

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2013**

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

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

Also Present: Town Attorney Kobiolka and Highway Superintendent Telaak.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and seconded by Councilman Murtha to adopt the minutes of the October 2, 2013 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 October 10, 2013 in the amount of \$123,073.57 be paid.

five (5) Ayes Carried

Received and filed NYS DEC Water Quality Certification on the Brookfield Residential Project.

**RESOLUTION 2013-15                      ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT REQUESTS**

**Councilman Genzel** presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, following the Public Hearing of October 2, 2013 which was held at the Boston Town Hall for suggestions by the public for projects to be submitted for funding,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Boston Town Board submits the following projects to be considered for funding by the Erie County Community Development Block Grant Program during the 2014-15 grant cycle:

1<sup>st</sup> Priority - Boston Cross Road Storm Drain Extension Project Phase II; and

2<sup>nd</sup> Priority - Rural Transit Service.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY**, that the Boston Town Board authorizes Martin A. Ballowe, Town Supervisor, to sign, submit and execute a contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) Program for the cited projects upon approval of the ECCDBG.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Boston Town Board provides a 50% (\$111.475) match for the Boston Cross Road Storm Drain Extension Project Phase II, which has a total estimated cost of \$222,950 using cash from the A8745.4 line item and Highway Department force account labor from the D5110.1 line item.

Seconded by **Councilman Boardway** and put to a vote this resulted as follows:

**AYES:            5**

**NOES:           0**

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**RESOLUTION 2013-16**

**UNPAID BILLS**

**Supervisor Ballowe** presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Boston Town Board does hereby request that the Boston Assessor and Erie County Finance Department place the following Unpaid Bills on the 2014 Tax Roll:

Water Bills:

<b>SBL#</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Amount</b>
258.10-1-34	7072 Boston Cross Rd	\$ 30.84
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258.06-3-5.1	9325 Boston State Rd	\$ 46.73
212.00-2-45	7285 Cole Rd	\$ 59.97
227.00-5-30	6760 Liebler Rd	\$159.50
227.00-5-48	6970 Liebler Rd	\$ 78.35
210.00-3-35	4840 N. Boston Rd	\$172.39
226.02-7-1	6394 Omphalius	\$ 49.24
226.20-1-3.112	6377 Patchin Rd	\$155.63
242.13-1-21	6642 Redwing Dr.	\$222.87
211.02-2-15	6167 Ward Rd	\$ 8.50
211.02-2-20	6193 Ward Rd	\$110.15
212.00-1-22	7115 Ward Rd	\$ 10.71
	<b>WATER BILL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,203.64</b>

Seconded by **Councilman Genzel** and put to a vote which resulted as follows:

**AYES: 5 NOES: 0**

At 7:40 p.m. a Public Hearing was held to hear comments regarding the 2014 Preliminary Budget.

Supervisor Ballowe read the legal notice.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Vara to open the floor for comments.

five (5) Ayes Carried

There were no public comments.

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Councilman Boardway found it interesting that there were no public comments. He asked Supervisor Ballowe if he were given any other proposals to change or reduce taxes further than they have already successfully done.

Supervisor Ballowe stated that it has stayed the same and there has been no offer to lower them any further.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to close the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to appoint Sue Fitzner to the position of Town of Boston Assessor with the stipulation that she comply with all of the State and County requirements with a term to expire September 30, 2019.

five (5) Ayes Carried

Highway Superintendent Telaak reported on the following:

- Brush pick up has been completed. Leaf pick up started yesterday.
- Anyone wishing to have leaves delivered can fill out a request form.
- Requested to have any excess leaves dumped at his residence.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to allow Highway Superintendent Telaak to dump the picked up excess leaves on his personal property.

five (5) Ayes Carried

Councilman Murtha report on the following:

- Attended the Historical Societies Pot Luck Dinner.

Councilman Genzel reported on the following:

- Engineering Liaison - Cost estimates for Shero Road Waterline extension are finished and were forwarded to Grant Writer Connie Miner. Approval of the income survey has been delayed due to the government shut down. Once survey is approved there will be a residents meeting to explain the survey. Despite some resident discussions this project is moving forward. Numerous hours have been spent meeting with Erie County Water Authority, Grant Writer Connie Miner, Town Engineer Hannon, Supervisor Ballowe and Bookkeeper Kathy Selby.
- Engineering costs for 2008 - \$377,210, 2009 - \$171,280, 2010 - \$31,000, 2011 - \$53,353 (this amount includes the design and installation of Water Dist. #2, Ext. #3), 2012 - \$49,635 and 2013 YTD - \$24,679.

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Councilman Genzel Cont'd:

- Planning Board Liaison - had informal discussion on Pinecrest subdivision off Eckhardt Road. Next Planning Board meeting October 22, pending an agenda. Next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting November 7.
- Boston Community Foundation - We are looking for Grants for new lighting on the football fields.
- As Affirmative Action/Fair Housing Officer - contact him if assistance is needed with utility bills.
- Quality members always needed for our volunteer boards. Send letter of interest to the town clerk.

Councilman Boardway reported on the following:

- Fire call report for September - Boston 3, North Boston 5, Patchin 3.
- Hamburg Dispatch Services for 2009 - \$51,252, 2010 -\$52,692, 2011 \$52,949, 2012 - \$54,366, 2013 (first year of the new four year agreement with the Town of Hamburg) - \$30,000. This new contract will save essentially \$100,000 just in the fire and EMS dispatch.
- We also saved \$35,000 this year in insurance premiums.
- There have been many beautification projects conducted with these saved dollars.
- The Town of Boston will continue to fund and put money into the service award program.
- New leadership in the Patchin Fire Company.
- Halloween party to be held in the community room 6 p.m., Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Councilman Vara reported on the following:

- Meeting scheduled with Waste Management.
- Possible candidate for the Conservation Advisory Council.
- Tennis court project to start October 22.
- Meeting with Town Attorney Kobiolka and Time Warner to be scheduled.

Received and filed reports from the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer and Dog Control Officer.

Supervisor Ballowe reported on the following:

- Thanked Budget Director Selby and all the department heads for their cooperation in the budget process and help in keeping our town taxes low.
- Met with Patchin Chief Joe Gallagher. Reminded residents with fireplaces to have their chimneys cleaned and check the batteries in their smoke detectors.
- Drainage issue on Pin Oak.
- Ditch drainage issue on Liebler Road has been addressed by Highway Superintendent Telaak.

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Supervisor Ballowe Cont'd:

- Very nice article in the Sun on the Town of Boston.
- Community Halloween Party - Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everyone who donated.
- Volunteers needed for Meals on Wheels.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and seconded by Councilman Murtha to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

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**JENNIFER A. MULÉ, TOWN CLERK**