

Town Board Minutes February 17, 2010

Present: Supervisor Martin A. Ballowe, Councilmen James E. Pluta and Jeffrey A. Genzel and Councilwoman Cathy A. Maghran.

Excused: Councilman Boardway.

Also Present: Town Attorney Kobiolka and Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to adopt the minutes of the February 3, 2010 regular meeting.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Pluta and seconded by Supervisor Ballowe, upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills on the Abstract dated February 11, 2010 in the amount of \$292,283.65 be paid.

four (4) Ayes Carried

John Anthon, President, Great American Tool Company: I would like to thank the Town Board for the opportunity to be here and introduce our company. The Great American Tool Company was founded by me and my wife, Nancy in 1989. From there we designed a line of knife and tool sharpeners, built prototypes and samples, had them tested and patented and put them on the market. We are one of the nations leading brands of knife sharpening at the moment. From there in 1996 we bought the Timberline Knife Company in Colorado and moved it to Buffalo, NY. We sell them through out United States, Canada and Europe. Some of our customers are Bass Pro, Cabela's, Snap on Tools, Ace Hardware and we respectfully request that the old North Boston Fire Hall 7223 Boston State Road, be rezoned from C-1 to C-2. Our company has placed an offer which has been accepted by the North Boston Fire Company. The bank has given us a commitment letter so our next step is to request Rezoning.

Councilman Pluta asked if there would be any retail or counter sales at this location.

John Anthon: No. Globally the market has shifted a great deal to internet, mail order, fax and call in sales, etc.

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilwoman Maghran to refer the request for Rezoning of 7223 Boston State Road, from C-1 to C-2, Great American Tool Company to the Planning Board for review and recommendation.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Councilman Genzel noted that the Planning Board meets next Tuesday.

Supervisor Ballowe informed John Anthon that he should be in contact with Town Attorney Kobiolka and Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson to make sure that he has all the paperwork needed to get this moving along.

Councilman Pluta reiterated that the zoning has not been changed yet.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and was seconded by Councilman Pluta to approve the Use of Town Facility application from the Boston Recreation Department for July 6, 13, 20 and 27 and August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and was seconded by Councilman Pluta to approve the Use of Town Facility application from Hamburg Pre-Kindergarten for June 17, 2010.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and was seconded by Councilman Pluta to appoint Anita Burns as a Friday Night Recreation Substitute Counselor at the rate of \$8.00 per hour. Term will be effective February 5, 2010 through April 17, 2010.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Councilman Pluta inquired if this was an additional job.

Councilwoman Maghran noted that this was to fill a substitution position.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and seconded by Councilman Genzel to appoint Eric Townsend to the Boston Emergency Squad and will continue until such time as resignation, removal, or replacement.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilwoman Maghran upon the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to re-appoint Katharine Praczkajlo as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals term to commence on February 17, 2010 and expire on April 1, 2015.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Pluta and seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to approve the annual refuse licenses for Allied Waste Services of North America, LLC, Modern Disposal Services, Inc. and Waste Management of NY, LLC.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Genzel and was seconded by Councilman Pluta to refer the request for the Rezoning of Boston Valley Commons, 7074 Boston State Road, from C-1 to C-2 to the Planning Board for review and recommendation.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and was seconded by Councilman Pluta to appoint Scott Fellows at a rate of \$11 per hour and Barry Decker at a rate of \$10 per hour as Parks employees, terms to expire 12/31/2010.

four (4) Ayes Carried

The following bid was received for one (1) New and Unused 2010 or Newer Trailer Mounted Hydroseeder:

Bobcat of Buffalo \$42,500

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilwoman Maghran upon the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Telaak to award bid for One (1) New and Unused 2010 or Newer Trailer Mounted Hydroseeder at a cost of \$42,500.00.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Received and filed monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Assessor and Dog Control Officers.

PROCLAMATION FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Town Clerk Shenk noted that Town and County Tax bills were mailed on Friday, February 12th and are due on March 15th. The office will be open Saturday, March 6th and 13th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Councilman Pluta reminded all residents to recycle. He noted that he will be attending a meeting on March 5th with Erie County representatives in regards to the Senior Program.

Councilman Boardway joined the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Councilman Genzel noted that the bids came in for the Hillcroft Bank Stabilization project will begin next week.

Councilman Genzel noted that he will be working closely with the USDA to make sure that the Town of Boston receives money to repair other areas in town.

Councilman Genzel noted there will be a Planning Board meeting on February 23rd. Councilman Genzel asked Town Attorney Kobiolka to request that Deputy Town Attorney Vacco attend that meeting in his absence.

Councilman Genzel noted that he would like the Capital Improvement Committee to start thinking of ideas for the old Trooper's Barracks.

Councilman Genzel noted that he has two volunteers for the ethics committee and is still looking for more. If anyone is interested please contact him.

Councilman Boardway reported on the various seminars he attended while at the NYS Association of Towns Conference.

Councilman Boardway noted that he received a report from Sean Crotty, Co-director for the Office of Emergency Management. He noted that 127 people were vaccinated for the H1N1 Flu.

Councilwoman Maghran noted that she met with Recreation Director Clesse and they are working on the preparations for the summer recreation program. She noted that Recreation Director Clesse also has been working on the dates for the Summer Concerts. The Boston Town Band will play on July 27th along with the Chamber of Commerce Ice Cream Social.

Councilwoman Maghran noted there was a meeting with the Town of Hamburg Supervisor to discuss the possibility of setting up a consolidation with neighboring towns of some of the Hamburg Sports facilities.

Councilman Pluta noted that he has once again been receiving calls inquiring about Verizon Fios. He reminded residents that it is not the Town Board that is opposed to Verizon expanding; it is Verizon that will not build out into the town simply because of economics.

Town Clerk Shenk noted that when his office receives these calls we refer them to the minutes of February 4, 2009, which is when Verizon representatives attended our Town Board meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Pluta and seconded by Councilman Genzel to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

five (5) Ayes Carried

DAVID J. SHENK, TOWN CLERK