

## Town Board Minutes December 20, 2000

REGULAR BOARD MEETING      TOWN HALL

DECEMBER 20, 2000      7:30 P.M.

Present were Councilman Damian P. Wiktor, Councilman Stephen K. Tills, Councilman Karl J. Simmeth Jr., Councilman Dennis J. Mead, Supervisor Lisa M. Rood, Highway Superintendent Wayne C. Kreitzbender and Town Attorney Michael F. Perley.

Rev. John VanHanegan, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

A motion was made by Councilman Simmeth and seconded by Councilman Mead to adopt the minutes of the December 6, 2000 regular monthly meeting.

five (5) Ayes      Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Mead and seconded by Councilman Wiktor, upon review by the Town Board, that the General Fund and Special District Bills on Abstract #12A, dated December 20, 2000 in the amount of \$60,087.79 be paid.

five (5) Ayes      Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Tills and seconded by Councilman Simmeth, upon review by the Town Board, that the Highway Bills on Abstract #12A, dated December 20, 2000 in the amount of \$56,647.82 be paid.

five (5) Ayes      Carried

Received and filed Erie County Sheriff's Monthly Report for November 2000.

Received and filed a letter from Sean Crotty, 5805 Cloverfield Drive, complementing the Boston Highway Department on providing excellent service plowing town roads.

Supervisor Rood thanked Sean Crotty for his comments and also complemented the Boston Highway Department.

#### REQUESTS FORM THE FLOOR

Robert Vaughan, 7418 Heinrich Road, inquired as to whom is responsible for advertising the Boston Town Meetings in the newspapers.

Supervisor Rood noted that the Buffalo News publishes the paper and the Town of Boston has no control over what they print. She did notify Elmer Plutz, Buffalo News Reporter, and requested that he print the Town Board schedule.

The following Request for Proposals for the Town of Boston Insurance Program were received, opened and read aloud on Thursday, December 14, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.:

#### NAME AMOUNT

Matthews, Barlett & Decker?St. Paul \$42,713

Riedman Insurance-Kemper \$40,605

Matthews, Barlett & Decker?NYMIR \$51,239

Town Attorney Perley noted that there are different coverages offered in each package and Matthews Barlett & Decker-St. Paul is the closest to the specifications set forth in the RFP (Request for Proposal).

A motion was made by Councilman Tills and seconded by Councilman Simmeth to award Matthews, Barlett & Decker-St. Paul the Town of Boston Insurance Program in the amount of \$42,713 for coverage beginning January 1, 2001.

five (5) Ayes Carried

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Received and filed a request from Paul J. Becker to be re-appointed to the Assessment Board of Review.

Supervisor Rood highly recommends the re-appointment of Paul J. Becker to the Assessment Board of Review noting that he is an asset to the Assessment Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Rood and seconded by Councilman Simmeth to re-appoint Paul Becker to the Assessment Board of Review, term to expire September 30, 2005.

five (5) Ayes Carried

Supervisor Rood commented that she has attended Association of Governments meetings and also special Supervisor's Roundtable meetings where compensation of tax loss from Group Homes has been discussed. Currently there is a bill in the hands of the Local Government Committee that needs to move out of the committee by spring because it would affect the next year's budget. The Town of Boston will be losing approximately \$2,700 in tax revenue and supports a proposal to require the state to compensate the town for taxes lost from Group homes.

RESOLUTION 2000-46 COMPENSATION FOR TAX LOSS FROM GROUP HOMES

A motion was made by Supervisor Rood and seconded by Councilman Mead to approve the following transfer of Equity between funds to close out the Risk Retention Fund:

From Risk Fund:

Residual Equity TransferCS8019 \$87,867.85

To General Fund:

Residual Equity TransferA8019 \$87,867.85

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Tills and seconded by Councilman Simmeth to approve the following General Fund and Special Districts Transfer of Appropriations:

Approp A960 \$9,200.35

From: Contingent Account      A1990.4      \$9,200.35

Approp A960

To:    Justice A1110.4      \$1,598.00

Traffic A3310.4      64.25

Planning      A8020.4      2,112.49

Drainage      A8540.4      1,229.58

Garage A5132.4      4,196.03

9,200.35

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Simmeth and seconded by Councilman Tills to approve the following Highway Fund Transfer of Appropriations:

Approp D960 \$ 365.52

From: General Repairs D5110.4 \$ 365.52

Approp D960 \$ 365.52

To: Capital Outlay D5112.2 \$ 365.52

Approp D960 \$ 41.67

From: Workers Comp D9040.8 \$ 41.67

Approp D960 \$ 41.67

To: Disability Ins D9055.8 \$ 41.67

five (5) Ayes Carried

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A motion was made by Councilman Simmeth and seconded by Councilman Tills to approve the following Excess Revenue Appropriations, Water District #2:

Approp SW2960 \$25,653.92

From: Fund Balance SW2909 \$25,653.92

Approp SW2960 \$25,653.92

To: Trans & Dist SW28340.4 \$25,653.92

five (5) Ayes Carried

#### SUPERVISOR REPORT

A) Supervisor's Monthly Financial Reports for November received and on file in the Clerk's Office.

#### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Highway Superintendent Kreitzbender thanked Sean Crotty for his letter complementing the Highway Department and reported that seven (7) trucks are being run with nine (9) men to plow snow. Previously six (6) trucks were run with twelve (12) men. All but two trucks have been made one (1) man capable that saves overtime costs. Each plow run has decreased from three (3) hours to two (2) hours. Overtime for part-time help has been decreased.

Supervisor Rood requested the media to report that a law was passed last year against pushing snow across streets.

#### TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Town Attorney Perley reported that he and Highway Superintendent Kreitzbender appeared at a Hearing for Burt Feltz. There is a Scheduling Order to submit briefs on legal issues to the Judge by the middle of January.

#### COUNCILMAN REPORT

Councilman Mead requested that the media print upcoming meetings for the Town of Boston.

Councilman Wiktor complemented the Boston Town Band and the Chorale Group Witness for a wonderful Holiday Christmas Concert on December 7, 2000 at the Boston Valley School Auditorium.

Councilman Wiktor thanked the news media for reporting on the Santa Claus tour by the Patchin Fire Company on Sunday, December 17, 2000.

Councilman Wiktor requested that the news media remind residents to shovel around fire hydrants to aid fire companies in the event of fire.

Councilman Wiktor reported that on December 16, 2000 he was honored to present Town of Boston Proclamations to James and Jonathan King and their Court of Honor for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Councilman Tills reported that he met last week with the Hillfest Committee and Amusements of Buffalo to discuss a possible contract for Hillfest 2001 because Hammerial Amusement Company will not be available.

The Town Board and Town Attorney Perley wished everyone Happy Holidays.

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Robert Vaughn thanked Councilmen Wiktor and Mead for requesting the news advertise the Town of Boston meeting schedule. He also thanked the Town Board for the pay raises for town employees noting that the Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk deserved higher raises.

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

DAVID J. SHENK, TOWN CLERK