

Town Board Minutes December 7, 2011

Present: Councilmen Jay P. Boardway, Jeffrey A. Genzel, and Councilwoman Maghran.

Excused: Supervisor Martin A. Ballowe and Councilman Eugene S. Wieckowski, Jr.

Also Present: Town Attorney Kobiolka and Highway Superintendent Telaak.

Councilman Boardway noted that the decking in the park around the pond is in desperate need of repair and/or replacement. Quotes were solicited for pressure treated and composite material. The Town Board has decided to go with the composite material.

The following quotes were received for the Town Park Decking project:

Pressure Treated	Composite
Pat White Construction	\$6,000 \$6,500
Weather Tec Home Improvements	\$6,300 \$6,800
Owczarczak Enterprises, Inc.	\$6,475 \$6,950

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilwoman Maghran to award the bid for the Town Park Decking to Pat White Construction in the amount of \$6,500.

three (3) Ayes Carried

Councilman Boardway noted that the Town of Boston contracts with a company to take care of our technical support, repair work, etc. on the computers in this building. We requested quotes for this service.

The following quotes were received for Hardware/Network support for the Town of Boston.

Computer Resolutions Inc. \$65 (1st 50 hrs.) \$60 after, plus \$50 hr. travel time

MVP Network Consulting, LLC \$90 (40 hr. block)

Thomas Bryan Collins \$75 inclusive

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to award the Hardware/Network Support to Thomas Bryan Collins in the amount of \$75 per hour, inclusive.

three (3) Ayes Carried

Councilman Boardway noted that the Volunteer Fire Companies in town, through working with NYS Department of Health, the Chiefs carry Public Access Defibrillators in their vehicles that require authorization from the Health Department.

Councilman Boardway Cont'd: We have received the requisite information from both the Boston Fire Company and the North Boston Volunteer Fire Company requesting authorization to carry these machines.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to authorize Supervisor Ballowe to sign the Statement of Authority to provide public EMS for both the Boston Fire Company and North Boston Volunteer Fire Company.

three (3) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Genzel to authorize Supervisor Ballowe to sign the contract between the Town of Boston and Fairway Contracting, Inc. for the construction of Water District No. 3, ext. No. 1 in the amount of \$171,490.02.

three (3) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilwoman Maghran to authorize Supervisor Ballowe to give a Notice to Process to Fairway Contracting, Inc., for the construction of Water District No. 3, ext. No. 1 on or after December 15, 2011.

three (3) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and seconded by Councilman Boardway to adopt the minutes of the November 16, 2011 regular meeting.

three (3) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and seconded by Councilwoman Maghran upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills on the Abstract dated December 1, 2011 in the amount of \$233,211.69 be paid.

three (3) Ayes Carried

Councilman Boardway noted that the reason the fund bills is so large is that this is the week that the Town of Boston is required to make a contribution to the NYS Retirement Fund for Employees, both present and past. That contribution is \$90,899.25

Received and filed correspondence from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets regarding the Agriculture and Markets Law.

Received and filed correspondence from Erie County Water Authority regarding the Tariff Amendments.

At 7:40 p.m. a Public Hearing was held to hear comments for considering entering into a contract with the Boston Emergency Squad, Inc, for the purpose of furnishing Ambulance Service in the Amount of \$52,000 for the Calendar year 2012.

Councilman Genzel read the legal notice.

Councilman Boardway noted that when Councilman Wieckowski entered into negotiations with the Boston Emergency Squad they had numerous concerns that we have tried to address. This contract formalizes the majority of them. The contract consists of the actual payment for performance of service in the amount of \$37,000. We have bifurcated that payment so that they will receive \$18,500 of those operating monies on or about January 10, 2012, balance payable on or about April 1, 2012. Another component of that contract is \$15,000 in property. The Town of Boston previously owned one of the ambulances. The squad was able to obtain grant money to purchase their own ambulance, which is a tremendous benefit to the taxpayers, but it created an awkward situation both for insurance purposes and for the squad members being adequately covered. The Emergency Squad responded to 400 calls in 2010. This contract transfers the ownership of that second ambulance directly to the Squad. The contract also includes additional monies for them to properly insure both the primary vehicle and the secondary vehicle with an adequate insurance coverage that protects first responders. The other substantial change is the fact that this contract establishes a reserve line in the budget for ambulance funds.

These vehicles are expensive. This contract does call for a reserve line to start the saving process so that we do not have to scramble at the last minute when a new ambulance is needed. This contract will be presented to the full body of the emergency squad after it is approved by the Town Board for review by their entire membership.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and seconded by Councilman Boardway to close the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

three (3) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilwoman Maghran to approve the renewal of the Ambulance Service Contract with the Boston Emergency Squad in the amount of \$52,000 for the 2012 calendar year.

three (3) Ayes Carried

Cynthia Williams requested that Councilwoman Maghran reiterate her statement from the last Town Board meeting about the consolidation of the fire companies and who was going to perform it and how much it was going to cost the taxpayers.

Councilwoman Maghran proceeded to read her statement directly from the November 16, 2011 minutes which had just been approved by the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and was seconded by Councilman Genzel, on the recommendation of the Planning Board to appoint Michael Monin as a regular member, term to expire 3/1/2013 and Sharon Stuart as a Regular Member, term to expire March 1, 2012.

three (3) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and seconded by Councilwoman Maghran to approve the Use of Facility Application for The Conservation Advisory Council for the Annual Fishing Derby for May 12, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

three (3) Ayes Carried

The following bids were received for the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority ? Energy Efficiency Project (NYSERDA)

CVM Electric \$18,900

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to award the NYSERDA bid to CVM Electric in the amount of \$18,900.

three (3) Ayes Carried

Received and filed monthly reports from the Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer.

Deputy Town Clerk Mule' stated that at the previous Town Board meeting, Supervisor Ballowe was authorized to purchase a new Christmas tree and decorations to replace old worn out decorations. She noted that he and his wife Mary personally donated the Christmas tree that now stands in our Lobby and thanked them for this donation.

Deputy Town Clerk Mule' noted that the next Blood Drive will be held here in the Court Room on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Highway Superintendent Telaak noted that leaf and brush pick up is now complete. There are still wood chips and fill available.

Highway Superintendent Telaak noted that all of the Christmas lights are up.

Town Attorney Kobiolka noted that the certifications have been accepted by the Department of Agriculture and Markets, which allows the town to move forward with the Water District No. 3, ext. No. 1 project.

Town Attorney Kobiolka noted that he has been working with Rev. Bonnie Bates, Ethics Committee Chairman on the Code of Ethics Amendments.

Councilman Genzel as Engineering Liaison noted that the water valve on Boston State Road has been replaced. He also noted that the NYS DEC Link on Hydro Fracking is now on the Town of Boston's website.

Councilman Genzel noted that there will be a pre-construction meeting for the Water Extension project on December 15 at 10 a.m.

Councilman Genzel noted that the next Planning Board meetings will be on December 13 and 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Genzel as Drainage Liaison noted that culverts cannot be donated or given to residents to fix their personal property.

Councilman Genzel noted that the Valley View Stream bank Erosion project has been completed. He also verified that the logjam on Back Creek Road has been removed by Eastwood Industries.

Councilman Genzel noted that more Christmas donations were received and he will announce those names at the next Town Board meeting.

Councilman Genzel noted that the Boston Band Christmas concert will be on Sunday, December 11, 2 p.m. at the Boston Valley Elementary School.

Councilman Boardway commented on Cynthia Williams' question to Councilwoman Maghran about the name of the agency doing the survey. He noted the agency name is The International City/County Management Association (ICCMA). They are proficient in doing studies with respect to consolidation efforts by municipalities for Police and Fire Departments.

Councilman Boardway cont'd: I personally contacted the Fire Chief's and Presidents of all the Fire companies the day after the last Town Board meeting explaining exactly what is going on and inviting them to participate in this process. He received one response from the President of the Boston Fire Company. We are hoping to hold a meeting within the next two weeks with representatives from the ICCMA, the fire companies, Office of Emergency Management and possibly some Emergency Squad members. I am expecting to have a report by September, 2012. We are putting together a bullet point list of the items we want to focus on with respect to this study. The Fire Companies are going to be asked to come to the table with what they feel are their strengths and weaknesses. The study will be comprehensive in nature. The Town of Boston has allocated \$20,000 for this study, but we will not have an actual cost until we are ready to pin point what we want studied. The residents will be made aware of things as they progress. He noted that he has advised the Fire Company Chief's and Presidents is that nothing is off the table with this study. There will be no limits on it and are asking for their recommendation on what should be done in this town. There will not be any kind of qualification on it that a fire company cannot be eliminated.

The Town Board members also thanked Supervisor Ballowe and his wife Mary for the Christmas tree donation in the lobby.

Councilwoman Maghran noted that Friday Night Recreation began last Friday and is open to all Town of Boston children. Parents are required to come in on the first night to register their child.

Councilwoman Maghran noted that a picture and article of the new recreation center will appear in the NYS RPF Society magazine.

Councilwoman Maghran congratulated the Boston Patriots for winning the Mid-west National Football Championships. There is an article in the Springville Journal.

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and seconded by Councilwoman Maghran to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

five (5) Ayes Carried

JENNIFER A. MULE', DEPUTY TOWN CLERK