

**TOWN OF BELFAST  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
1-17-2022**

Town Officials Present: Mike Hillman, Andy Chamberlain, Josh Cole, David DeRock, David Cox, Patty Oliver, Jim Ace, Mike Unfus, Tim Atherton

Community Present: David Stivick, Rick Smith

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

Rick Smith expressed a concern regarding a dog problem on Lake Road and failure of the dog control officer to be of any help. Supervisor Cox will talk with the dog owner.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2021 meeting. All in favor Carried

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2021 meeting. All in favor Carried

Councilman Hillman made the motion and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Reorganization minutes. All in favor Carried

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve payment of the bills as presented:

General	#1-28	\$17,526.16
Highway	#1-20	\$14,047.03
Street Lighting	#1	\$702.96
Water	#1-9	\$3547.25

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

The Supervisor's Report, dated December 2021, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor Carried

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

The Water Report contained the following information:

- All samples were good
- Plowing and salting when needed
- Keeping up with everyday jobs
- 7 Dig Safes marked
- New handheld is here
- Waiting on computer programming from WilliamsonLaw
- Reading meters getting harder
- Water tanks tested good on chl
- Helped Caneadea with a water leak on Route 19
- Christmas trees and decorations down and put away
- Working on inventory and December reports
- Filing last year's reports away
- Cleaning around plant
- Calls on two frozen water lines – their side, but helped them out
- Some streets were not plowed because the small tractor could not get through

Highway Superintendent Ace reported:

- All machines serviced and ready to go
- Office cleaned and hoed out
- Gleason Hill from New Road to Route 19, Lenny Preston checking – looking to put in larger pipe to stop erosion
- Legislators may be at March meeting to discuss River Bridge

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to approve the Highway Mutual Aid Agreement by Resolution 1-2022. (attached)

Highway Superintendent Ace opened two bids for fuel, Short's and Rinker's. Short's bid came in at 2.405/gal for no lead gas and 2.52/gal for diesel. Rinker's was 2.8314/gal for no lead and 2.8914/gal for diesel. Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman DeRock seconded to go with the Short's bid. Mr. Ace will contact Short's and insist that delivery of fuel be consistent so they will not run out before the next delivery.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Unfus reported that a building permit has been issued to the Amish at no cost so they could build a ramp on the mid-wife's house for easier access when and if an ambulance is needed. A single family dwelling on Loftis Road is on wet lands and the permit is being issued through DEC.

Cory Burrows has been hired as a new Code Officer. Kevin Margerum will be in the Rushford Office most of the time and Mike and Cory out in the field.

David Stivick, Belfast Library representative, reported that there will be an open house at the Library on January 27 from 5-8 p.m. Tours will run at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. Covid test kits were distributed by the Belfast Library last week, but further information will not be available until after their scheduled Board Meeting.

Councilman DeRock and Councilman Cole volunteered to do the Justice Audit. This needs to be done by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Supervisor Cox informed the Board that the Association of Towns Annual Meeting will be held in Albany in February. There seemed to be no interest in attending.

Supervisor Cox made the Board aware of correspondence received from Mary Dedrick who has a cabin on Gleason Hill. Gleason Hill Fire Code numbers are duplicate and confusing, with “north” and “west” being used to differentiate duplicate numbers. Mr. Unfus stated that Russ Hall is working on the issue and the Town Clerk was asked to e-mail Ms. Dedrick that the issue was being addressed.

Councilman DeRock offered and Councilman Hillman seconded to approve Resolution 2-2022 whereas individuals who received tax exemptions last year will automatically receive the same exemptions this year with no need to reapply. (Resolution attached)  
All in favor                      Carried

Trees on Main Street were briefly touched upon. If the trees are removed, what will they be replaced with. Is this a State issue or a Town issue. Should the bricks be removed; should it just be replaced with solid concrete; business owners responsibility; can ARP money be used?

Dissatisfaction with the current Dog Control Officer was discussed and the consensus was to ask the assistant DCO if she was ready and willing to take charge. Supervisor Cox will contact her.

The Water Emergency Plan needs to be updated with Supervisor's Cox name and phone number. Tim will do that.

There is a call into the insurance office to make sure the correct folks are bonded on our policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver, Town Clerk