

Northeast South Towns (NEST) Solid Waste Management Board Agenda for
January 4, 2024 and meeting minutes November 2, 2023

David DiPietro, Assemblyman 147th District - letter to Boston Town Board

Letter from Art Services Inc. - Holly Grant

New business:

Supervisor Keding stated the floor is open for public comment.

The following person was heard:

Philip Owen

Supervisor Keding stated the floor is closed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and was seconded by
Councilwoman Lucachik,

RESOLUTION 2024-17

ADOPTING REVISED SCHEDULE OF FEES

WHEREAS, the Town Code Enforcement Officer has reviewed the Town's fees
and has recommended the adoption of a revised schedule of fees; the Town
Board of the Town of Boston hereby adopts the revised fees recommended by
the Town Code Enforcement Officer, all other fees to remain as previously
established.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilman Cartechine	Yes
Councilwoman Lucachik	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilwoman Selby	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Keding and was seconded by Councilman
Cartechine to table,

RESOLUTION 2024-18

REPAIR, COATING, AND STRIPING OF SPORTS COURTS

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilman Cartechine	Yes
Councilwoman Lucachik	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilwoman Selby	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman Selby and was seconded by Councilman
Cartechine to approve request from Thomas Murphy to attend the Association of
Towns 2024 Annual Training February 18-21, 2024.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilman Cartechine	Yes
Councilwoman Lucachik	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilwoman Selby	Yes		

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Motion Con't:

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Cartechine and was seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve new members of Patchin Volunteer Fire Company, Dylan C. Hart, Garrett S. Disarno, and Joseph T. Patterson.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilman Cartechine	Yes
Councilwoman Lucachik	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilwoman Selby	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

Old business:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lucachik and was seconded by Councilwoman Selby,

RESOLUTION 2024-03

ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN

WHEREAS, Sean W. Costello, Esq., with assistance from his affiliated law firm, Rupp Pfalzgraf LLC, and Joseph Burns, Esq., has served as Attorney for the Town from 2018 through 2023 pursuant to the terms of a retainer agreement dated January 3, 2018 as extended; and by way of a letter proposal dated January 11, 2024, Sean W. Costello and Rupp Pfalzgraf LLC have offered a further extension of the retainer agreement to serve as Attorney for the Town on a month-to-month basis, with rates held firm through December 31, 2025. The Town Supervisor hereby is authorized, on behalf of the Town of Boston, to extend the Town's contract with Sean W. Costello, Esq., and Rupp Pfalzgraf LLC on a month-to-month basis with rates held firm through December 31, 2025 by executing the January 11, 2024 proposal, and that Sean W. Costello shall continue to be the duly-designated attorney for the Town of Boston, and shall, in addition to any other contractually specified duties, perform those specific tasks and duties as are required of the Town Attorney pursuant to the Town of Boston Code.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilman Cartechine	Yes
Councilwoman Lucachik	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilwoman Selby	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and was seconded by Supervisor Keding,

RESOLUTION 2024-16

**AWARDING BID FOR TOWN HALL
ENTRY IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, sealed bids were solicited for the necessary work; and a total of five bids were received, and Double A Services LLC submitted the low bid for the required work, with a total base bid of \$46,525; and after reviewing Double A

Motion Con't;

Services LLC's qualifications and references, CPL recommends that the Town award the bid to that contractor; the Town Board of the Town of Boston hereby accepts the bid received from Double A Services, LLC, in the amount of \$46,525 and awards the contract for construction of the Town Hall Entry Improvements project to that firm.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilman Cartechine	Yes
Councilwoman Lucachik	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilwoman Selby	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

Reports and Presentations:

Highway Superintendent Telaak reported on the following:

For the last week it has been busy around here in the Highway Department with the windstorm last Wednesday and all the snow from the weekend. The guys did a great job. There is going to be plenty of brush to pick up this Spring with all the trees down in people's yards. Windstorms bring trees down and power lines come down. All in all things went smoothly.

Councilwoman Selby reported on the following:

Nothing to report.

Councilman Cartechine reported on the following:

Expressed appreciation and thank you to the Highway Superintendent and the Town of Boston Highway Department for quickly removing downed trees in the roads last week. I received quite a few calls about that, I am happy to report that those trees were removed, and the roadway cleared rather quickly.

A Note to Residents: I received a call last week from a gentleman that experienced an extended amount of time with power loss as a result of fallen trees. I would like to remind all residents that the trees that are on your property, if they are in jeopardy of falling on a power line it is your responsibility to trim them or remove them if they are diseased and dead. With what happened last week on one street, a tree went down on a power line that fed that entire neighborhood. They experienced an extended amount of time of power loss. I know firsthand that it is expensive to remove trees. Thanked the Town Clerk and her staff, as well as Supervisor Keding and his staff for accelerating the addition to the agenda tonight of the Patchin volunteer firemen that are going to begin service. As we all know, volunteerism is at an all-time low. There was an issue with the e-mail and we didn't get proper notification in time. All of you worked to get that on the agenda. I just wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation.

Councilwoman Lucachik reported on the following:

Planning Board is scheduled to have its next monthly meeting on February 13th. Travel safely, follow the driving bans.

Councilwoman Martin reported on the following:

Apologized to the Town Board for missing the last extensive reorganization meeting. I picked up Covid over the New Year holiday and that put me down and out for a week.

Town Clerk Quinlan reported on the following:

Read letter from the Association of Towns regarding the 2024 Training School and Annual Meeting February 18-21, 2024.

Waste Management did send out the updated 2024 program guide with calendar, schedule, info, so we should be receiving this shortly at our homes. We also have copies available on the table in the foyer.

Supervisor Keding reported on the following:

We don't have a good way to communicate to the public regarding solid waste collection changes due to the weather. The Town's Clerk's office and my office have spent a lot of time on the phone. Councilwoman Selby has been copied on quite a few of the e-mails as well. There has been hours' worth of work to try to logistically plan for restructuring the solid waste. I understand that people are upset about the change in normal service. The original plan was that everything would be pushed out one day; if your collection was on Monday, it was pushed out to Tuesday and so forth throughout the week. Mother Nature decided to throw us another curveball, another storm and travel bans remain in place, route 219 is still closed under the DOT authority. As we have it right now, the solid waste update that was posted to social media and the Town's website. I wish I had a better way to communicate this with all residents in the Town. The biggest change is for Wednesday's residential customers. If your regular collection is on a Wednesday, sadly it will not be picked up this week. It will be extended one whole week until next Wednesday. It will be solid waste and recycling next week. Plan on seeing the old solid waste trucks not the ones with a mechanical arm. It is going to be a two-team crew. Because we anticipate additional solid waste not fitting in the carts, Wednesday residential customers if you have an extra bag or more, neatly tie them up and keep them out of the snowbank, put them alongside the trash can and they will be collected as well as recycling. Monday's collection that was pushed to Tuesday, 200 parcels were missed due to snow on the roads, those parcels that were missed on Tuesday will be collected tomorrow, Thursday. Regular Tuesday collection will also be tomorrow. Regular Thursday service is going to be moved to Friday. I made some phone calls to Waste Management to see if we could get a Friday or Saturday collection.

There are areas that remain under travel bans, while they are trying to remove 5 to 6 or more feet of snow. Another foot or two of snow in these intense bands is expected tonight. Schools are closed tomorrow. If there are any other updates, I will share the information on the Town's social media and the Town's website. As of 5:00 P.M., County Executive Poloncarz Facebook page, North Tonawanda, Cheektowaga, Lancaster, Lackawanna, West Seneca, Hamburg, and Orchard Park all have travel bans. They have a sizeable amount of snow; those folks were getting hit hard. Our Town attorney is not here tonight, because of 219 being shut down. During a travel ban only tier one essential workers as defined by United States Homeland Security are permitted on roads. They are police, fire, EMS, Public works which is your highway crews, utility workers and those required for healthcare facility operations. It is illegal for an employer to require their employees to show up for work. I wish it was easier for all of us but sometimes you just must adapt and persevere through these situations. I did receive a call from a resident who was quite upset because I was allegedly enforcing the ban. I don't enforce the bans. I am a governing body not an authority body. These travel bans are to help our public works to help keep the roads clear. It is also to help our first responders whether it is fire, EMS, or police, to respond to calls.

Ready Erie App is a great tool for keeping up to date with road closures, travel bans or updates, they are county wide state of emergency declaration. It is free, you can download it to your tablet or your phone. There is a lot of information that comes across that App.

For the Town, we haven't had it yet, but we were made aware that First amendment audits were rolling through the area. First amendment individual would come into a public building and try to access office spaces. They are looking to see if somebody loses their cool and doesn't allow them in areas. They know the Constitution and the Town laws etc. They are looking to identify one person that slips up because then it gets pushed out to YouTube and then becomes clickbait, getting enough clicks makes money. Our error becomes money in their pocket. That is a First amendment audit. Communication was sent out to the staff, we are probably looking at doing training on it as well.

The comprehensive plan update meeting was moved from Martin Luther King day to next Monday here at the Town Hall if anyone is interested. I did receive a call regarding warming shelters. Unfortunately, the Town does not have an area that could be deemed as a warming shelter. There are very strict FEMA and Red Cross guidelines to adhere to and meet the criteria to open the Town hall or Community room is a warming shelter. An area would need to be provided that can be kept safe, secure, and warm. We are in the process of getting a municipal generator for the Town hall, that is one of the first steps.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2024

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TOWN HALL
7:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Supervisor Keding and was seconded by Councilwoman Lucachik to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilman Cartechine	Yes
Councilwoman Lucachik	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilwoman Selby	Yes		

five (5) Yes

Carried

SANDRA L. QUINLAN, BOSTON TOWN CLERK