

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
3/21/22**

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

Community present: Maggie Thompson, Rick Smith, Beth Hazelton

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

Rick Smith spoke for a third party regarding a dog issue on Lake Road. According to the Dog Control Officer report submitted to the board on this date, she has been working on the issue.

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

The Supervisor's Report, dated February 2022, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman with the changes in budget codes provided by Highway Superintendent Ace. Councilman DeRock seconded. All in favor Carried

There was no Town Clerk's Report this month.

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

Street Lighting	#03	\$696.12
Water	18-28	\$11,841.87
General	54-74	\$9206.67
Highway	21-36	\$33,361.50

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

The Water Superintendent, Tim Atherton, reported the following:

- Kubota is all back together
- Loaned sump pump to Ken Atherton
- All samples taken were good
- 8 Digsafes
- Meter update – training scheduled for April 25, 26 and 27

- Had generator at the plant checked out
- New water line for Dotty Clarkson – Malcolm Sortore doing the work
- Interested in doing Summer Youth Employment Program again this year
- Helped with installing bingo TV's and cable
- Installed toilet and sink in Library – sink leaking behind the wall – called Glen Cole

Jim Ace, Highway Superintendent, reported the following:

- Had a truck down for two days
- Have no limestone and not getting anymore
- Have the 284 “Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds” ready
- Will reseal Lilly Road
- Intend to do Gleason Hill from New Road to bottom of the hill
- Getting a price on crushing gravel. If not having it crushed, will buy
- CHIPS is all filed and will be receiving money
- Ordered tires from Hess and found never paid for ones ordered in October
- Overhead Doors – 1979 – motors were wearing out – replaced cables, rollers and adjusted
- New truck is in production – supposedly financed through Peterbilt
- Need a roller with water for patching
- Will keep the other roller for the dirt roads
- Will help to remove the cement pad in front of the Town Hall, but will need to hire someone to pour new concrete

Supervisor Cox will write the bid for pouring concrete in front of the Hall and advertise it in the Olean Times Herald.

Councilman DeRock moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the purchase of a new roller with water at a cost of \$35,407. All in favor Carried

Councilman DeRock stated that he has been in contact with a surveyor working on the River Bridge. DeRock is convinced that one lane could be opened on the bridge with a weight limit. He stated that he was going to speak with County officials and will try to get a petition going.

The Main Street tree removal issue was briefly touched upon. Supervisor Cox will look up the name of the person from the State and see if the State will be responsible for fixing the holes once the trees are removed.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Unfus informed the Board that the Town will need an administrative building permit when it comes time to install the new generator that was approved for purchase through American Rescue Fund money.

Mr. Unfus reported the following:

- He completed an in-service training last week
- Cory Burrows working out really well
- The general contractor for the solar project is looking for final certification – need to do a walk through and pushing to have all the fence grounded. A key (lock box) will be provided to first responders
- Stay up on decommissioning bonds
- DEC is trying to get all Town Supervisors updated on Flood Plain Management
- No ramp on Cloverleaf Amish property yet
- Looking for amendments to local codes and administration of code enforcement
- Rich Buck should draw up local law

Adrienne Hill, Tibbetts Hill, is looking for a variance to add an addition to her house. Bo Preston, neighbor, gave written permission to build closer to his property line. She is also demolishing a garage. Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to grant the variance. All in favor Carried

Roger Gold, Fritz Road, is looking for a variance to build a garage next to his cabin 41' off the highway rather than the normal 50'. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to grant the request. All in favor Carried

Beth Hazelton reported for the Belfast Public Library. She said they were ready to apply for a construction grant but are in need of library blueprints. She was told to check with the County Clerk's office and also look for any plaques mounted on the Library itself of when it was originally constructed. Beth also questioned whether or not the Library had lead pipes. She was told that the water could be tested for lead.

Rick Smith left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

The Town Justice audit has been completed and sent to the Justice Fund.

Renting of office space in the hall is in limbo. Councilman Hillman will speak with the town attorney to see if renting space would be a problem.

Supervisor Cox has completed the Canal sign grant and will submit in April.

The Town Clerk was instructed to place an ad in the Olean Times Herald for a Summer Reading/Recreation Director for the summer of 2022 (July) to see if there is any interest.

The Solar Farm contract does have a decommissioning bond for each of the sites.

There was a question as to whether or not there was a deadline to spend ARPA money. So far the Town's plan is to spend on new windows, a generator for the whole building, new fire signs for Gleason Hill and possibly the cement pad in front of the Town Hall.

All Councilmen received a copy of the Annual Report 2021 prepared by Baldwin's.

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Highway	

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Councilman Hillman moved to go into Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to come out of Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. All in favor Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk

