

Town Board Minutes April 20, 2011

Present: Councilmen Jay P. Boardway, Jeffrey A. Genzel, Eugene S. Wieckowski, Jr. and Councilwoman Cathy A. Maghran.

Excused: Supervisor Martin A. Ballowe

Also Present: Town Attorney Kobiolka.

Rev. Bonnie Bates, Faith United Church of Christ opened the meeting with a prayer.

Councilman Boardway: As you know the Town of Boston sponsors a service award program for the three different fire companies as well as the Boston Emergency Squad. The fire companies award points based on service to the various firemen who then get credit for that year of service. This program has been in effect for over 18 years and has never been audited. The Town Board feels this is necessary to assure compliance and to be both transparent and responsible to the citizens of the Town of Boston because this program is funded totally by tax dollars.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Wieckowski that the Boston, North Boston and Patchin Fire Companies as well as the Boston Emergency Squad undergo an audit of their Penflex award contributions.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to add Gene S. Wieckowski, Jr. as present to the 2/16/2011, 3/2/2011 and 3/16/2011 regular meetings.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and seconded by Councilman Genzel to adopt the minutes of the April 6, 2011 regular meeting.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Wieckowski and seconded by Councilman Genzel, upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills on the Abstract dated April 14, 2011 in the amount of \$61,397.48 be paid.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Bob Wojcinski, as a representative of Boston Youth Baseball noted he is aware that there is a Federal Grant to put soccer fields at the North Boston Park and received verbal confirmation from Supervisor Ballowe that they would have that diamond to play on through the 2011 season. He would like to work towards a long-term solution to accommodate both a soccer field and baseball diamond.

Councilwoman Maghran noted that it could be up to two years from now before we get the grant money. We understand that this is the only Senior used diamond. We want to make improvements at that park.

Tom Flynn a Boston resident is running for the Hamburg School Board and wanted the Town Board and the residents to know that he can serve them well with Boston's particular needs as far as the school board goes. He offers open communication between both the Hamburg School Board and the Boston Town Board.

Councilwoman Maghran thanked Tom Flynn for stepping up to represent the Town of Boston and its residents.

Frank Rosiek expressed his concern over the constant flooding of his property on Boston Cross Road. He has made this issue known to past administrations and there has not been any resolve.

Reverend Bonnie Bates, Faith United Church of Christ noted that on Saturday, April 30, 2011, Faith United Church of Christ is having a community wide children's clothing exchange from 9 am to Noon. Families are invited to bring clothing their children have outgrown, including winter clothing and to take from the clothing exchange whatever will fit their children.

Councilman Genzel noted that in regards to Frank Rosiek's situation on Boston Cross Road, the Town Board has applied for a \$100,000 grant to funnel that water in a different direction. He noted that Town Engineer Hannon, Highway Superintendent Telaak, Grant Writer Connie Miner, and he inspected this area, and unfortunately, we did not get the grant.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and seconded by Councilman Boardway to approve the Use of Facility Application for Trooper David C. Brinkerhoff Foundation for June 18, 2011.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to authorize the purchase of 168.33 yards of carpet with 4" vinyl cove base to be installed in the Main level of the New Recreation Center for a total of \$2,650.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilwoman Maghran to refer the request for appointment from Dennis Mead to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review and recommendation.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Received and filed monthly reports from the Assessor.

Deputy Town Clerk Mule' noted that the next Blood Drive will be Tuesday, May 3rd from 2 pm to 7 pm. All presenting donors will receive a certificate for a free small pizza from Bella Pizza. The Battle of Boston will also continue between the fire companies, emergency services and NYS Troopers in blood donation.

Highway Superintendent Telaak noted that the next brush pick up will begin again May 1st. The new tractor/backhoe was delivered this week. Fill and wood chips are available from the Highway Department. Highway Superintendent Telaak noted he was meeting Town Engineer Hannon on Boston Cross Roads to look at the water and flooding issue.

Councilman Wieckowski noted that he and Deputy Town Clerk Mule' have a meeting next Tuesday with Waste Management to discuss the Think Green Rewards Program. This recycling program is part of the new contract extension and should take effect by July 1, 2011. The purpose of this program is to increase recycling in town and will reward the residents that sign up for this program.

Councilman Boardway noted that to date the town has received the information that they are required to submit to Penflex from North Boston Fire Company, Boston Fire Company, and the Boston Emergency Squad. We have not received it from the Patchin Fire Company. This puts their credits for their volunteers for the past year in jeopardy. We had hoped as a Town Board after the contracts were settled, with concessions from both sides that it was a done issue. Let bygones be bygones and we now have fire protection in the Town of Boston. It has been brought up to a few of the Town Board members by Town of Boston residents and others that Supervisor Ballowe and myself were not in attendance at Patchin Fire Companies Installation dinner. We were not there because we were not invited. We do not want it to come across that we are snubbing their installation dinner. Historically, the Town Supervisor, the Town's Fire Liaison, the Highway Superintendent have been invited to the installation dinners at all three fire companies and the Emergency Squad. Supervisor Ballowe was personally offended by that.

Councilwoman Maghran noted that Town Resident, Barbara Moore, has set up to honor acquaintances, friends and loved ones who have lost loved ones to cancer. To celebrate the survivors, they are offering, in addition to the regular blood donation a double red cell collection. Double red cells are used mainly for cancer treatment. It takes a little bit longer to donate and it will count as two donations for the purposes of the Emergency Services Competition.

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and seconded by Councilman Boardway to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

four (4) Ayes Carried

JENNIFER A. MULE', DEPUTY TOWN CLERK