

**TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 18, 2026**

**6 PM**

Supervisor Blouvet calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Supervisor James Blouvet-present

Councilperson: Linda Mascho-absent

Councilperson: Carolyn Carney-absent

Councilperson: Ken Burdick-present

Councilperson: Dave Norton-present

Also present: Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

Assemblage: Brian Blouvet, George Ritter, Ashley Smith, Rachael Jablonski, Lori Hathaway, Kendra Kado, Scott Lanphere, Oakley Sortore, Dawn Wildrick-Cole, B.J. Howe.

Motion to approve the Minutes from February 18, 2026 offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Kenneth Burdick. All approve

Motion to approve the Supervisor's Report for February 2026 offered by Ken Burdick, seconded by Dave Norton. All approve

Motion to approve the Audited Bills for February 2026 in the amount of \$ 44,374.87, offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Ken Burdick.

Roll call:

Ken Burdick: aye

Dave Norton: aye

James Blouvet: aye

**SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS:**

**Houghton Conference June 4<sup>th</sup> for Councilman if they want to attend, let Tiffany know.**

**\* Recycling truck – not needed, motion to sell or discussion on what to do and discussion regarding garbage and picking up mattresses.**

**Supervisor Blouvet stated the Town does not need the Recycling truck because the Town is not picking up recyclables. Would like to put it in the paper for bid/sale for the next meeting. After Board discussion the following motion was set forth:**

**Motion to put the recycling truck up for closed bids in the Towns newspaper, non -collusive sealed bids to be received no later than Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> by 4pm and will be opened on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:05pm, offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Ken Burdick.**

**Letter of Support or not for Banking Development District in Town of Belfast**

**Motion for support for Town of Belfast and for Supervisor Blouvet to sign the letter of support, Offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Ken Burdick. Letter to be sent back to Belfast supervisor. (emailed)**

**Discussion regarding the pickup of mattresses. Highland Landfill charges the Town additional \$35.00 for each mattress, last month the Town had four mattresses the Town was charged for, that the Town cannot recoup. Discussion or if anyone had any suggestions. Supervisor Blouvet stated he knows of a**

garbage Company that if they were picking up the Town's garbage that they take the mattresses at no charge. The Town could charge residents for picking the mattresses, they could pay at the Town hall to pick up.

Another problem the Supervisor advises that if the Town keeps picking up garbage they will have to get a another used truck or a new one. The cost of one from \$140,000(used) to \$299,000(new), or the Town could contract with a Company to pick up the garbage. He stated he is surprised that the garbage truck we now have is still holding together, need to make a decision soon.

Motion to Add additional Lawyer Bobby Abrams,(office in Belfast) and to have Supervisor Blouvet sign contract, offered by Ken Burdick, seconded by Dave Norton. Supervisor Blouvet has spoken with this Attorney he stated the Attorney said that he will not charge for any phone calls made to the Lawyer for any questions. The Supervisor had met with him and thinks he would be good, other surrounding Towns are using him and speaks highly of him.

Prosecuting Dog Cases- DA does not prosecute dog cases, Town Justice unable to, DA stated the Town's Attorney has to prosecute. Discussion on how to proceed. The new Lawyer will be able to handle the dog cases as well as the Code enforcement problems.

Motion to approve Supervisor to sign Job track program agreement- offered by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. After discussion by the Board the Board members wanted more information regarding this. This is tabled until April's meeting.

#### Public Concerns:

Brian Blouvet has property on Blouvet Rd., the Town has a small piece of land that was used a long time ago for water. Brian states he has deeds that specify that the Town "leased the land" good for 99 years. The piece of land he is speaking of is in the tax book as Town property. The Town does not or has not used the land and Brian would like it to all be in his name, it has been in the Blouvet name For generations. Supervisor Bouvet advised that he would have Attorney Abrams look into what the Town needs to do, if anything.

#### Public concerns:

-There was a question by Rachael Jablonski as to when the school speed traffic signs would be up. OIC Howe stated they have the Traffic speed boards they will be put up soon, just waiting for good weather.

-Judge Dawn Wildrick-Cole introduced herself to the Board and assemblage, explained her background, that she was from this area, and was running for County Court Judge and she would appreciate support in the running for the position. She spoke highly of Judge Szcus, and appreciated all he does.

#### Public works/water/sewer-Oakley Sortore:

\*Water system Bid documents- Advertised pre bid meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, had 3 contractors show- they have till April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If they respond the engineers then review bids, then get recommendations & back to sign contract. The Bid documents can be reviewed at the Town hall it is 972 pages.

\*Dealing with the army cores of engineers, still questions. EFC said they do not need anything more, EPA waiting for fund clarification.

\*Waste water grant- Another funding opportunity, finding out if it is worth it at the end of the month.

\*Preliminary report update for WIIA.

\*Call to EFC regarding program.

\*FEMA GENERATORS- Waiting on.

\*Water Customer requesting refund (on 22 E. Water St.)

After Board short discussion and that all residents are treated the same.

The shut off form was not completed or no call was made to officially shut off the water. (note: even if water was requested shut off the resident would still have the cap charges.) Motion to not grant any refund, offered by Ken Burdick, seconded by Dave Norton.

Highway Dept.-Concerns: none Supervisor Blouvet commended the Highway Dept, for doing a great job on the roads.

**Reports Received:**

**Town Clerk Report-February**

- Reminder that the Town Hall Hours will be Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:00 pm started April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.
- Town Clerk is appointing Kristina Carney (included in the Budget) for Deputy Town Clerk for 2026.

**Highway Report-February**

**Water Report**

**Justice Report**

**Dog Control Report**

**Police Dept. Report**

**Code Enforcement Report**

- Landbank closed this week on Main street bldgs, the Burnt building will be closing, waiting for soil samples so they can get a permit.

7:05 Motion to adjourn offered by Dave Norton seconded by Ken Burdick.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Schurr  
Town Clerk