

Town Board Minutes October 3, 2012

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.

The following bids were received to remove a logjam of approximately 20 trees about 1/3 of a mile south of the Hillcroft bridge:

Clover Greens Lawn Services \$3,360 Modern Tree \$3,600

Eastwood Industries \$3,800

A motion was made by Councilman Murtha and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to accept the bid from Clover Greens Lawn Services and authorize Supervisor Ballowe to sign the contract.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to approve the Use of Town Meeting Facility Form.

five (5) Ayes Carried

Councilman Boardway noted that any person or organization wanting to use any of the town's rooms such as the recreation center, community room or courtroom should fill out the Use of Town Meeting Facility Form which can be obtained online or in the town clerk's office. He noted that this form is different from the Use of Facility form which requires a deposit.

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

five (5) 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 September 27, 2012 in the amount of \$54,407.90 be paid.

five (5) Ayes Carried

The following persons were heard:

Karen Boettcher, 7095 Boston State Road ? Requested the Town Board look into reducing the speed limit between the 219 off ramp and the Mobile intersection.

Clive Rucker, 6910 Boston Cross Road inquired about the Mill Road and Boston Cross Road drainage projects.

Reverend Doctor Bonnie Bates, 6641 Holiday Drive, reminded the public that the Community wide children's clothing exchange is Saturday, October 6th from 9 am till noon. Sunday,

October 14th, the Town of Boston will participate with the Town of Hamburg on the Crop Walk. Registration is at noon at the Hamburg Presbyterian Church.

Supervisor Ballowe responded that the Town Board will look into having a speed limit study conducted of the area in which Ms. Boettcher has concerns.

Councilman Genzel responded that the 1st portion of the Mill Street drainage relief project is tentative to start October 9th. He and Supervisor Ballowe are meeting with Grant Writer Miner tomorrow to discuss the second phase which is about 400 feet toward St. John's Church.

2013 Tentative Budget:

Appropriated

Appropriations Est. Revenues Fund Balance Raised by Taxation

General	1,735,772	1,299,050	250,000	186,722
Highway	1,193,217	442,204	22,000	729,013
Fire	774,663	0	50,000	724,663
Light	20,000	0	20,000	
Ambulance	99,109	12,000	7,109	80,000
Refuse/Garbage	552,000	0	0	522,000
Water #1	79,909	0	0	79,909
Water #2	54,629	0	0	54,629
Water #1, Ext.1	6,422	0	0	6,422
Water #2, Ext. 2	34,331	0	0	34,331
Water #3	254,660	0	0	254,660
Water #1, Ext. 1	11,149	0	0	11,149
Totals	\$4,815,861	\$1,753,254	\$329,109	\$2,733,498

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and seconded by Councilman Genzel to schedule a public hearing on November 7, 2012 at 7:40 P.M. to hear public comments regarding the 2013 preliminary budget.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to approve the following 2013 schedule of proposed salaries for the elected Town Officials:

Supervisor \$22,640

(4) Councilman \$ 7,770

Town Clerk \$44,820

(2) Town Justices \$15,656

Superintendent of Highways \$54,545

five (5) Ayes Carried

Councilman Genzel noted that water from Water District #2 in the Town of Boston flows through the water lines located in the Town of Eden on Keller Road. An agreement has been in place in previous years authorizing the Town of Boston to share 45.3% of any costs associated with the upkeep of these lines.

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Murtha to authorize Supervisor Ballowe to sign a Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Eden which allows immediate repairs to the structural supports of the Keller Road Waterline.

five (5) Ayes Carried

RESOLUTION 2012-13 TOWN OF BOSTON SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Councilman Boardway 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 AIR-FLO MFG. CO. spreader box 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:

ITEM MINIMUM BID

AIR-FLO MFG. CO. sand None

Spreader box, Model AF24D

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

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe upon the recommendation of the Planning Board to schedule a public hearing regarding

the special permit request from Sharco Ent. Inc., for the installation of a propane tank at 6752 Mill Street for November 7, 2012 at 7:45 pm.

five (5) Ayes Carried

Town Clerk Mulé reported Flu shots will be given on October 5th from 10 am to 2 pm. School tax collection extended hours will be October 12th from 9am to 8pm, October 13 from 9am to 1pm and October 15th from 9am to 9pm.

Highway Superintendent Telaak reported there is dirt fill and wood chips still available. He reported on the Mill Street drainage project and that the town has to find a place to haul and dump the fill removed from the site.

Councilman Murtha reported on the drainage issue on Omphalius Road the speed limit study for Keller Road.

Councilman Genzel reported on the Mill Street Storm Drain and Keller Road Waterline repair projects, and the Special Use Permit for 6752 Mill Street. Christmas lighting and manger scene maintenance has begun. Councilman Genzel attended the Conservation Advisory Council Environmental Awareness Day and Boston Historical Society Pot Luck Dinner.

Boston Fire Company annual Chicken BBQ is Sunday, October 7 and St. John's the Baptist Church annual Turkey dinner is October 14.

The Town of Boston is looking for quality members for all volunteer boards.

Councilman Boardway reported attending Erie County Association of Governments meeting with Senator Gallivan. He also attended a meeting regarding the sewer districts and their 2013 budget will show no increase for the Town of Boston.

Councilman Boardway reported there would be a 5K race out of Chestnut Ridge Park for a group called "Run for your Lives" raising awareness on sexual slavery.

Councilman Vara reported that he attended the Boston Historical Society Pot Luck Dinner and the Conservation Advisory Council Environmental Awareness Day and the annual Erie County Water Authority meeting. He will meet with representatives from Time Warner Cable to discuss contract renewal. He is arranging for a representative from Waste Management to educate the senior groups about the Recycle bank.

Supervisor Ballowe noted Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers. He discussed areas of erosion on Back Creek Road. Estimates are needed for the repair of the damage caused by the truck accident that occurred on Town property.

Supervisor Ballowe noted a budget work session will be scheduled for October 22nd at 6:15 p.m.

Supervisor Ballowe read his 2013 budget message:

For the second year in a row, surrounding towns and school districts are struggling to stay under the 2% property tax cap. This is not an issue with the Town of Boston, because of good government decisions. The 2013 Tentative Budget that I present tonight lowers the tax rates in both the General and Highway funds. This was the case for my two previously submitted budgets, responsibly and consistently lowered for three years in a row. In meeting with department heads, and the reality of increasing mandated costs; many difficult choices had to be made. Expenses were reduced in my department budget by over \$24,000 in salaries and benefits. This is due to my full-time secretary position being cut to part-time. Without reducing town services, the additional time will be covered by the full-time bookkeeper. I have also honored my promise of 20% salary reduction from the previous supervisor. In addition, the town recently renegotiated contracts for our Dispatch service with the Town of Hamburg, as well as the School Tax Collection contracts, which will save nearly \$35,000 in 2013. We are also actively pursuing numerous grants, in areas of drainage and energy savings.

Tax rates in the special districts have remained constant, and in most water districts, the rates have been lowered due to the recent refinancing of our loans. Making good government decisions allows for a responsible budget. The Budget Director, Town Board and I will continue

to review this budget, which contains real dollar savings to offset state mandates, with no compromises to services, and no gimmicks.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and seconded by Councilman Vara to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

five (5) Ayes Carried

JENNIFER A. MULÉ, TOWN CLERK