

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 21, 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.

Reverend Philip Owen, Berean Free Presbyterian Church opened the meeting with a prayer.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to adopt the minutes of the May 7, 2014 regular meeting.

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

four (4) Ayes (1) one Nay 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 May 15, 2014 in the amount of \$137,546.53 be paid.

five (5) Ayes Carried

The following persons were heard:

Keith Kaszubik, Town of Boston Historian informed the Town Board of discrepancies concerning the Boston Historical Society's leadership, commitments and ability to return phone calls. He also offered to respond to any written requests sent to the Historical Society.

Supervisor Ballowe noted that he spoke with Historical Society President Katharine Prackajlo about the telephone calls and asked to forward any correspondence that cannot be answered in a timely manner to the Historian, Keith Kaszubik.

Karl Simmeth, representative of Assemblyman David DiPietro presented Town Clerk Mulé with a New York State Assembly Citation recognizing the week of May 4 through May 10, 2014 as Municipal Clerk's Week. He also shared that the Town of Marilla's Historical Society is located within the municipal building which provides ample parking for all.

Supervisor Ballowe stated the town board does see a need to preserve the history of the town, and realizes the current building is old and does not fit the needs of the town's history any longer.

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A motion was made by Councilman Murtha and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to schedule the bid opening for the Eighteen Mile Creek Selective Clearing for Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 10 a.m.

five (5) Ayes Carried

Councilman Murtha also noted that there will be a pre-bid walkthrough on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 am at the intersection of Back Creek and Patchin Roads.

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and seconded by Councilman Boardway, on the recommendation of Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson, to approve the Second Accessory request from Karl Simmeth, 6678 Meadowbrook Drive.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and seconded by Councilman Vara, on the recommendation of Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson, to approve the Second Accessory request from Ross Korhummel, 7130 Liebler Road.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and seconded by Councilman Murtha, on the recommendation of Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson, to approve the Second Accessory request from John Schlenker, 5172 Shero Road.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Vara and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to schedule a bid opening for the Boston Telephone System Upgrade project for Monday, June 2, 2014 at 10 am.

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

four (4) Ayes (1) One Refused Carried

Highway Superintendent Telaak reported on the following:

- Brush pick up is complete. Will begin again September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Requested permission to purchase a new truck for the Highway Superintendent. He would like to pass his current truck down to the Parks Department.

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A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to allow Highway Superintendent Telaak to purchase a new truck by using the NYS Bid list.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

- Highway Superintendent Telaak requested that the Town of Boston put the Erie County Highway Department on notice for unsafe county roads, shoulders, ditches and trees within the Town of Boston.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Murtha to have Town Attorney Kobiolka notify the Erie County Highway Department about the condition of the county roads in the Town of Boston.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

- Highway employees fixed up the damage to the ball field at the North Boston Park where an emergency helicopter landing took place. They also repaired the driveway.

Councilman Murtha reported on the following.

- Met with Erie County Soil and Water and is working on resident erosion problems.

Councilman Genzel reported on the following:

- Received and will now review with Town Attorney Kobiolka the North Boston Fire Companies updated contractual obligation book.
- A fire hydrant on Keller Road will be repaired tomorrow.
- Soliciting Bids for 911 Response for Power Line Road.
- As Engineering Liaison, met with Town Engineer Hannon. Bid opening for the Football field drainage project will be, Thursday, May 29, 2014. Soccer fields at South Boston Park will be bid out. In plan production for the bathroom at the North Boston Park and the salt barn storage area.
- Need 39 more income surveys for the water district improvement project.
- Town Band will play at 8 p.m. on July 4th for the fireworks celebration. Anyone wishing to donate to the fireworks display may do so at Supervisor Ballowe's office.
- Working on tweaking the eligibility requirements for the Firemen benefit program.
- Under new rules, payments from Volunteer fire company service award program, After the firemen reaches 59½ they will no longer be subject to the state income tax for that money.
- Tai Chi classes will be held on Tuesday's, at 10 am, starting May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Boston Town Hall. These classes are sponsored by the Erie County Department of Senior Services. There is no cost for this class. To register call Lisa Rood 858-7733.
- Looking for quality members to all of our boards. Send a letter of interest to Town Clerk, Jennifer A. Mulé.

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Councilman Boardway reported on the following:

- Drainage and crowning project on the football fields.
- Confusion regarding our youth baseball. The Town of Boston leagues have moved to the Village of Hamburg Recreation Department, not the Town of Hamburg.
- Hamburg School Board elections and budget were voted upon last night.

Councilman Vara reported on the following:

- Attended Conservation Advisory Council meeting last night. Environmental Awareness Day will be September 20, 2014.
- Participants for NYS Stay Fit Dining Lunches are needed.
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop off Day will be Saturday, June 14, 2014 at Erie Community College, South from 9am-2pm.
- Waiting for the weather to break to have the tennis courts resurfaced.
- Ordered goals for the South Boston Playground.
- Fishing Derby was highly successful, over 105 registered participants. He noted that tables will be provided to the Conservation Advisory Council.

Supervisor Ballowe reported on the following:

- Received monthly reports from Town Clerk, Code Enforcement and Dog Control.
- Great turnout at the Fishing Derby.
- Received a thank you letter from the Maplewood Cemetery Association.
- Recreation Director has applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$1,682 from Erie County Youth Bureau and \$500 from Art Services Initiative of WNY. Also applied to the USTA for tennis equipment and lessons.
- Friday Night Recreation a success.
- Working on putting up a shelter behind the Recreation Center for the Children.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and seconded by Councilman Boardway to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

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**JENNIFER A. MULÉ, TOWN CLERK**