

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
10-17-2022**

Town officials present: Mike Hillman, Andy Chamberlain, Josh Cole, David DeRock (arrived at 7:10), David Cox, Patty Oliver, Jim Ace, Mike Unfus, Jeremy Marsh

Towns people present: Michelle Calanni, Amanda Preston, Kayloni Dziedzic, Beth Hazelton

Also present: Justin Bennett, Samantha Curran from BBS

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

Amanda Preston inquired about the progress of the potential “moritorium” that was suggested at last board meeting to prevent the sale of a residence to be used as a halfway house for addicts. Both Councilman Hillman and Code Enforcement Officer Mike Unfus has been in touch with lawyer Dave Pullen’s office, but had heard nothing back at the time of this meeting. Once again, Mike Unfus offered that the Town, through a Planning Board (which we do not have), could institute a local law for light zoning (dividing the town into districts), and issue variances. Mike Unfus will keep trying to get answers from Pullen’s office and perhaps can make an appointment for both he and Councilman Hillman to have a sit down with the lawyer.

Supervisor Cox stated that Amy Lehman of the Rockville Lake issue has extended an invitation to anyone interested to meet at 11:00 a.m. on October 22nd at the Lake to take a look at the dam which is in need of repair.

The minutes of the September 19, 2022 meeting were accepted by a motion from Councilman Chamberlain and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor Carried

Payment of the September bills was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Chamberlain.

General	202-221	\$8557.04
Street Lighting	10	\$734.51
Highway	142-153	\$31902.18
Water	96-104	\$1850.20

Hillman-aye, Cole-aye, Chamberlain-aye, Cox-aye, DeRock-abstain (didn’t have time to review)	4-aye	1 abstain	Carried
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The Town Clerk's Report, dated September 2022 for the August accounts, was approved by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second by a motion from Councilman DeRock. All in favor Carried

The Water District Report from Superintendent Marsh contained the following:

- Mowing lawns and weedeating
- 9 Udig notices
- Turned off water at several places
- Attended Water training
- Got quotes on cutting trees in Park
- Got the mini excavator
- Washed upper windows in vestibule in Town Hall
- Flushed hydrants
- Worked on boiler with Glen Cole in Town Hall
- Checked on new pickups – approximately \$55,000 – need to order soon
- Looked into summer help
- Need to install new shut off Valve on Murray Hill
- Not getting alarms on phone

The Highway Report from Superintendent Ace contained the following:

Grader at Alfred and torn apart

Price from ACME for bearings, seals and oil

Got salt out of Caneadea sheds

Picked up stone for CHIP sealing

Got ½ tires ordered

Put 1 load of gravel at McDonald's Pond and talked to Len Preston about putting in a 4 foot pipe

Beavers a problem again

Installed "low shoulders" signs on Gleason Hill

Collected info on grant for salt shed – can't do anything until June – next budget put in \$138,000 (our share, but will be less if highway does the work)

Articulating bucket will not be here until January

VanAllen Road good now

Highway cannot do anything about vehicles parked on sidewalk and no parking zones. Should call DOT in Friendship or State Police and ask that they issue tickets

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman DeRock seconded to approve Resolution #5-22 to Approve Snow Removal and Ice Control Between County of Allegany and Town of Belfast.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Unfus reported the following:

- Lots of permits issued
- Several letters out for failure to get permits
- 90 Sherman Street – no response and next step is Order of Remedy
- Dollar General driveway – sent Order of Remedy to comply by October 17 – will check
- Place on Tibbetts Hill – Health Department or law enforcement – no cooperation – trying to get property owner contact

Discussed the Solar 10% discount issue on RG&E bills. Certain it is legitimate. Councilman Hillman had a conversation with Dave Norbet, owner of the solar field, but Next Era will be doing day-to-day operations. Someone needs to check into the annual \$25,000 payment the Town is to be receiving. Received once in August of 2021, but nothing since.

Beth Hazelton reported for the Belfast Library. The air conditioner has been seizing up. Jeremy Marsh on top of it. Still working on a grant.

Beth left the meeting at 8:50.

The Dog Control Officer, Crystal Austin Hull, has been picking up dogs and issuing tickets for unlicensed dogs as well as dogs running at large.

The Gleason Hill Road signs are all ready to go and be installed. Just trying to find to time to coordinate everyone and get the job done.

November 3rd was set for Board discussion of the Highway contract.

The Baldwin Business Service contract ending in 12/31/23 was approved by a motion from Councilman DeRock and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor Carried

Supervisor Cox stated he had been in touch with Finger Lakes Power Systems and they had reached a tentative agreement that Finger Lakes would move the generator from the Water Plant to the Town Hall and install it and supply the Water Plant with a new, smaller generator for the money the Town has already paid them for a generator that they haven't been able to deliver. They, in turn, will keep the larger generator they ordered for us. Once again, this is a tentative agreement.

It is too late for the State to remove trees from the sidewalks in town this year. Mr. Engels stated that he may be able to get a permit for the Town Highway to remove the trees. However, there remains the issue of grinding the stumps. Councilman

Chamberlain has taken the lead on this project. Code Enforcement Officer Unfus suggested that every agreement be in writing just to be safe.

Councilman Chamberlain moved and Councilman Cole seconded to adopt the Preliminary Budget as presented with the two changes made at the meeting. Baldwin's will send the revised budget tomorrow. All in favor Carried

The Public Hearing to review the proposed budget was set for November 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The same night was set as a work session for reviewing the Highway contract.

Highway Superintendent Ace requested he be put toward the top of the agenda, especially for winter months, since he has to get up at 3:00 a.m. to check roads.

Councilman Hillman moved and Councilman Cole seconded to approve Resolution 6-22 entitled "Resolution for the New York State Property Tax Reassessment Authorization", with the understanding the Board gets more information and can rescind the Resolution. (see attached)

Michelle Calanni, Amanda Preston and Kayloni Dziedzic left the meeting at 9:30.

Councilman Chamberlain stated that there will be a Waterfront Revitalization Meeting on November 11 at 5:00 at the Belmont Library for anyone wishing to attend.

He has received no word on the LED lighting from RG&E. An estimate for tree removal in the Town Park was briefly touched upon. \$16,000 was the cost to remove one large tree. The consensus was to keep looking for estimates.

Councilman Cole moved and Councilman DeRock seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk

5-22

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE
CONTROL CONTRACT BETWEEN COUNTY OF ALLEGANY
AND TOWN OF BELFAST**

Pursuant to Highway Law Section 135-a

WHEREAS, a Contract has been proposed between the County of Allegany and this town for the removal of snow from County Roads within this Town and for sanding or otherwise treating them for the purpose of removing the danger of snow and ice, and

WHEREAS, the Allegany County Board of Legislators did approve said Contract by Resolution passed on September 14, 2022, and

WHEREAS, this Board feels that the terms and conditions of said Contract are fair and equitable, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposed Snow Removal and Ice Control Contract between the County of Allegany and the Town of Belfast, New York, for each mile contained in Appendix A County Road for the three (3) seasons beginning with the 2022-2023 snow season and ending with the 2024-2025 snow season, are approved.
2. That the Supervisor of this Town is authorized and directed to execute the said Contract in duplicate and the Town Clerk is directed to file one of the duplicate original Contracts in his or her office and to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of the Allegany County Board of Legislators for filing in her office.

State of New York)
County of Allegany) **SS:**
Town of Belfast)

I, PATRICIA OLIVER, Town Clerk of the Town of Belfast, Allegany County, New York **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the preceding resolution with the original thereof filed in my office at 13 MERTON AVE, Allegany County, New York, on the 17th day of October, 2022, and that the same is true and correct copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

IN TESTIMONY HEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Town of Belfast this 17th day of October, 2022.

(TOWN SEAL)

Patricia Oliver
Town Clerk of the Town of
Belfast, Allegany County, New York