

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
5-16-2022 REGULAR MEETING**

Town officials present: Mike Hillman, Josh Cole, Andy Chamberlain, David DeRock, Mike Unfus, Tim Atherton, Jim Ace, Jr., Patty Oliver

Absent: David Cox

Others present: Thomas Yackeren, Ashley Yackeren, Brent Taylor-Gughiocello, Joe Bossie (from Supato Foods), Randa Harrington, Jeff Harrington, Maggie Thompson, Jon Barney

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Bossie from Supato Foods was looking for approval from the Board to install a new batting cage/area at the Community Little League Field on GLF Road. The company will do all the work and there will be no cost to the Town. He did ask about millings and Jim Ace stated he could supply that. The project will begin in the fall. Belmont and Almond were also chosen for this "Home Run Project". Councilman DeRock moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve. All in favor Carried
Mr. Bossie left the meeting at 7:17.

Jeff Harrington presented a sketch of a new gas pump island he is anticipating installing at Harrington's Grocery Store. While no variance is needed, he wanted to inform the Board of his intentions and the fact that he has studied the flow of traffic in and out by Route 19 and all will be good. Code Enforcement Officer Mike Unfus had no problems. The consensus of the Board was this is a good thing. Jeff would like to get started as soon as possible.

Councilman DeRock moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve the April 18, 2022 minutes. All in favor Carried

The April bills were approved with the changes by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. Roll call was taken:

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

Street Lighting	05	\$697.33
Highway	77-91	\$64,357.86
General	100-119	\$4752.57
Water	38-49	\$11,381.04

The Supervisor's Report, dated April 2022, was approved by a motion from Councilman Cole and a second from Councilman DeRock. All in favor Carried

The Town Clerk's Report dated April 2022 for the March 2022 accounts was accepted by a motion from Councilman DeRock and a second from Councilman Chamberlain. All in favor Carried

Water Superintendent Atherton provided the following information in his report:

- All mowers are together and working
- Mowing park and ball field twice a week
- All samples taken are good
- Class on April 25, 26 and 27 to use new water equipment
- Chris Schmitz cannot get date on meter endpoints
- Flushed all hydrants in town
- 17 Digsafes
- Put new lock on Historical building
- Called Emergency Power Systems to service and check out the generator at plant
- 7861 Loftis Road – new water line put in for Dotty Clarkson and meter is in
- Elizabeth Lingenfelter from Summer Youth Employment Program wondered if we were interested in participating this year. Looking for two kids
- Frank Guglietta, 7 E. Hughes, water on and check for leaks
- Jim Schneider from BCS called about water bill at 42 South ball field – girls bathroom toilet was running – all set now
- Robin Kasic, 92 Sherman, had low pressure on hot side, cold is good and 101 South St. showed leak in trailer somewhere
- Put flower pots out on Main Street
- Helped put up banners

Mr. Atherton requested approval of purchase of 12 meter endpoints at a cost of \$130.25 each in order to replace ones that do not read. Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve this purchase. All in favor Carried

Councilman asked Mr. Atherton about freshening up the Town Park before Memorial Day. Councilman DeRock volunteered to pressure wash the gazebo and Councilmen Chamberlain and Hillman volunteered to pressure wash the slide. As for replacing a spring toy in the park or adding other toys, it was suggested that maybe BABA or the Lions Club would be willing to help finance. The park needs new posts and rope as well, but that may not get done before Memorial Day.

It was suggested that during the ceremony on Memorial Day, the playground and slide area be taped off while the ceremony is in progress as a courtesy and show of respect for the speakers.

James Ace, Jr., Highway Superintendent, had this to offer for the Highway Department:

- Broken grader – 1985 and parts are obsolete. Caneadea and Angelica will help out for the time being
- Only \$12,000 left in budget for tires for the winter
- GradeAll is down
- Lots of grants circulating if we had a grant writer
- New truck is in Angelica – will have in less than 60 days. Must pay the first payment (\$47,000) at time of delivery – 6 equal payments and a dollar at the end
- Fuel tanks passed testing
- Bridges all washed
- Gleason – will get something on it before Memorial Day. If something needs to be done every week, will just close the road

Mike Unfus, Code Enforcement Officer offered:

- Issuing building permits
- Corey Burrows half way through his training
- Order of Remedy issued to King and South St. residents – garbage issue
- Plaquered trailer on 305 – uninhabitable situation and need alternative housing
- 305 Amish ramp not started – really not required so no action he can take
- Town of Burns and Town of Almond talking about joining consortium
- Solar field has a final sign-off to produce power

Harringtons and Jon Barney left the meeting at 8:17.

Concrete slab in front of the Town Hall will be torn up on May 24th and poured with new cement on May 25th.

The Library was not represented but sent a report that a Request for Proposal to architectural and engineering firms has been sent and 4 proposals have been returned. This is something needed in order to complete the grant process.

Crystal Austin, DCO, turned in a short report regarding some dog issues she is working on. Caneadea dog shelter inspection report, dated 5/2/22, came back as “unsatisfactory”.

There was no new information regarding the bench in memory of Walt Lindsley that the Lion’s Club wants to place in the Town Park.

Ashley Yackerren stated that Ralph Wilson supports many grants and would be a good source to contact.

Correspondence from RG&E was quickly reviewed with the savings from LED lighting being far less than what was anticipated. Councilman Hillman will review past RG&E bills.

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman Chamberlain seconded to approve Allegany County as lead agency for SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review). All in favor
Carried

Information on the Southern Tier West Conference at Houghton College on June 9 was distributed to Board members and they were asked to let the Town Clerk know if they were interested in attending.

At 8:45 p.m., Councilman Hillman moved to go into executive session to review personnel issues. Councilman Cole seconded. Tim Atherton was invited to stay.

At 9:03, Councilman DeRock moved and Councilman Cole seconded to come out of executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 by a motion from Councilman DeRock and a second by Councilman Chamberlain. All in favor Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk