

Town Board Minutes December 19, 2012

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

Absent: Supervisor Martin A. Ballowe.

Also Present: Town Attorney Kobiolka and Highway Superintendent Telaak.

Reverend Doctor Bonnie Bates, Faith United Church of Christ opened the meeting with a prayer and moment of silence for the victims of the Newtown Connecticut tragedy.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and seconded by Councilman Genzel to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2012 regular meeting.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Murtha and seconded by Councilman Boardway, upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills on the Abstract dated December 13, 2012 in the amount of \$67,735.89 be paid.

four (4) Ayes Carried

The following persons were heard:

Reverend Doctor Bonnie Bates thanked the community for its support for the children's community-wide clothing exchange.

Jim Martinez, Principal, Boston Valley Elementary School thanked everyone for their generosity and the outpouring of gifts for the underprivileged families of Boston Valley.

Jim Martinez also noted that in collaboration with staff from the Friday Night Recreation and the New York State Police they are reviewing their standard operating procedures from after school activities held at Boston Valley Elementary School.

Councilman Boardway noted that Mitch Martin, Communication Representative for Senator Gallivan was in the audience tonight and will be available after the meeting for anyone who may have any questions or concerns.

Martin Rejewski, 8424 Back Creek Road inquired as to the procedure on how he and two other neighbors go about requesting to have public water installed on their section of the road?

Councilman Genzel suggested that he petition the town board to put public water to the areas that do not have it.

Martin Rejewski noted there are only three residents that do not have water in that area.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Vara to refer the letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals to Town Attorney Kobiolka for further review.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to accept the letter of resignation from Keith Clauss from the Planning Board effective immediately.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to appoint David Bowen as a Regular member of the Planning Board term to expire February 1, 2013.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Vara and seconded by Councilman Boardway to approve the Highway Fund Transfer of Appropriations as follows:

HIGHWAY FUND:

FROM:Acct.	Debit	Credit
Appropriation s	D 960	120,180.00
Snow Removal-Contr.	D5142.4	60,405.00
Serv. Other Gov?t-Cont.	D5148.4	60,405.00
Total	120,810.00	120,810.00

TO:	Acct.	Debit	Credit
Appropriation s	D 960	120,810.00	
Gen. Repairs- Contr.	D5110.400	84,746.00	
Gen Repairs-Drainage	D5110.420	20,000.00	
Capital Outlay	D5112.2	11,800.00	
Worker?s Comp.	D9040.8	4,264.00	_
Total	120,810.00	120,810.00	

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Vara and seconded by Councilman Boardway to approve the General Fund Transfer of Appropriations as follows:

GENERAL FUND:

FROM:	Acct.	Debit	Credit
Appropriation s	A 960	83,764.00	
Estimated Revenues	A 0510	107,489.00	
Nonproperty Tax Distributions	A 1120	107,489.00	
Contingency Acct.	A 1990.4	83,764.00	
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		191,253.00	191,253.00

TO:	Acct.	Debit	Credit
Appropriations	A 960	191,253.00	
Court-Contractual	A1110.4	3,300.00	
Supervisors-Equipment	A1220.2	30.00	
Fiscal Agent	A1380.4	3,031.00	
Town Clerk-Per. Svc.	A1410.1	8,700.00	
Town Clerk-Contr.	A1410.4	500.00	
Buildings-Per. Svc	A1620.1	1,500.00	
Buildings-Equipment	A1620.2	44,125.00	
Central Print & Mail	A1670.4	2,000.00	
Muni Assoc. Dues	A1920.4	100.00	
Judgement & Claims	A1930.4	600.00	
Other Gen Gov't Support	A1989.4	7,000.00	
Control of Dogs-Contr.	A3510.4	1,200.00	
Publicity-Contr.	A 6410.4	515.00	
Programs for Aging-Contr.	A 6772.4	1,500.00	
Parks-Equipment	A7110.2	14,350.00	
Parks-Contr.	A7110.4	18,000.00	
Youth Programs-Equip.	A7310.2	1,800.00	
Youth Program-Contr.	A7310.4	8,800.00	
Celebrations-Contr.	A7550.4	6,500.00	

Comm. Beautification	A8510.4	151.00
Drainage-Contr.	A8540.4	63,461.00
Conservation-Contr.	A8710.4	40.00
State Retirement	A9010.8	5.00
Worker?s Comp.	A9040.8	1,545.00
Unemployment Insur.	A9050.8	2,500.00
Total	191,253.00	191,253.00

four (4) Ayes Carried

A bid opening was held on December 11, 2012 at 10 a.m. for the Keller Road Waterline Support Structure Repairs. The following bids were received;

New Frontier Excavating and Paving \$36,000 Fiske and Sons, Inc.\$49,000

RESOLUTION 2012-18 KELLER ROAD WATERLINE SUPPORT STRUCTURE PROJECT

Councilman Genzel presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, bids have been received for the Keller Road Waterline Support Structure Repairs (?Project?), being undertaken jointly with the Town of Eden, and

WHEREAS, project engineers, Hannon Engineering, P.C. have reviewed the bids and have made a recommendation to both towns on awarding the contract to the low responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Boston Town Board does hereby award the contract for the Keller Road Waterline Support Structure Repairs Project to New Frontier Excavating and Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$36,000 with the Town of Boston?s share being 45.3% or \$16,308.00 subject to the Town of Eden also awarding the contract to the same firm and ratifying its sharing of the Project costs, and it is further

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Martin A. Ballowe is authorized to execute all contracts and other documents required to proceed with the project on a joint and cooperative basis with the Town of Eden.

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

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to ratify the modification of the Town of Boston Fire Protection District Service Award Program Point System.

four (4) Ayes Carried

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

Town Clerk Mulé noted that the outpouring of gifts for the Sharing tree was amazing and thanked all the residents who took a tag and bought gifts.

Highway Superintendent Telaak thanked the Town of Colden Highway Department for their assistance with the Mill Street Drainage project.

Councilman Murtha noted the meeting with Mark Gaston, Erie County Soil and Water and town resident Gene Ruchalski was postponed and will be rescheduled.

Councilman Genzel as Engineering Liaison reported that the Keller Road Waterline Support Structure Project should be completed quickly. He noted that the Mill Street drainage project final walkthrough was done and the restoration of the grass will be completed this coming spring, weather permitting.

Councilman Genzel as Planning Board Liaison reported that the Planning Board discussed the Deanna Drive single-family subdivision submittal.

Councilman Genzel as Christmas Lighting Liaison reported total donations to date is \$1,275.

Councilman Vara attended the Erie County Water Quality meeting with Senator Gallivan.

Councilman Vara noted the scenic by-way sign is near completion.

Councilman Boardway reported that he attended a review of a study that was performed on behalf of the three fire companies in town. He noted this study consists of hundreds of pages that need to be thoroughly reviewed by all the fire companies. The purpose of this discussion was to bring the three fire companies together in some sort of unity/consolidation.

Councilman Boardway also noted he would report on the towns insurance at the next Town Board meeting. It is a process in dealing with the hundreds of thousands of dollars this town pays a year in insurance and trying to find a cost effective way to have the best coverage.

Councilman Boardway noted that Hamburg School District is the only school district in WNY where the teachers and administrators have not submitted their performance review plan to the State of New York. Without these reviews filed by January 17, 2013 the district will lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in state aid. Councilman Boardway urged Town of Boston residents to call the Hamburg School District Administrators and School Board Members to express their concerns regarding this matter.

Councilman Boardway read Supervisor Ballowe's 2012 Year End Supervisor's Report:

It has been a pleasure serving the people of the Town of Boston during 2012. It was a very productive and successful year. This is a report on the various government happenings and updates affecting YOUR tax dollars and various improvements at the town parks and buildings.

As we look forward to 2013, we strive to continue to lead our town in a positive direction to benefit future generations. Happy Holidays and I wish you and your family a healthy New Year.

Financial:

? Lowered tax rates in the General & Highway Funds three years in a row.

? Established a Parks & Buildings & Grounds Reserve for \$100,000, as well as added \$50,000 to Highway Equipment reserve to enable future capital expenditures, minimizing tax increases.

? Renegotiated contracts and other administrative savings:

1. Dispatch Service with Hamburg (over \$120,000 savings over 3 years).
2. School tax collection with Hamburg & Orchard Park (\$10,000 savings per year).
3. Highway contract (\$18,000 in healthcare savings in initial year alone).
4. Competitively rebid phone service (\$2,500 annually saved).
5. Minimized West Law books numerous mailings & updated our Justice Dept. electronically with online tools, saving approx. \$6,000 annually.
6. Summer Recreation attendance & activities increased; income is higher.

? Interest Savings on Refinances:

1. Locked in long-term low interest financing: Moody's highest rating for small town enables extremely favorable ratings.
 - a) Trooper Barracks (Est. \$500,000 savings over the length of the loan).
 - b) Water Districts, allows for slight decrease in taxes annually .

? Payroll Savings

1. Supervisor's Assistant position was made part-time from full time, saving \$24,000 in salary & benefits. Cross training to cover without loss of services.
2. Various other offices are cross-trained to cover for vacations.
3. Current utilization of time clock enables more accurate and efficient tracking of employee's hours, allowing for more accountability.
4. Eliminated Webmaster position/trained current staff on updating the web.

Town Improvements:

? New roof for Town Hall building for necessary maintenance and better energy efficiency.

? Energy efficiency NYSERDA grant: \$24,000 for outside Town hall lights, Squad building, Parks & Highway Garage.

? New lights under Lion's shelter.

? Park Improvements:

1. Dock on pond and new nature trail covered by grant.
2. Parking lot aprons and new blacktop and striping.
3. Black top behind the Recreation Center with new basketball hoops.

4. Football field stenciling and Announcement stand repairs.
5. Bocce ball court for seniors.
6. New park's benches and table.
7. Soccer fields at North Boston Park covered by grant.

New Under the Current Administration:

- ? Christmas Lights are now funded by donations, (\$1,175 this year to date) allowing additional lights to be purchased for holiday beautification.
- ? Summer Concerts Series are now fully funded by sponsors for the last 3 years.
- ? First annual 4th of July Fireworks celebration which is fully funded by donations of over \$5,000.

Drainage:

Mill Street Project substantially complete, allowing for better road maintenance and safety for residents. This project was completed with shared services from our Highway Dept., as well covered by Community Block Grant of \$100,000. We anticipate a second phase to this project with additional funding.

Road Repair Work:

The town is currently in early stages of securing additional grant funds from Senator Gallivan's Office for repairs needed on Liebler Road, Rice Road and Boston Cross Road. This is in addition to the annual CHIP funds that the Highway Dept. receives annually of over \$65,000 for roadwork.

All of the Town Board members wished the residents and employees of the Town of Boston a Merry Christmas.

A motion was made by Councilman Vara and seconded by Councilman Genzel to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

four (4) Ayes Carried

JENNIFER A. MULÉ, TOWN CLERK