

**TOWN OF BELFAST  
MINUTES  
7-19-22 REGULAR MEETING**

Town Representatives Present: Mike Hillman, Andy Chamberlain, Josh Cole, David Cox, Patty Oliver, Jim Ace Jr., Mike Unfus, Tim Atherton

Representatives absent: David DeRock

Town Residents Present: Beth Hazelton, Rick Smith

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

The June 20, 2022 minutes were accepted by a motion from Councilman Hillman and a second from Councilman Cole. All in favor Carried

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

General:	145-167	\$7693.65
Street Lighting	07	\$697.92
Highway	115-125	\$201,671.00
Water	59-68	\$4079.27

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

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

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

Water Superintendent Tim Atherton reported the following:

- Keeping up on lawns and weed eating
- All samples are good
- 14 Udig notices
- Outside drains for air conditioners are done except for one
- Spoke with Kim Barton about generator. He will take a look when he has time
- Fixed rear tire on zero turn and steering on cub cadet

- Replacing outlet covers in park
- Summer Youth started July 5: Jonathan Webb-Aylor and Daemon Cobb
- Met chlorine truck on Rt. 219
- Replaced swing seats in park
- Hedges at Library are trimmed
- Main St. is weed eaten
- Water off at 6 Sherman – may need to dig up

There was discussion regarding fixing the generator or trying to sell “as is” and how much it might be worth.

Highway Superintendent Jim Ace reported the following:

- Done with ditching
- CHIPS money came in
- Might patch this fall
- Passed around prices for new/used grader
- Using County grader for two weeks
- Working on next year’s budget

Mike Unfus, Code Enforcement, reported:

- 108 S. Main has been mowed
- Across the street from 108 S. Main has been addressed for garbage and unregistered motor vehicles (man was not pleasant)
- Solar Field up and running and getting bugs out
- Harrington’s ready to install a sign advertising gas sales
- Tibbetts Hill – animal and multiple violations

Beth Hazelton represented the Belfast Library. Nothing new to report, but stated that the Taste of Belfast will be held on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Spring toy in the park was discussed. Have checked multiple places and no one has a lion so will go with something else and order soon.

Curt Crandall has been notified for the second time that the slab for the bench in the park in memory of Walt Lindsley is ready and waiting.

Lenny from the Teamsters met today with the Highway crew regarding negotiations for the new contract.

There was discussion regarding moving money from the Museum budget item to the Historical budget item as no one is sure what/why there is a Museum item.

The new Gleason Hill road signs have been installed and we're waiting on the fire numbers. They should be here in a week or so. It was assumed most posts would be reusable, so none were ordered.

The second shot of ARPA money hasn't been received yet.

Rick Smith left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

It's time to review the budget and get ready to create the 2023 budget. Councilmen were asked to look over the present budget and make recommendations for next year.

Councilman Hillman had a long conversation with Joe Curcio regarding the trees on Main Street. Councilman Hillman has contacted John Engells out of Friendship who stated the State could remove 6 trees at a time. However, because this issue is more than a year old and Town leadership has changed, a new resolution needs to be made stating the Town is in favor of removing the trees. Mike Unfus agreed to contact Rick Buck for any liability issues and for wording for the new resolution.

Jim Ace stated that Tom Yackerren agreed he'd be willing to get a Pesticide Certification License in order to spray chemical weed killer on sidewalks and along fence lines. He will check into it.

Mike Unfus suggested that a new line item be added to next year's budget for updating local laws.

Jim Ace offered for Ryan Powers, Union Representative for the Highway Department, to check into whether or not the Town's new employee, Jeremy Walsh, can be insured through the Teamsters. If not, the Town will have to find some independent health insurance for him.

At 9:05 Councilman Hillman moved to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Cole seconded. All in favor Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Oliver  
TownClerk

