

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
8-15-2022**

Town Officials Present: David Cox, Michael Hillman, Andrew Chamberlain, Josh Cole, David DeRock, Patty Oliver, James Ace, Jr., Mike Unfus, Jeremy Marsh, Tim Atherton

Townpeople present: Kathryn Shaffer, Kathryn Garrison, Wende Kenyon, Paul Kenyon

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

Kathy Shaffer shared her interest in putting a bench on Main Street in memory of her daughter, Amy. She was informed that there just wasn't room as the State owns 33' from the center of the road to each side. Councilman DeRock suggested that maybe the Belfast School would be a better option. She will continue to think about what she'd like to do. Her second concern was the ditch in front of her house. She asked Highway Superintendent Ace if he could blacktop that ditch and the answer was "no", but he did say he could dig it out. However, that would not prevent the weeds, etc. The third thing she was interested in was starting a campaign to persuade the State to repair the River Bridge in a timely manner. She was told that the State doesn't expect the bridge to be fully repaired until 2024, but if she felt inclined, she should do whatever she thought would help speed up the opening of the bridge. Kathy left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Kathy Garrison spoke on behalf of citizens wishing to begin planning for the Bicentennial in 2024. She stated that she would be willing to keep the master calendar of events leading up to a celebration in 2024. The BOFA Organization is working on a vintage art show and the Historical Society is going to work on a Bicentennial Quilt. There was talk of the creation of a Historical Calendar in 20924, and possibly ceramic or concrete bulldogs placed around town. She mentioned that the Town could sponsor some fireworks. She will return for the next meeting with some more definite plans.

The minutes of the July 18, 23022 meeting were approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Chamberlain. All in favor
Carried

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

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

Street Lighting	08	\$716.56
General Fund	168-183	\$11,346.06
Highway Fund	125-129	\$8744.62
Water Fund	69-78	\$8400.47

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

The Town Clerk's Report for the June, 2022 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 information:

- Lawns and weed eating
- Samples all good
- Straightened and replaced broken poles in the Park and added new rope
- Kim Barton on vacation so no information on the generator at the plant
- Replaced 16 meter heads and end points
- Contacted Jeffery Associates about replacing the broken spring on the duck riding toy. \$181, includes the UPS charge
- Sent lead and copper tests
- Read meters and re-read meters that didn't read
- Turned blow offs on the flush the water system
- Turned off water at the ball field
- Helped Houghton with a water leak
- Let Adrienne Hill into the hall to install storm windows
- Replaced some lines on the chlorinator pump

Jeremy will check for some kind of security camera(s) in the park and was asked to order the spring for the duck and a new spring riding chipmonk. To deter bigger kids and adults from riding the toys, it was suggested that some type of stopper could be installed to limit the rocking of the toy.

As for the incident with the broken spring toy and removal of toy from the Town Park, the majority of the Board felt that the young woman did not maliciously break the toy and did return it (her mother did), so no further action would be taken.

Jeremy expects to have all of his water licensing in place by next week.

Discussion was had regarding Baldwin's accounting practices and how difficult it is to navigate the financial reports. Supervisor Cox will bring up the issues at the September

9th budget meeting in Nunda. Any board member who wishes to attend that meeting is welcome. Jim Ace stated that he will be out of town, but he has all his information ready and will give to Supervisor Cox for review.

Kathy Garrison and the Kenyon's left the meeting at 8:00.

Highway Superintendent Ace reported the following:

- The toll dispute is settled
- 175 gravel loads on Middle Road
- 12 loads on Loftis Road
- All roads are graded
- Town grader is going to Alfred College for free – they will take apart and see what it needs
- He cannot make the budget meeting on September 9, but will give Supervisor Cox his papers
- CHIPS money will be here in September
- Anticipating buying stone this year for next year. Hard to get
- Have to refinance 1 ton truck
- Tom looking into pesticide training

Code Enforcement Officer Unfus reported:

- Cory Burrows has passed all training
- MACE meeting August 16 at 7
- Complaints of potholes in entrance to Dollar General. Addressing situation
- Lots of permits being issued
- White Creek Road residence condemned
- Tibbetts Hill issue not resolved yet – due process hearing
- Rockville Lake property issues

Discussion regarding the trees on Main Street resulted in a new resolution. Supposedly there will be a tree cutting crew in the area in September.

**TOWN OF BELFAST
RESOLUTION 3-2022
REMOVAL OF STATE OWNED TREES ON MAIN STREET**

August 15, 2022

Councilman Andrew Chamberlain offered the motion and Councilman Michael Hillman seconded that The Belfast Town Board gives permission to the State of New York to remove the trees planted on sidewalks along Main Street, Route 19, Belfast NY, and grind the roots.

Supervisor Cox	-aye
Councilman Hillman	-aye
Councilman Chamberlain	-aye
Councilman Cole	-aye
Councilman DeRock	-aye

Ayes – 5 No-0

Motion carried

Patricia Oliver, Town Clerk

(SEAL)

There was no Library Report.

The Dog Report from Crystal Austin was reviewed and the Board was pleased to see some citations issued.

Baldwin's included a breakdown with the Supervisor's Report of the ARPA monies spent so far.

The new fire number road signs for Gleason Hill are here and Councilman Chamberlain has informed Russ Hall that he can send out letters to home owners affected. Hopefully, with the help of volunteers from the fire department, the signs can be erected within a month.

Supervisor Cox has received the new proposals for the Highway Contract.

New Water Superintendent, Jeremy Marsh, was welcomed. He needs a budget sheet and his health insurance will have to be adjusted in the budget.

OLD Water Superintendent, Tim Atherton, announced that Houghton's chlorine price has gone up and that will need to be addressed at budget time.

Councilman Hillman happily volunteered to research the RG&E bills including why there are two Street Lighting accounts and also the actual street lights and which are LED.

The air conditioning for the Fire Department meeting room was discussed and apparently that was not included in the signed contract. Finger Lakes Power Systems says they will do it for an additional \$2000. Mike Unfus is going to check the building permit and see what specifications are on there.

Supervisor Cox questioned the \$800 fee for belonging to the Association of Towns. It was decided that it was a beneficial tool for information and we should continue to be a member.

Supervisor Cox shared the contract from Saputo regarding the new batting cage on the GLF road that they are sponsoring for \$10000. His signature is needed because the

Town will be liable for that money if it is not spent on its intended purpose. Mr. Cox signed the contract.

Councilman Hillman shared with the members present that there was a new gun law beginning in September where it will be unlawful for workers to carry guns while doing their jobs.

At 9:30, Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk