

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2013**

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

A motion was made by Councilman Murtha and seconded by Councilman Genzel, upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills on the Abstract dated September 26, 2013 with the addition of Voucher #552 for \$160 for a total of \$54,788.94 be paid.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

The following persons were heard:

Ardell Rowles - Expressed his concern regarding the unfinished ditch work in front of his property for the last year and a half.

Councilman Genzel stated he informed Mr. Rowles that the work was complete for this year. He also stated a surveyor was contacted to have his property corner replaced.

At 7:40 p.m. a Public Hearing was held to hear comments regarding the use of Federal Community Development Funds in the Town of Boston.

Councilman Genzel read the legal notice.

The following persons were heard in favor of using the funds towards the drainage relief on Boston Cross Road:

Councilman Genzel noted that at the September 18, 2013 regular Town Board meeting Clive Rucker, whom is out of town tonight, spoke in favor of using these funds for the drainage relief on Boston Cross Road.

Joe Hynes, also requested that the grant monies be used to complete the Boston Cross drainage project.

Councilman Boardway noted that these are not guaranteed funds as of yet. This public hearing is a requirement of the grant process.

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Murtha to close the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

five (5) Ayes

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Supervisor Ballowe informed Mr. Rowles that he was aware of the missing stake on his property and that it was being resurveyed in order to replace it. He reiterated that the drainage issue will be completed, but some projects in town take precedence.

Mr. Rowles stated that the ditch has eroded where his waterline crosses the road and he believes there is a recommended four and a half feet of cover over the water lines and it is not right now.

Supervisor Ballowe stated that if it's in the town's right of way, the town would cover it and make sure it is safe. He stated that the waterlines belong to the Erie County Water Authority not the Town of Boston, but if they say the town has a responsibility to fix it, we will.

Kathy Prackajlo, President, Boston Historical Society reminded the public of the Historical Societies pot luck dinner on Tuesday, October 8th at 6 p.m. The theme is "In Spirit of" and costumes are optional.

Ron Yormick expressed his concern about the deplorable conditions of County Roads in the Town of Boston.

Supervisor Ballowe stated that Legislator Mills is here tonight to address some of these issues.

Mike Malota expressed his concern about the water and drainage issues in front of his house on Pin Oak Drive. He asked Highway Superintendent Telaak if he could explain what the issue is in front of his house and why the water is not making it down to the next storm drain.

Highway Superintendent Telaak stated the water table in the ground is very high there. He stated the pipe is not perforated. He noted that if Mr. Malota wants his ditch opened up, they will open it up for him, but it will change the water levels. The ditch is open clean and the pipe is empty.

Supervisor Ballowe stated that he, Councilman Murtha and the Town Engineer Hannon met there yesterday and looked at this issue; all of the ditches were cleaned out as requested. Town Engineer Hannon asked Mr. Malota if he could find out where his sump pump drainage came out because there is no discharge anywhere on his property but it goes into the ground. Supervisor Ballowe stated they came up with a good service plan. If the pipes are opened up, a plumber can look inside. We have come there and done exactly as you have asked us to do. This is a process of elimination.

Russ Goldberg - Thanked Highway Superintendent Telaak for his recent work/repair on the drainage issue near his property?

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Legislator Mills addressed the issue of infrastructure residents in attendance with the following:

- The County Executive announced there will not be a property tax increase.
- Legislature meets to go over the 2014 budget on October 15th.
- Primary Issues concerning roads, bridges and culverts.
- County Executive proposed 2% Cultural funding increase.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to approve the Application for Use of Facilities from the Boston Republican Party for the annual Halloween Event.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

Supervisor Ballowe read his 2014 tentative budget summary as follows:

Tonight I present this 2014 tentative budget, which for the fourth year in a row, decreases the tax rates for both the general and highway funds. This was possible due to the fact that we have established reserves to utilize for capital projects and highway equipment purchases. You can see the improvements in our parks & grounds, such as the recently finished restrooms at the North Boston Park. With numerous soccer games there, this was a much-needed improvement, which was neglected for many years. Common sense government decisions are made every day with your tax dollars. Special district taxes have remained constant, as we continue to see the benefits of our past year's refinancing of many water districts. I have honored my campaign promise that I made four years ago, by lowering my salary 20% for each year in this term. Now, however, it is unfair to lower any potential new supervisor's salary. The Town Board and I will continue to review this budget, which is a work in progress, as I look forward to providing the residents in this town a responsible budget for 2014.

2014 Tentative Budget:

	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Est. Revenues</u>	<u>Appropriated Fund Balance</u>	<u>Raised by Taxation</u>
General	1,743,546	1,283,750	272,000	187,796
Highway	1,214,016	465,660	15,000	733,356
Fire	804,176	55,000	20,000	729,176
Light	20,000	0	0	20,000
Ambulance	112,100	30,000	0	82,000
Refuse/Garbage	557,784	0	0	557,784
Water #1	79,909	0	0	79,909
Water #2	54,892	0	0	54,892
Water #1, Ext.1	5,422	0	0	5,422
Water #2, Ext. 2	33,017	0	0	33,017
Water #3	252,880	0	0	252,880
Water #1, Ext. 1	10,962	0	0	10,962
Totals	\$4,888,604	\$ 1,834,410	\$ 307,000	\$2,747,194

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A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and seconded by Councilman Genzel to schedule a public hearing on October 16, 2013 at 7:40 P.M. to hear public comments regarding the 2014 preliminary budget.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to approve the following 2014 schedule of proposed salaries for the elected Town Officials:

Supervisor	\$28,300
(4) Councilman	\$ 7,770
Town Clerk	\$44,820
(2) Town Justices	\$15,656
Superintendent of Highways	\$56,181

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to table the appointment of Town of Boston Assessor.

five (5) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Vara and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to table and refer the request for Out of District Water Service from Clifford and Diana Butsch to Town Attorney Kobiolka for review and recommendation.

five (5) Ayes Carried

Town Clerk Mulé reported on the following:

- Flu/Pneumonia Shots - October 4, 2013 10am-2pm.
- Next blood drive - October 15, 2013 2pm-7pm, Community Room.
- Last day to pay School tax without penalty is October 15th. Hours will be 9 am to 9 pm.
- First round DMP application complete. Second round starts November 1.

Highway Superintendent Telaak reported on the following:

- Brush pick up resumed September 1, one pick up per road then leaf pick up will Begin.
- 190 ft. of drainage pipe installed on Liebler Road.
- Maintained 76 lane miles of ditches.
- North Boston Sewer/Waterline project complete, Parking lot expanded.
- Offered to remove the drainage pipe on Mr. Malota's property and open up the ditch.

Councilman Murtha asked Mr. Malota to arrange to meet with Town Attorney Kobiolka to go over easement possibilities.

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Councilman Genzel reported on the following:

- Engineering Liaison - The Site at North Boston Park is completely finished.
- Cost Estimates for the Shero Road Waterline extension are being generated and Grant writer Connie Miner is putting together the income survey.
- Planning Board Liaison - last meeting was a work session. Next meeting October 8th, pending an agenda.
- Interviewed four candidates for the Assessor's position.
- Participated in the budget meetings. Four years in a row, no new taxes.

Councilman Boardway reported on the following:

- Budget process.
- Complaints from residents regarding the ability to legally carry his personal fire Arm.

Councilman Vara reported on the following:

- Participated in the Assessor/applicant interviews.
- With time constraints, attended one budget meeting.
- Scenic By-way Plaque ribbon cutting.
- Attended Waste Management seminar at the Roy Croft Camus.
- Attended Environmental Awareness Day on October 21st.
- Possible County takeover of the senior lunches.
- Capozzi Paving to start the tennis/basketball court extension.

Supervisor Ballowe reported on the following:

- Thanked Legislator Mills for addressing the residents regarding issues with the County and the streets in our town.
- Thanked Highway Superintendent Telaak for this participation in the North Boston Park sewer project and the two residents who allowed access through their properties.
- Erosion projects throughout the Town of Boston.
- Budget process.
- Reminded all who use our parks to slow down and watch for the children.
- Councilman Genzel to the Town of Clarence to attend a discussion on "Awareness to Public Threats on Town Officials".

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and seconded by Councilman Murtha to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

JENNIFER A. MULÉ, TOWN CLERK