

9/21/2026

TOWN OF BELFAST

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Town Officials present: Andrew Chamberlain, Rick Smith, Steve Bedwell, David Jennings, Mike Unfus, Damien Dahill, James Ace Jr., Mary Beth Arnold, Crystal Hull

Community members present: Wende Kenyon, Paul Kenyon, Robert Mackmer, Sheila Bedwell, Brent Kelly

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

The Aug 17, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes were presented and accepted by a motion from Councilman Smith and a second from Councilman Bedwell.

All in favor

Carried

Town Residents and visitor's questions and concerns: None

Payment of the September Bills was approved by a motion from Councilman Smith and a second from Councilman Bedwell.

Rick Smith – aye, Andy Chamberlain -aye, , David Jennings – aye Steve Bedwell-aye

All in Favor

Carried

General – 135-152	\$15,526.33
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Water – 061 – 070	\$25,168.60
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Street Lighting – 8	\$958.82
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The Town Supervisor's Report, dated August 2026 was approved by a motion from Councilman Bedwell and a second from Councilman Jennings.

All in Favor

Carried

The Town Clerk's Report, dated June 30, for the June 2026 accounts, was accepted by a motion from Councilman Jennings and a second from Councilman Bedwell.

All in favor

Carried

Damien Dahill's Water report contained the following:

- See attached Water Department Monthly Report
- Councilman Jennings questioned Damien as to whether all the lead pipe questions had been addressed and Damien responded that they had been.
- Board gave Damien authorization to place the order for the new Water/Parks Dept truck to be purchased in 2027

Jim Ace's Highway Report contained the following:

- See attached Highway Department Monthly Report
- The funds to fix the parking lot at the site of the Mix trailer will be taken from the General Fund. The problem of the cable between the two power poles needs to be addressed as soon as possible.
- Work on the Crawford Creek Bridge is progressing. If we have not received an invoice from the county prior to December 1st the county will be contacted.

Mike Unfus, Code Enforcement Officer was present to discuss items on the monthly MACE report.

- See attached Monthly Activity Report
- Last month's MACE meeting went well
- New fine structure for not applying for permits is based on homeowner vs contractor/commercial application. Homeowners will have 5 business days to obtain a permit after notification, after 5 business days and up to 10 days, permit fee doubles, after 10 business days permit fee triples. Contractor/Commercial Contractor the permit fee will triple after notification from the MACE officer.

Belfast Public Library Report

- Robert Mackmer reported that everything is running smoothly at the library
- Summer concert series was well received and The Taste of Belfast netted the library around \$1100.00 including donations
- A Buffalo Bills quilt, made by Brenda Sisson, will be raffled as the next fund raiser
- A new trustee is still needed.

Dog Control Report

- Caneadea kennel failed inspection, the USDA grace period is still in effect. Due to flooding issues the DCO is not optimistic that the problems can be resolved
- The FOIL request on the dog bite issue on Hughes Street has been fulfilled

Planning Board Report

- BESS Law will addressed at next month's meeting, the SEQR will be completed tonight.
- Data Center law is the next thing the Planning Board will be working on, then the Land Use Law.
- Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that the New York State moratorium on Data Centers only covers centers over 50 Kilowatts, so addressing the potential of smaller Data Center Companies trying to build in the Town of Belfast is still an important issue.

Historical Society Report/Town Historian Report

- See attached Monthly Activity Report
- They thanked the board for the help with flooring installation at the Historical Museum
- The water damage at the museum has turned into a much larger issue than was first thought. VP Josh Cole has applied to the Ralph Wilson foundation for funding and other members are going to work with the Area Foundation in Belvidere for additional support.
- The Historical Society/Museum will be closed until these issues are resolved.

Old Business

- A motion was made by Councilman Jennings and seconded by Councilman Smith to increase the purchase offer on the property at 50 Main Street to not more than \$85,000.00. The financial institution who has expressed interest in coming into the building is working through the steps with the state and seem optimistic that this will be successful

Supervisor Chamberlain – aye, Councilman Jennings – Aye, Councilman Bedwell, Nay, Councilman Smith – Aye motion carried

- Parking Lot will be painted tomorrow by County DPW

New Business

- Parts 2 & 3 of the “Proposed Local Law 007-26, (BESS) and related SEQR questions were completed and signed
- Motion was made by Councilman Jennings and seconded by Councilman Bedwell to approve Local Law 008-2026 overriding the 2% tax cap.

All in Favor

Carried

- Motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Bedwell to approve Resolution 019-26 to set a date of October 20, 2026 to Re-levy Past Due Water bills.
All in favor Carried
- A Public Hearing was set for October 19, 2026 at 6:30pm to discuss the 2027 budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm by a motion from Councilman Bedwell and a second from Councilman Smith

All in favor Carried

Next Regular Meeting Date will be October 19, 2026 at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mary Beth Arnold

Town Clerk

Belfast Water Dept. Monthly Report

August, 2026

- Mowed and weed whacked.
- Flushed dead ends
- Service line fixed at 6 south street.
- Found and fixed a big leak. Line going to 7928 rt 19 across from angle St. Saved almost 30,000 gallons a day.
- Fixed Stenner pump at valve building.
- Helped clean up sidewalk by cemetery in town.
- Getting prices for new truck. Both trucks take at least 3 months to come in.

(Basil Chevrolet) 2027 Chevy 2500 – \$51,362
(Emerling Ford) 2027 Ford F-250 – \$45,593
- 4 dig notices.
- Cleaned up park after Bel-fest.
- Summer help done.
- Removed all ALFX leak sensors and sent them back. Waiting on refund.
- Bolted safety brackets over garage door sensors at firehall.
- Removed banners on town hall.
- Water class in Hammondsport.

HIGHWAY DEPT

1. INSTALLED DRIVEWAY PIPES
2. COUNTY STARTED CRAWFORDCREEK BRIDGE #8-13
3. PUT SHOULDERS ON THE ROADS WE PAVED
4. GRADING ROADS
5. FINISHED MOWING
6. CLEANING DITCHES
7. CLEANED UP DOWNED TREES
8. SKID PAVED SHALLER, AND RAMSEY ROADS
9. SWEPT ROADS WE SEALED
10. FIXED TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT
11. REPLACED TRACTOR SIGN, AND POST ON CRAWFORDCREEK
12. PUT NEW SIGNS UP ON HUGHES STREET FOR THE GREENWAY
13. OPENED GLEASON HILL, 200 TONS OF GRAVEL = \$2,600.00, 40 TONS OF MILLINGS
14. WORKED FOR OTHER TOWNS, AND THE COUNTY

② When do we have to pay? Dec. 2026 (call for bill around Dec 1st)
* Jimmy calling him tomorrow.

September 21, 2026

Meetings Attended:

1. August 17, Belfast Town Board
2. August 27, 2026 Roundtable - Crossroads
3. Sept. 14, 2026 meeting with school district Administration and B.H.S. members to offer to collaborate efforts to interest students in local history.

9/19/26 Attended G.A.H.W.N.Y. Conference in East Aurora

Phone Conversation with Karen Russell , Letchworth Park Representative concerning an Indian artifact Collection belonging to the Family of Domenic Curcio. The family had offered it to the Park, but they are not able to accept it and wanted to know if we were interested in having it. I reached out to Curcio family and agreed to accept this collection. Details to be worked out

Respectfully submitted



Wende Kenyon Town of Belfast, N. Y. Historian

Accts for Aug

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FORM NO. 1002-N

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF Belfast, NEW YORK
TO THE SUPERVISOR:

DATE: Sept 1, 20 26

Pursuant to Section 27, Subd. 1, of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all fees and moneys received by me in connection with my office, during the month above stated, excepting only such fees and moneys in application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by law:

Conservation Licenses - DECALS

Commission \$

Marriage Licenses No. None to

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Marriage Certificates

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Marriage Transcripts

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Registrar Fees

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Migratory Bird Stamps

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A 1255 TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES \$

A 1010 - 1090 REAL PROPERTY TAXES \$ INTEREST and PENALTIES \$

A 2001 PARK and RECREATION CHARGES

A 2110 ZONING FEES \$ A 2115 PLANNING FEES \$

A 2530 GAMES OF CHANCE TOWN SHARE.....LICENSE \$ FEE \$ TOTAL

A 2540 BINGO TOWN SHARE 3%.....LICENSE \$ FEE \$ TOTAL 20.74

A 2544 DOG LICENSE - SPAYED AND NEUTERED 10.00

DOG LICENSE - UNSPAYED AND UNNEUTERED 20.00

PUREBRED LICENSE

A 2545 OTHER LICENSES

A 2555 BUILDING PERMITS

A 2590 OTHER PERMITS

A 2655 MINOR SALES

A 2770 OTHER UNCLASSIFIED REVENUES

BABA rent 250.00

hail rent 150.00

TOTAL TOWN REVENUES TO SUPERVISOR \$ 446.74

Amount paid to NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER for Games of Chance Licenses

Amount paid to NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER for State Share of Bingo Licenses

Amount paid to NEW YORK STATE D.E.C. for Conservation Licenses - DECALS

Amount paid to COUNTY TREASURER for Dog Licenses

Amount paid to NEW YORK STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT for Marriage Licenses

Amount paid to NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURE & MARKETS for Unspayed / Unneutered Dogs

Amount paid to NEW YORK STATE for Sales Tax on Sale of Dogs

4.00

*Received Payment of these amounts:

TOTAL DISBURSED \$ 450.74

Sept 1 20 26

Arthur D. Channing Supervisor

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF Allegany, TOWN OF Belfast

, being duly sworn, says that I am the Clerk

of the Town of

that the foregoing is a full and true statement

of all Fees and Moneys received by me during the month above stated, excepting only such Fees the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for

by law.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this

day of 20

Mary Beth A Town Clerk

Notary Public

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF SUPERVISOR

To the TOWN BOARD of the

TOWN OF BELFAST

Pursuant to Section 125.2 of the TOWN LAW, I hereby render the following detailed
statement of all moneys received and disbursed by me, as Supervisor, during the
month of August 2026

RECEIPTS	
SOURCE	AMOUNT RECEIVED
GENERAL FUND:	
Franchise Fees	964.07
Clerk Fees	37.50
Interest - Checking	1.36
Interest - NYCLASS	2,122.56
Rental of Hall	150.00
Rental of Fire Hall	1,500.00
Dog Licenses	79.00
Justice Fines & Forfeited Bail	348.25
Refund of Prior Yr.	2,195.00
St Aid, TMA	1,946.00
Total	<u>9,343.74</u>
HIGHWAY FUND:	
Interest - Checking	2.69
Interest - Savings MM	0.65
Interest - NYCLASS	1,961.85
Sale of Scap	1,149.70
Fuel Sales	1,100.02
Total	<u>4,214.91</u>
WATER DISTICT	
Metered Sales	21,573.47
Interest	0.39
Minor Sales - Chlorine	90.00
NYCLASS - Interest	157.80
Total	<u>21,821.66</u>
SPECIAL DISTRICTS:	
	<u>0.00</u>
FUEL ACCOUNT:	
Interest & Earnings	0.44
Total	<u>0.44</u>
Total	35,380.75
DISBURSEMENTS	
Fund or Account	Amount Expended
GENERAL FUND	31,497.60
HIGHWAY FUND	78,390.97
WATER DISTRICT	5,541.17
LIGHT DISTRICT	936.93
Total	116,366.67

Dated: September 17, 2026

Andrew Chamberlain, Supervisor
TOWN OF BELFAST

Activities Report

Date	Inspector(s)	Notes
Building Permit		
8/3/2026	MU	T-Belfast Robert Millerski Monday, August 3·10:00 – 11:00am Here BP for addition on 6322 Black Road
8/3/2026	CBB	T-Belfast Robyn Baldeck BP26-382 Monday, August 3·2:30 – 3:30pm 6716 NY-305 6716 NY-305, Belfast, NY 14711, USA Pole style storage open lean-to
8/3/2026	MU	T-Belfast Robert Millerski Monday, August 3·10:00 – 11:00am Here BP for addition on 6322 Black Road
8/5/2026	LK	T-Belfast Eugene Schuld Wednesday, August 5·1:00 – 1:45pm 6142 Co Rd 17 6142 Co Rd 17, Friendship, NY 14739, USA Site visit for generator install proposed location is on meter side of house at least 18" from structure and at least 5' from any window, vent, door
8/24/2026	CBB	T-Belfast Valerie Godthwait Contractor Danny Troyer Monday, August 24·10:15 – 11:15am 7836 NY-305 7836 NY-305, Belfast, NY 14711, USA Open Deck with railings Building Permit and Hole Depths
Construction Inspection		
8/5/2026	MU	T-Belfast BP26-321 Anytime Wednesday, August 5·12:00 – 1:00pm 7110 County Road 26 7110 County Road 26, Belfast, NY 14711, USA Framing Inspection
8/24/2026	OP	T-Belfast BP26-380 Monday, August 24·1:15 – 2:15pm 6322 Black Rd 6322 Black Rd, Belmont, NY 14813, USA Framing Inspection

Date	Inspector(s)	Notes
Progress Inspection		
8/5/2026	LK	T-Belfast Eli Mast BP26-169 Wednesday, August 5·8:30 – 9:15am 6866 NY-305 6866 NY-305, Belfast, NY 14711, USA Hole Depths for porch addition
8/11/2026	LK	T-Belfast Enos Mast BP26-358 Tuesday, August 11·10:00 – 10:45am 6810 NY-305 6810 NY-305, Belfast, NY 14711, USA Footer before pour inspection. concrete to be there around noon
8/12/2026	LK	T-Belfast Enos Mast BP26-358 Wednesday, August 12·2:00 – 2:45pm 6810 NY-305 6810 NY-305, Belfast, NY 14711, USA Foundation before backfill inspection
8/13/2026	OP	T-Belfast BP26-380 Thursday, August 13·10:00 – 11:00am 6322 Black Road Belfast NY Hole depths for addition
8/24/2026	CBB	T-Belfast David Powers Monday, August 24·10:00 – 11:00am 7802 Crawford Creek Rd 7802 Crawford Creek Rd, Caneadea, NY 14717, USA Foundation before backfill + Framing + Rough plumbi
8/27/2026	LK	T- Belfast BP26-321 Thursday, August 27·9:00 – 10:00am 7110 Co Rd 26 7110 Co Rd 26, Belfast, NY 14711, USA Plumbing Rough
Property Maintenance		
7/31/2026	MU	T-Belfast James Wolfe Friday, July 31·9:00 – 10:00am 24 W Hughes 24 W Hughes, Belfast, NY 14711, USA Order to Remedy- Compliance is Due

Town of Belfast

Resolution 019-26

The Belfast Town Board, at their regular meeting on September 21, 2026 passed Resolution 019-26 to set the date of the delinquent filing of water bills to the County by October 20, 2026.

Motion made by Councilman Smith and Seconded by Councilman Bedwell

Bedwell - Aye

Jennings -Aye

Smith -Aye

Middaugh - Absent

Supervisor Chamberlain -Aye

The motion was carried



Mary Beth Arnold, Town Clerk

Local Law 8-2026

The Town Board of the Town of Belfast, NY County of Allegany, hereby overrides the real property 2% tax levy limit as required by General Municipal Law for the town fiscal year 2027.

Motion Made by Councilman Jennings

Seconded by Councilman Bedwell

Supervisor Chamberlain - Aye

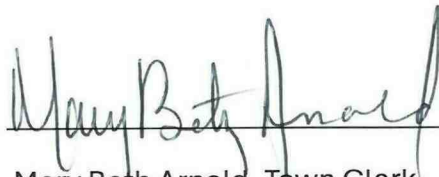
Middaugh - Absent

Jennings - Aye

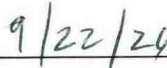
Bedwell - Bedwell

Smith - Aye

The resolution has been adopted.

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Mary Beth Arnold, Town Clerk

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Date