

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 20, 2024

DRAFT

TOWN HALL
7:30 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Jason Keding, Councilman Michael Cartechine, Councilwoman Jennifer Lucachik, Councilwoman Kelly Martin, and Councilwoman Kathleen Selby.

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Telaak and Attorney for the Town Costello.

Supervisor Keding stated there are no Preliminary matters.

Regular business:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lucachik and was seconded by Councilwoman Martin upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills in the amount of \$467,320.76 be paid.

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

five (5) Yes Carried

Supervisor Keding stated the following has been received and filed under correspondence:

- Town Clerk's Report for February 2024
- Dog Control Officer Report for February 2024
- Income Statements - Preliminary December 2023 / January 2024 / February 2024
- Cash Balances - All of 2023
- January - February 2024 Cash Balances
- Draft minutes from NEST March 2024 meeting
- CPL Meeting Minutes #1 - Town Hall Entry Improvements
- CPL Meeting Minutes #1 - Generator Install
- Letter from NYS Unified Court System, Internal Audit
- Use of Meeting Facility- Southtowns Homeschoolers

New business:

Supervisor Keding stated the floor is open for public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Supervisor Keding stated the floor is closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Cartechine and was seconded by Councilwoman Lucachik to approve the 2023 Service Award points for Boston Fire Company, Patchin Fire Company, North Boston Fire Company, and Boston Emergency Squad.

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,

RESOLUTION 2024-23 **AUTHORIZING 2024 EARLY VOTING POLL LOCATION LEASE AGREEMENT**

The Town Board of the Town of Boston hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a lease agreement with the Erie County Board of Elections for Boston Town Hall to serve as an early voting location in exchange for a payment totaling \$900 per election.

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 2024-24 **STIPEND FOR BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

WHEREAS, the Town of Boston requires three members for its Board of Assessment Review ("BAR"), but has found recruitment and retention of qualified members to be challenging, in part because BAR members must attend training and grievance day(s) that occur during normal business hours; and all volunteer members of Town Advisory Boards sacrifice precious time and talent, but most required meetings and trainings for the other Boards can be attended outside of normal business hours, and therefore members of other Town Advisory Boards generally are not required to take paid or unpaid leave from their jobs to participate; and it has become critical to recruit and train volunteers to serve on the BAR in advance of the next grievance day, and the Town Board believes offering a stipend to offset expenses or losses incurred while serving on the BAR may be an incentive to service;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Boston does hereby adopt the following policies and procedures relating to the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) also known as Assessment Board of Review:

- Stipend Amounts - Members may receive stipends for their service as follows:
- Training Sessions: Members are eligible for a stipend of \$25 per training session attended. Training sessions are held by the County using materials

provided by New York State which are aimed at detailing pertinent information to the role of a Board of Assessment Review member as well as detailed information on the Grievance Day process and requirements.

- Grievance Day: Members are eligible for a stipend of \$150/day for their participation on grievance day. Grievance day refers to the specific day or days set aside for property owners to challenge their property assessments before the Assessment Board of Review.

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

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Cartechine and was seconded by Councilwoman Selby,

RESOLUTION 2024-25 **AMENDING 2023 BUDGET TO PROPERLY ACCOUNT FOR BRUSH OVERAGE**

WHEREAS, the Town Board received a voucher for brush collection dated December 2023 with a total due from the general fund to highway fund in the amount of \$78,126.96 which generates a \$13,126.96 budget overrun, equivalent to 20.19% over budget; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board ratifies the brush payment overage in the amount of \$13,126.96 relating to 2023 brush and leaf collection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Boston 2023 Budget hereby is amended effective immediately:

- 1) Increase Appropriations:
Account No. A00-8989-0400 Other Home/Comm Svc (Brush) \$13,130
- 2) Increase Revenues:
Account No. A00-1120-0000 Non-Property Tax (Sales Tax) \$13,130

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 2024-26 **ADOPTION OF VEHICLE USAGE POLICY**

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 Councilwoman Lucachik to table scheduling the public hearing for fill permit application from Matt Kolodziejczak for 7008 Omphalius Road and table scheduling the public hearing for fill permit application for 7631 Zimmerman Road.

Supervisor Keding stated that the applications were not filled out in their entirety, completed applications are needed to schedule these public hearings.

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 Selby and was seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the 284 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds as drafted.

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:

Brush pick up starts week of April 1st, it will go on the whole month. Sometimes it takes a whole month to get around to every street in Town. We will do it again in May, every street will be done each month. We will have a lot of wood chips available. If anyone wants wood chips, fill out a sheet, and we will deliver them. Piles of leaves are coming out on different streets. Springtime you must bag the leaves for us to pick them up. Paper bags are preferred because those decompose in the compost pile. The plastic bags must be cut open, and you have a mess. Street sweeping on the town roads was going on until we got this last batch of snow. Most of the roads were swept. Now we are using pure salt, we're not using any sand, so we won't have to resweep the streets. Last week we had quite a bit of plowing. We are going to be out doing some more plow damage cleanup.

Councilwoman Selby reported on the following:

Nothing to report tonight.

Councilman Cartechine reported on the following:

I would like to take a moment and recognize a member of our community, Bill Frascella, the Boston Patriots Football Commissioner, for

working with the County to secure an additional AED to provide to the Boston Youth Soccer League. This is a fine example of two separate youth sporting leagues working together for the benefit of our kids. There was a question on how the Boston Youth Soccer League was going to pay for the AED. Bill took it upon himself to work with the County to get an additional AED to meet that requirement that the State has given us. I wanted to recognize Bill for a really good job.

Thanked the North Boston Fire Company, Patchin Fire Company, Boston Fire Company, the Emergency Squad, for all their time to review, compile, and submit the LOSAP Points for 2023. I know what goes into that and it is greatly appreciated. You all do so much in the community.

Councilwoman Lucachik reported on the following:

The Planning Board meeting for April has been cancelled. Thanked those who have been participating in the Comprehensive Plan and the Steering Committee folks. Thank you very much for what is coming. Just to remind everyone that there is a public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan on April 10th, on what the vision is and where we are going. We will need your eyes and ears as we go full throttle. It is very exciting.

Councilwoman Martin reported on the following:

Nothing to report tonight.

Town Clerk Quinlan reported on the following:

Town and County taxes were due March 15th, so we are in the penalty phase, March 16 - April 30, 2024 will include a 7.5% penalty. I will be collecting Town and County taxes through June 30, 2024. Early voting will be held here at the Town hall from Saturday March 23rd through Saturday March 30th, no voting on Easter Sunday and Monday April 1st. Election Day is April 2nd. Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the Town park grounds, Saturday March 30th at 1:00 pm, activities in the community room after the Easter Egg Hunt. Next ConnectLife Blood Drive, Tuesday April 2nd in the Courtroom from 2 to 7 pm.

Supervisor Keding reported on the following:

Wanted the public to know and put it on record, that one of our Town's largest community events is the Easter Egg Hunt, that takes place during one of the early voting days. The Board of Elections will be moving the voting machines from downstairs to upstairs Courtroom. The Board of Elections was completely okay with that because Town Hall technically is designated as the polling location. So just moving from downstairs to upstairs there are no conflicts. The Board of Elections has been very supportive, and I thank the Town Clerk and her staff for helping with this matter.

Just wanted to put on record the Town did receive an email from residents down on Deanna Drive. There were multiple concerns from residents. I am surprised that nobody is here tonight. They did say that they were going to try to make it out tonight, maybe it is because of the inclement weather. Carmina Wood is the developer for that project. They met yesterday in the afternoon, on site, and they are going to address each of the items that are in this email as far as the residents' concerns. The Town will have a response back to the residents that sent us the email.

There are Erie County Agricultural Farmland Protection Plan public forums. This will be posted upstairs and downstairs on the message boards. Erie County Environment Planning is working on these Agricultural Farmland Protection Plans. There are five different meeting locations and times. If you are interested, please take a look, it will be going out to the Town's social media and the Town's website.

Solar Eclipse glasses, there has been a big ask for those. The Town did receive a small allotment from Legislator Mills Office. They have been distributed to our senior groups and the congregate dining program. If there are any glasses left, they will be made available in the Town Clerk's Office. We did have a discussion downstairs regarding the Town Hall being open on April 8th. I know some municipalities are either closing at Noon or are closed the day of the Solar Eclipse. We made the decision that the Town Hall will be open that day.

The Comprehensive Plan public meeting, that is a big one for our community. We had a great response from our schools, our farming community, and our small business community. I encourage people to show up at the meeting on April 10th at 6:30 pm. We will be downstairs in the community room. We are hoping for a good turnout, there has been a lot of effort and time put into this Plan. It has been posted to social media with all the details. Please come, we value the input and feedback, after all it is our community.

The April 3rd Town Board meeting is going to be cancelled, due to lack of agenda items. It also falls at Spring Break, some of us are going to be on the road. We will be reconvening for the Board meeting on April 17th.

Erie County partnered with NEST which is the Northeast Southtowns Waste Management board to do a composter sale. It was put out on the Town's social media. There were 1,300 composters that were made available for sale. They are about \$50.00 to \$60.00 purchase. The NEST Board decided to subsidize half of that cost. So, residents who are interested in composters, they are available, there are a couple of hundred left. If you are interested in one go ahead and get one. If there is not enough there is always next year. There is early discussion already that they will probably subsidize again next year. There are a lot of people who are starting to compost.

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TOWN HALL
7:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Supervisor Keding and was seconded by Councilman Cartechine to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 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