

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

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

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.

At 7:45 p.m. a Public Hearing was held to hear comments regarding the 2016 Preliminary Budget.

Councilman Genzel read the legal notice.

The following persons spoke against the 2016 Preliminary Budget:

Gary Ballowe
Shane Quinlan

Frank Lisowski requested a copy of the 2015 and 2016 budgets so that he may compare the two.

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and seconded by Councilman Boardway to close the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

four (4)Ayes Carried

Councilman Genzel read the 2016 budget summary:

Tonight we present this 2016 Final Preliminary budget. This is our 6th consecutive budget with Councilman Boardway, Supervisor Ballowe and myself, the 4th for Councilman Murtha and Councilman Vara, which decreased the combined tax rates for the general and highway funds. We have completed much needed improvements in our buildings and parks, without raising taxes. We are continually annually improving the grounds for the residents to enjoy. Inside, we continue to upgrade outdated systems and technology. We will be working on updating our website in 2016 and plans will soon start with the town's 200th anniversary celebration in 2017.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF BOSTON
NOTICE OF HEARING
UPON PRELIMINARY
BUDGET**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tentative Budget of the Town of Boston for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, where it is available for inspection by any interested person during regular office hours.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Boston Town Board will hold a public hearing and review said Preliminary Budget at the Boston Town Hall, 8500 Boston State Road, at 7:40 PM Eastern Prevailing Time, on November 4, 2015 and at such hearing any person may be heard for or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled or any items contained therein.

Pursuant to Section 103 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following elected town officers are: Supervisor \$30,025,

Town Clerk \$44,820 (4)
Councilman \$8,250, Superintendent of Highways \$56,290 (2)
Town Justice \$16,125. An exemption report is available.

Dated: October 15, 2015
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lished: October 22, 2015

**BY ORDER OF
THE TOWN BOARD
JENNIFER A. MULÉ,
TOWN CLERK**

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We are also holding the line with the special district taxes, but due to upcoming contract renewals in areas of fire and ambulance, we may have to make some difficult decisions, to remain under the New York State cap, and will continue to work within our budget. Our Fire District taxes are especially very challenging, with our volunteers needing so much with increasing costs and mandates, are asked to do more with less. We have confidence a fair and sustainable contract will be reached. We are continuously working for our citizens in ensure low taxes and fiscal responsibility.

2016 Preliminary Budget:

	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Est. Revenues</u>	<u>Appropriated Fund Balance</u>	<u>Raised by Taxation</u>
General	1,757,112	1,296,200	272,000	188,912
Highway	1,113,789	365,160	10,000	738,629
Fire	821,968	75,000	0	746,968
Light	20,000	0	0	20,000
Ambulance	92,000	10,000	0	82,000
Refuse/Garbage	570,276	0	0	570,276
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	32,530	0	0	32,530
Water #3	247,735	0	0	247,735
Water #1, Ext. 1	<u>10,962</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,962</u>
Totals	\$4,806,595	\$ 1,746,360	\$ 282,000	\$2,778,235

Councilman Genzel stated he already read the salaries of the public officials within the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to approve the tentative budget for the Town of Boston for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016.

Councilman Boardway	Aye	Councilman Murtha	Nay
Councilman Genzel	Aye		
Councilman Vara	Aye		

three (3) Ayes

one (1) Nay

Carried

RESOLUTION 2015-11 TOWN FACILITIES

Councilman Genzel presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Boston has duly established a Town Hall and Town Parks Policy for the Town of Boston, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boston is interested in having the Town Hall and Town Parks facilities available to Town residents, and

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Hall Policy and Town Parks Policy shall be as follows:

TOWN HALL POLICY

Planning Board Room / Court Room / Community Room-Kitchen

- 1) Approval granted by Town Supervisor and Town Board for the Town Hall. All other matters, keys, deposits, etc. shall remain the responsibility of the Town Clerk.
- 2) The following are exempt from the formal application and fee:
 - Senior Citizen Meetings
 - Flu Shots
 - Blood Drives
 - Congressmen visits or other Government Officials
 - Erie County or other Government Agencies
 - Town Functions
- 3) No alcoholic beverages or kitchen facilities allowed without Town Board approval.
- 4) No keys will be provided during regular Town hours.
- 5) Release of Town Hall Key requires signature and \$25.00 deposit and must be returned within 48 hours.
- 6) A \$100.00 deposit/processing fee is required.
- 7) Deposit refunded only after satisfactory inspection and return of keys following event.
- 8) First Priority – Town Government Groups.
- 9) Leaders, Coaches, etc. of youth organizations using the Community Room shall be made aware that supervision is necessary, especially with regards to the pool tables and equipment, which the senior citizens of the town use on a regular basis. No athletic shoes (cleats) or Roller Blades are allowed in the Town Hall.
- 10) Pool tables shall not be moved.

TOWN PARKS POLICY

- 1) No scheduling prior to January 1st of the event year.
- 2) Completed Application and approval by the Town Board.
- 3) Certificate of Insurance required if alcoholic beverages served during the event.
Must be submitted one week prior to event.
 - A) The Town of Boston must be listed as additional insured.
 - B) A minimum limit of \$500,000 Liability Insurance.
- 4) Bathroom & Water keys available for Emergency Squad/Parks Building.
- 5) Release of keys require signature and \$25.00 Deposit and 48 hour return.
- 6) \$50.00 deposit required.
- 7) Deposit refunded only after satisfactory inspection and return of keys following event.
- 8) First Priority – Town of Boston Groups.
- 9) Permission required from Parks Department to install event signs at Town Hall.
Limit three signs for one week only.

BE IT RESOLVED, that violations of this policy will be handled in the following manner:

PENALTY STRUCTURE

- 1) 1st violation - written warning
- 2) 2nd violation - one year denial of use

BE IT RESOLVED, that a check-list shall be posted in appropriate areas as a reminder to clean rooms after use.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Boston shall stock the Community Room and Bathroom at the Parks Building with the appropriate materials to clean rooms.

Seconded by **Councilman Boardway** and duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to table any further action on minutes at this point and time until they receive legal advice from The Association of Towns and town counsel.

four (4) Ayes

Carried

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**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 October 29, 2015 in the amount of \$78,838.79 be paid.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

Received and filed correspondence from the Orchard Park and Hamburg School Districts regarding the Alternate Veterans Exemptions.

Received and filed public hearing notification from the Town of Orchard Park.

Received and filed Resolution from the Town of Grand Island supporting the termination of the current 1977 Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Agreement.

The following persons were heard:

Barbara Moore
Joanne Bonsack
Dawn Boncal
Russell Goldberg
Mitchell Perry
Bryant Burns

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to close the floor.

four (4) Ayes

Carried

Councilman Genzel stated that the Springville School District has some plans for improvements. They are usually just notifying the town of their intent. We don't have any jurisdiction of the school boards. This is basically just an FYI.

Councilman Genzel noted that the Town Board had discussed Bryant Burn's request for petition be placed on the agenda and that it was also discussed at last week's agenda meeting where the Town Board authorized the Town Attorney to hire a surveyor and have a search done so we can find out exactly where the town's legal obligation begins and/or ends. This is so we can all come to a peaceful agreement up in that neighborhood and also to protect our highway workers in the need of snow removal, brush, leaves, whatever they need to do to get up there and do it safely. This Town Board is all on board with making that area safe to turn around.

RESOLUTION 2015-10

UNPAID BILLS

Councilman Boardway presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boston Town Board does hereby request that the Boston Assessor and Erie County Finance Department place the following Unpaid Bills on the 2016 Tax Roll:

Water Bills:

SBL#	Address	Amount
210.00-3-21	7728 Feddick	\$ 97.12
211.04-1-26	7390 Boston State Road	\$ 16.15
211.04-1-26	7390 Boston State Road	\$ 60.47
227.00-5-31.1	6762 Liebler	\$ 38.95
242.09-1-16	6693 Meadowbrook Drive	\$264.81
242.09-2-4	6686 Meadowbrook Drive	\$ 69.83
258.05-1-1	9220 Boston State Road	\$301.34
258.09-1-5	6739 Mill Street	\$ 57.95
211.02-2-30	6207 Ward Road	\$105.73
211.02-2-20	6193 Ward Road	\$108.94
212.00-1-22	7115 Ward Road	\$ 10.60
WATER BILL TOTAL		\$1,131.89

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

AYES: 4 NOES: 0

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Murtha to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

five (5) Ayes

Carried

JENNIFER A. MULÉ, TOWN CLERK