

TOWN OF BELFAST

REORGANIZATION MEETING

1/5/2026

Present: Andy Chamberlain, David Jennings, Dixie Middaugh, Steve Bedwell, Rick Smith, Mary Beth Arnold

Others Present: Sheila Bedwell, James Ace Jr, Michael Unfus

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Chamberlain and all stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call of Town Board Members (Welcome Mr. Steve Bedwell)

The oath of office book for upcoming terms was signed by David Jennings, (Councilman) Andrew Chamberlain, (Supervisor) Steve Bedwell, (Councilman) James Ace Jr. (Highway Superintendent) and Mary Beth Arnold (Town Clerk/Tax Collector.)

The following Board of Assessment Review members will be required to sign the Oath of Office book as soon as possible – Amanda Preston, Kevin Margerum and Mike Unfus. Mr. Jeff Harrington will be required to sign the Oath of Office book as a new member of the planning board.

Note of Interest - all the following appointed positions are for a one year term

List of Appointed and Elected Officials of the Town of Belfast

- Town Supervisor	Andrew Chamberlain
- Deputy Town Supervisor	David Jennings
- Councilman	David Jennings
- Councilman	Rick Smith
- Councilman	Steven Bedwell
- Councilwoman	Dixie Middaugh
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Mary Beth Arnold
- Deputy Town Clerk	Christine Petrie
- Town Justice	Honorable Dawn Young
- Court Clerk	Elizabeth Ciobanu
- Town Attorney	Matthew Rosenbaum Esq.
- Highway Superintendent	James Ace Jr.
- Deputy Highway Superintendent	Thomas Yackerren
- Water Superintendent	Damien Dahill

- Town Historian	Wende Kenyon
- Dog Control Officer	Crystal Hull
- Code Enforcement – MACE	Cory Burrows, Mike Unfus, Owen Potter
- Tax Assessor	Dustin Snyder
- Accounting/Payroll	Baldwin's Business Services
- Financial Institution	Community Bank NA
- Official Newspaper	Olean Times Herald
- Town Insurance Agency	Lawrence Dye Insurance (Agent – Lee James)

Roll call vote of all Board Members present to accept list as presented -

Supervisor Chamberlain – aye, Councilman Jennings – aye, Councilman Smith – aye
Councilman Bedwell -aye Councilwoman Middaugh – aye

All in Favor

Carried

Declarations for the year 2026

-The Town Board declares that all regular town board meetings throughout the year 2026 will be held at 7 o'clock pm on the third Monday of each month, in the town hall, in the Town of Belfast.

- The Town Board declares that all regular planning board meetings throughout the year 2026 will be held at 7 o'clock pm on the second Monday of each month, in the town hall, in the Town of Belfast.

- The Town Board declares that the official web page of the Town of Belfast is – **belfastny.gov**

- The Town Board declares that all items to be added to the Agenda must be submitted to the Town Clerk by noon on the Saturday before the scheduled Town Board meeting.

Resolution 001-26 – The Town Board shall enter into an agreement with the County of Allegany, known as Highway Law 284 Agreement. This agreement is for the expenditure of highway monies for repair and improvement of town highways. All board members need to review and sign said agreement

- Motion made by Councilman Jennings, seconded by Councilman Smith

All in Favor

Carried

Resolution 002-26 – The Town Board shall agree to delegate the powers and duties of Administration and Supervision of the Town of Belfast, to the acting Town Supervisor for the year 2026.

- Motion made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Bedwell

All in Favor

Carried

Resolution 003-26 – The Town Board shall approve the procurement of a Blanket Policy of Undertaking from the Lawrence Dye Insurance Agency of Cuba NY Public Officers Law, 11 (2) provides that in lieu of any individual undertaking as required by law, the town board may approve the procurement of a blanket undertaking from any duly authorized corporate surety covering officers, clerks and employees of the town. By entering into this policy, it shall indemnify against losses caused by the failure of the officers or employees to faithfully perform their duties or by their fraudulent or dishonest acts.

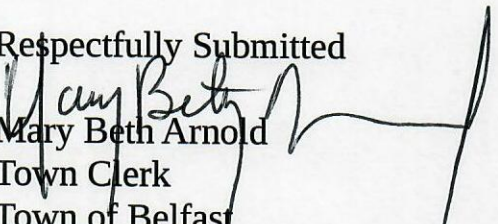
-- Motion made by Councilman Jennings, seconded by Councilman Smith
All in Favor Carried

Next Meeting date and time – January 19th, 2026 at 7pm.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilman Smith. Seconded by Councilwoman Middaugh
All in Favor Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38pm

Respectfully Submitted


Mary Beth Arnold
Town Clerk
Town of Belfast