

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 5, 2015**

**TOWN HALL  
7:30 P.M.**

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

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Telaak.

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to approve the second payment to the Patchin Fire Company per the contract stipulations.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to approve the second payment to the North Boston Fire Company per the contract stipulations.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to approve the second payment to the Boston Fire Company per the contract stipulations.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to approve the Service Award Points for the Patchin Fire Company.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Murtha to approve the Service Award Points for the North Boston Fire Company.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Vara to approve the Service Award Points for the Boston Fire Company.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to adopt the minutes of the July 1, 2015 regular meeting.

five (5) Ayes Carried

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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 July 30, 2015 in the amount of \$684,755.56 be paid. This amount includes some mid payments to the fire companies which were significant.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

Received and filed correspondence from the NYS Department of Public Service regarding a study on the state of telecommunications in New York State.

Received and filed correspondence from the Planning Board. Their meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2015 has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items. Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Received and filed correspondence from Matt Sargeant, reporter for the Hamburg Sun. Matt will be resigning that position to pursue other avenues.

Supervisor Ballowe thanked Matt for his fine reporting skills for the Town of Boston.

There were no comments from the public.

Legislator John Mills addressed the Town Board on Road and County issues. He stated there are a bundle of issues with roads within Erie County because of the harsh winter and repairs that were not made properly. He stated Pat Baskerville advises that the oil and chip on Back Creek has been completed and Rice Road will be within the next few weeks. West Tillen was oiled and chipped last year, but because results were unsatisfactory, and it is under warranty, work will be rescheduled. With regards to the crossover pipes on Back Creek, one has been installed and an additional one will be installed within two weeks. Chestnut Ridge Road's driveways and shoulder repairs where needed have been completed. On August 10<sup>th</sup> he will be making his summer road trip with Charlie Sickler, head engineer for the county. He believes the county is in a crisis situation with roads and infrastructure. He stated the Legislature is going to lobby for more blacktop to be put on the roads before winter. He will be submitting many updates to the budget to the county. He continued to report on the Boston Library Fundraiser which raised \$1,100. To date, about \$53,000 in total has been raised since starting nine years ago and hopes to exceed \$60,000 by the end of next year. He stated that he is running unopposed this year. He stated that the county tax rate will not increase this year due to there being enough fund balance and revenue streams coming in. They are also doing things that attract more business, like hire and cultural emphasis and our library system, which they will fully fund. They will start tracking the Erie Community College budget process and infrastructure. He believes they are working the way out of crisis managements in Erie County and working more into a system where they have preventative maintenance and infrastructure and a plan or path to pursue and fund. He stated they are on the right course now and as legislator, he will continue to address the issues and run government like a business.

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Supervisor Ballowe thanked Legislator Mills for helping the Town of Boston with the roads. He inquired if there has been any talk of repair of the Mill and Hillcroft bridges?

Legislator Mills stated that he will address that with Charlie Sickler during his road tour.

Councilman Genzel mentioned that resident John Anthon, at the corner of Boston State and Herman Hill has been waiting for a pipe repair. His business has flooded once already to a loss of \$100,000.

Legislator Mills stated he is familiar with this will address it also on his road tour.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to refer the request for appointment to the Planning Board from Elizabeth Schutt to the Planning Board for review and recommendation.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway upon the recommendation of Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson to deny the Mobile Home license application from Richard Boyd, Sprague Mobile Home Park, due to existing violations and a pending court case.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to approve the license for Boston Hills Homes and Estates Mobile Home Park. The license will be effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel on the recommendation of Recreation Director Zeniuk, to make the following staff changes to the Summer Recreation Program, terms to expire 8/21/15:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Hourly Rate</u></b>
Emily Mulé	Substitute Counselor	\$8.75
Nathalie Collins	Counselor/EMT	\$9.25
Elizabeth Piazza	Counselor FT	\$8.75

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to approve the Use of Facility Application from Recreation Director Zeniuk/Mike Brinkerhoff for the 2015 Summer Concert Series.

five (5) Ayes Carried

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A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Murtha upon the recommendation of the Planning Board to approve the Site Plan application from 7346 Boston State Road, LLC with the following conditions:

- \* The lights be installed above the man-doors to be shown on the site plan; and the specification for the lights is to be filed with the site plan.
- \* The easement for the drainage be filed with the County Clerk's office.
- \* Appropriate plantings be installed along the east side of the property extending from where they are shown now forward to where the grass begins.
- \* No construction equipment or vehicles are to be parked on the property outside the building once the building is completed.

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

four (4) Ayes (1) one Abstain Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to appoint John Georger as the summer camp tennis instructor retroactive to July 6, 2015 at a pay rate of \$15 per hour.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Murtha and was seconded by Councilman Vara to schedule a bid opening for the Selective Clearing of the Eighteen Mile Creek Streambed for August 19, 2015.

five (5) Ayes Carried

Town Clerk Mulé reported on the following:

- NYS Sporting licenses go on sale August 10. Deer Management permit deadline is October 1, 2015. Licenses can be purchased on the internet by going to [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov).
- Received from Christopher Jacob's Office the "Renew Local" envelopes for renewing Your automobile registration locally.
- Movie in the Park, Friday, August 7. Big Hero 6 playing. Snacks available at the Snack shack.
- Tuesday, August 18, 2:30 pm to 7 pm, Community Room, UNYTS Blood Drive.
- 6th Annual Kids Day, Friday, August 7 from 12 pm to 3 with a rain date of August 10.

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Highway Superintendent Telaak reported on the following:

- Boston Cross Road Drainage project began today.
- Oil and Stoning has been completed for the year.
- Paving on Liebler Road completed.
- Road salt for this upcoming winter has gone up 7 percent.
- Inquired from the Town Board if they are willing to extend Chestnut lane and build a turnaround?

Supervisor Ballowe stated that the Town Board has not made a decision on that. They will discuss it at the next meeting after they all have had opportunity to look at it.

Councilman Murtha reported on the following:

- Drainage problems throughout the town.
- Received call from Resident on Eckhart Road about speeding vehicles. Troopers will patrol the area.

Councilman Genzel reported on the following:

- Boston Cross Road Drainage project has begun. Try to avoid traveling through there.
- The Town Board has authorized him to obtain a permit to build a sign in the right-of-way of the road.
- Congratulated Sun reporter Matt Sargeant on his future endeavors.

Councilman Boardway reported on the following:

- Thanked Legislator Mills for his updates.
- Summer Recreation is progressing well. Kid's day is Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Received Zoning Board of Appeals recommendations for proposed changes in Town code on Accessory buildings.
- The Highway Superintendent, is allowed by his position during construction, to impose road restrictions and redirect traffic to keep everyone on that job site safe.
- Turnaround issue on Chestnut Lane.
- Thanked and congratulated Sun reporter Matt Sargeant on his future endeavors.

Councilman Vara reported on the following:

- The holes will be marked for the split rail fence going around the Eighteen Mile Creek by the walking path. The Boy Scouts will come in at 8 am Saturday to begin the project.
- South Boston Basketball court will be worked on.

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Supervisor Ballowe reported on the following:

- Received monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Code Enforcement officer.
- Thanked everyone for doing their jobs in his absence.

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Murtha to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

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**JENNIFER A. MULÉ, TOWN CLERK**