

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 19, 2014**

**TOWN HALL
7:30 P.M.**

Present: Supervisor Martin A. Ballowe, Councilmen Jay P. Boardway, Jeffrey A. Genzel, Gary E. Vara and Lawrence A. Murtha.

Also Present: Town Attorney Kobiolka and Highway Superintendent Telaak.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to schedule a public hearing to hear comments regarding the granting of a franchise to Donald Rachwal to mow, trim and/or cultivate the vacant land owned by the Town of Boston at 8555 Boston State Road for April 16, 2014 at 7:40 p.m.

five (5) Ayes Carried

the following bids were received for the resurfacing and repair on three tennis courts:

Nagle Athletic Surfaces-\$56,000 T&A Solutions-\$27,880 Courts & More-\$27,780

A motion was made by Councilman Vara and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to award the bid to Courts & More for \$27,780.

Supervisor Ballowe	Aye	Councilman Boardway	Aye
Councilman Genzel	Nay	Councilman Murtha	Aye
Councilman Vara	Aye		

four (4) Ayes one (1) Nay Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to authorize Supervisor Ballowe to sign the proposal from General Code for the recodification of the Town of Boston's Code Book at a price of \$11,900.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and seconded by Councilman Murtha to table the minutes of the March 5, 2014 regular meeting.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Murtha and seconded by Supervisor Ballowe, upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills on the Abstract dated March 13, 2014 in the amount of \$374,102.83 be paid.

five (5) Ayes Carried

Supervisor Ballowe noted that the abstract included the first contractual payment to each fire company in the amount of \$80,050.01.

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Received and filed from Erie County Department of Public Works, request for speed limit reduction on Rice Road in the Town of Boston.

The following persons were heard:

Kathy Praczkajlo stated that because of recent police standoff in town, she inquired as to whether there is a phone alert system set up for town residents.

Councilman Boardway stated that there is not a system utilized for that type of issue. He noted that this past incident was not officially in the Town of Boston and the Red Alert System that we investigated last year with Hamburg Dispatch is something that would fit into that kind of thing where a very specific area of people that would have been affected would have been notified, but right now the cost is prohibitive for the amount of times we would use it throughout the year.

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Murtha to approve the Use of Facility Application from Jill Howard for the annual Hamburg Prekindergarten picnic on Friday, June 20, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

Highway Superintendent Telaak reported on the following:

- Brush pick up will begin April 1st, then again on May 1st.
- Stated that if anyone has a complaint about a county road, please call the County Executive Mark Poloncarz.

Councilman Murtha reported on the following.

- Noted that the Speed limit issue on Rice Road was brought to the County's attention in December of 2013 and will be approximately 5 months before an answer is received about the intersection of Rice and Feddick Roads.
- A possible log/Ice jam behind 8013 Back Creek Road was taken care of.

Councilman Genzel reported on the following:

- 91 income surveys for the West Hill have been returned so far, 131 are needed to make it a valid survey. A door-to-door campaign will begin in a week or so to try and collect the balance needed. If a total of 131 is not collected this will be considered a dead project.
- Received letter from DEC approving the Sanitary Sewers application for the Brookfield Patio Home Project.
- Thanked the Boston, North Boston and Patchin Fire Companies for doing their part in protecting our residents during the recent dangerous situation in the town of Concord. Also noted the Boston Emergency Squad was on duty throughout the night with ambulances ready.

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Councilman Boardway reported on the following:

- Planning Board met but did not have a quorum, a work session was held. Volunteers are needed for all our boards.
- Approved the beginning stages of the code book update/recodification
- Safe Act - Resolution passed by the Erie County Legislature prohibiting Erie County from using any county letterhead, seals, logos of the Sherriff's Office on any official correspondence that the state of New York wants to send out.
- Received correspondence from Senator George Maziarz to oppose funding of certain portions of the Safe Act particularly those which would assess fees to registered gun owners, sportsman and consumers.
- Governor Cuomo is on a mission to impose restrictions on Municipalities such as having shared services. This Town Board has done a tremendous job staying under that cap, but the county keeps putting unfunded mandates on our town. He stressed the Town of Boston does their part every day of the week.

Councilman Vara reported on the following:

- Attended the Conservation Advisory Council meeting. Environmental Awareness day is scheduled for 9/20/2014.
- Developing a list of Prescription drug drop off sites.
- Fish dump scheduled for March 25th. 660 brown trout will be dumped at Back Creek Road bridge.

Supervisor Ballowe reported on the following:

- Received monthly reports from the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Dog Control.
- Received a letter from Senator Gallivan regarding possible financial assistance with some of the projects within the town.
- Met with Councilman Genzel to schedule a meeting with the Fire companies and the Emergency Management personnel in town to discuss what can be done to better prepare for emergencies.
- Met with Town Clerk Mulé, Town Attorney Kobiolka and LoriAnn Shura, General Code regarding the update/recodification of the Town of Boston's code book.
- Met with Town Clerk Mulé and Erie County Clerk Chris Jacobs to go over the town's needs and what he can do to help the town.
- We keep taxes low. We had two years of reducing taxes and two years of them staying the same.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and seconded by Councilman Murtha to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

JENNIFER A. MULÉ, TOWN CLERK