

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 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 Councilman Boardway and seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to adopt the minutes of the September 17, 2014 regular meeting.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Murtha and seconded by Councilman Vara upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills on the Abstract dated September 25, 2014 in the amount of \$50,997.22 be paid.

five (5) Ayes Carried

The following persons were heard:

Bryant Burns noted that, in his opinion, the decision to limit topics on the agenda is a violation of his civil liberties and rights.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to table The Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week proclamation until Town Attorney Kobiolka obtained answers to the questions asked by the councilmen in the agenda review 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 Vara and was seconded by Councilman Murtha to accept the letter of resignation from the Conservation Advisory Council from Michael Monin.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Murtha to accept the resignation from Richard Brox as Town Planning Consultant effective December 31, 2014.

five (5) Ayes Carried

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A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Boardway upon the recommendation of Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson to approve the request for a second accessory building from Charles Barrett at 6505 LuDon Drive.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

RESOLUTION 2014-13 TOWN OF BOSTON SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Supervisor Ballowe presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Boston Town Board from time to time does declare various town highway equipment as “surplus” and allows it to be sold at auction; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boston Highway Superintendent has indicated that an old Sull-Air Compressor, Sulliscrew Model 85 is no longer a useful or necessary piece of equipment for the Town.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boston Town Board does hereby declare the following highway department equipment as “surplus” and may be sold at auction:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>MINIMUM BID</u>
Sull-Air Compressor - Sulliscrew Model 85	NONE

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

AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to table the Town Planner Appointment so that all interested candidates may be interviewed.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

2015 Tentative Budget:

	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Est. Revenues</u>	<u>Appropriated Fund Balance</u>	<u>Raised by Taxation</u>
General	1,745,074	1,294,200	272,000	187,874
Highway	1,235,378	481,160	15,000	739,218
Fire	810,611	75,000	0	735,611
Light	20,000	0	0	20,000

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Motion Cont'd:

Ambulance	102,000	20,000	0	82,000
Refuse/Garbage	565,545	0	0	565,545
Water #1	79,909	0	0	79,909
Water #2	54,892	0	0	54,892
Water #1, Ext.1	5,422	0	0	5,422
Water #2, Ext. 2	33,017	0	0	33,017
Water #3	250,225	0	0	250,225
Water #1, Ext. 1	<u>10,962</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,962</u>
Totals	\$4,922,035	\$ 1,870,360	\$ 287,000	\$2,764,675

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and seconded by Councilman Murtha to schedule a public hearing on October 15, 2014 at 7:45 P.M. to hear public comments regarding the 2015 preliminary budget.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Vara to approve the following 2015 schedule of proposed salaries for the elected Town Officials:

Supervisor	\$29,150
(4) Councilman	\$ 8,003
Town Clerk	\$46,164
(2) Town Justices	\$16,125
Superintendent of Highways	\$57,818

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

Three (3) Ayes

(2) Two Nays

Carried

Supervisor Ballowe read his 2015 tentative budget summary as follows:

Tonight I presented the 2015 tentative budget. This is my 5th consecutive budget, which decreased the combined tax rates for the general and highway funds. We have completed much needed improvements in our buildings and parks, without raising taxes. Our parks are beautifully kept and are enjoyed by so many on a regular basis. The tennis courts have finally been resurfaced, and we have added a small shelter behind our recreation building for use during our summer program.

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Supervisor Ballowe Cont'd:

Additional improvements include:

- basketball backboards at Town Park & South Park
- New windows at Recreation building
- New security/camera system at Town Hall
- New floor in senior kitchen
- Hand dryers in bathrooms for "going green"
- Drainage on football fields at Town Park
- New soccer nets for youth & adult soccer
- New EMS garage concrete & pad, as well as other town hall concrete areas
- Landscaping Bocce court
- various sealing & striping of lots
- Expanding drainage project at 18 mileage creek
- Recreation Dept. growth: 173 children with extended programs

We are also holding the line with the special districts, but due to upcoming contract renewals in areas of fire, ambulance, and refuse, we may have to make some difficult decisions to remain under the New York State cap, and continue to work within our budget. We are also currently negotiating our highway contract. This budget still is a work in progress, and after upcoming meetings with the town board, we will continue to make adjustments to the budget in order to ensure the future financial stability of our town.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to table the scheduled public hearing on Town Code Section 95-Signs so that the additional changes and/or questions being asked by the Town Board members can be looked into further.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

Town Clerk Mulé reported on the following:

- Flu Shots - Friday, October 3, 2014, from 10 am to 2 pm.
- Blood Drive - Tuesday, October 14, 2014 from 2:30 pm to 7pm.
- Late Hours for School tax collection will be: Saturday, October 11, from 9am to 1pm, Tuesday, October 14, 2014 from 9am to 6pm and Wednesday, October 15, 2014 from 9am to 8pm.
- Deadline for first round of Doe permits is today, October 1, 2014. Next round will begin November 1, 2014.

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Highway Superintendent Telaak reported on the following:

- Last round of brush pick up started today. Get all your brush out.
- Leaf pick up will begin on October 14. If anyone needs leaves for composting, or wood chips contact the highway department.
- Highway Superintendent Telaak stated that he is willing to take all extra unwanted leaves at his residents. This would save the town the expense of them being taken to Orchard Park for disposal.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to allow surplus leaves picked up in the Town of Boston to be deposited at Highway Superintendent Telaak's residence.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

Councilman Murtha reported on the following.

- Working on a few drainage issues, including the additional clearing of about 40 more trees in the 18-mile creek between Cloverfield and Patchin Road Bridge.

Councilman Genzel reported on the following:

- Public information meeting held for the Boston Cross Road Drainage.
- Received a few more income surveys for the West Hill water project. 33 more are needed.
- Fire calls for the month of September as follows: Boston-1, N. Boston-8 Patchin-8, Emergency Squad-25.
- North Boston Chief Wieckowski will submit a map identifying the residents on Powerline Road so the identifying signs can be made.
- Accepting donations for Christmas Lighting.
- Always accepting applications for all the Boards. Submit a letter of interest to Town Clerk Mulé.

Councilman Boardway reported on the following:

- Attended the Erie County Association of Towns meeting. Discussion included the 2% tax cap and Shared Services agreements.
- Expressed his dissent of the Hamburg Central School Districts' handling and details of the release of Superintendent Jetter.
- The Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Boston and Erie County Highway Department.

Councilman Vara reported on the following:

- Members needed for the Conservation Advisory Council. Interested Parties send letters/resumes to Town Clerk Mulé.
- Repairs to the tennis courts.
- Basketball courts installed at the North Boston playground

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- Meeting with Waste Management to discuss contract renewal.

Supervisor Ballowe reported on the following:

- Received monthly reports from the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Code Enforcement.
- Information packets on the Highway snow removal contract is available from the Supervisor.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and seconded by Councilman Vara to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

JENNIFER A. MULÉ, TOWN CLERK