy Kenyon, Paul Kenyon, Maggie Thompson, Rick Smith

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

Wendy Kenyon thanked Jeremy Marsh and Andy Chamberlain for their work on the Historical Society building as well as installing a hot water tank in the building.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2022 meeting. All in favor Carried

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to accept the minutes of the special meeting on December 7, 2022. All in favor Carried

The Supervisor's Report, dated November, 2022, was accepted by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor Carried

The modifications to the budget for November were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman DeRock. All in favor Carried

The Highway report from Superintendent Ace included the following:

- The new water department excavator is at the shop getting some modifications
- Ditching
- After rain storm, pipes plugged and needed cleaning
- Helped put up new fire signs and order 5 more
- Plowing, sanding and brush cutting
- Grader back from Alfred students and working great – Cost \$6749 – still need to fix fuel pump
- No one responded to fuel bid ad in newspaper – will make calls
- Little John Bridge – will need to call County – pretty sure will be red flagged
- Already had a discussion with employee regarding care of equipment
- Received early morning call about fire hydrant hit by car

Jim left the meeting after his report

Jeremy Marsh, Water Superintendent, reported the following:

- All samples good
- 4 Udig notices
- Installed water heater in Historical Building
- Ordered cell phone booster for the water plant
- Picked up parts for fire hydrant that was smashed – no fire hydrant kits in stock
- Will add up labor time and costs associated with installing new hydrant for insurance purposes
- Water leak on Merton Street, curb stop wasn't functioning
- Turned off water service on Merton so could be fixed
- Changed light bulbs at Library
- Put battery in tractor
- Have not gotten the skid steer/track hoe yet
- Ordered lawnmower
- Tinkered on Town Hall Building
- Finished up the outside of the Historical building with Andy
- Ran electrical outlets for the Christmas trees and wrapped in plastic to keep weather out
- Straightened trees
- Plowed and salted sidewalks
- Turned water on at the old River Valley where the shed business is opened up
- Chlorine delivery at McDonalds in Cuba
- Health Department reports done

Councilman Chamberlain offered thanks to Jeremy and Jeff Guilford for putting up the new 911 fire signs.

Mike Unfus, Code Enforcement Officer reported the following:

- Issuing building permits as usual
- Almond joined MACE on December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Trying to figure out how to issue Order of Remedy to 129 S. Main as it is a two occupant dwelling and one is complying and the other occupant is not
- Finally received permission to enter the Tibbetts Hill property with Attorney Buck. Troopers will sit across the road waiting for someone to get shot
- Consider adopting Comprehensive Plan – will take 5 to 6 months – Mike Hillman will contact Kier Durham for info for the board to have in advance. Once adopted, a planning board can be appointed (no town officials)
- Set Public Hearing for December 30 at 6:30 for the town to re-ammend local laws regarding code

There was no Library report.

Crystal Austin Hull, DCO, e-mailed that she had no calls. Supervisor Cox stated he got a call, but referred it to Crystal.

Supervisor Cox stated he has not heard back from the Teamster Lenny regarding the Highway contract.

Nothing from Finger Lakes Power System generator for the Town Hall, but still an option.

Received an e-mail regarding payment for the Solar Farms program, but not sure if the payment will be for 2022 or 2033. Supervisor Cox will follow up.

Tim Atherton turned in his last time sheets and should be all paid up by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Baldwin's will need to be notified to make sure payment doesn't go into the first of the year.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman DeRock seconded to approve the appointment of Lana Mackmer to the Board of Assessment Review. Councilman Chamberlain abstained. DeRock-aye, Hillman-aye, Cole-aye, Cox-aye Carried

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman DeRock seconded to approve the 2023 contract with Richardson, Pullen and Buck as attorneys for the Town of Belfast with no changes from the 2022 contract. All in favor Carried

Council Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the Dog Shelter Contract with the Town of Caneadea. All in favor Carried

Rick Smith, Belfast Fire Department, brought up the fact that notification of the increase of rent for the Fire Department portion of the building was not given until after their fire department budget was approved and submitted. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded that the \$1000 increase in rent be taken out of ARPA money and that Baldwin's should be advised. All in favor Carried

The 2023 Reorganizational Meeting was set for January 6 at 6:30 in the Town Hall.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. All in favor Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver, Town Clerk