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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 6, 2024

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 to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024 regular meeting.

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 Councilwoman Selby upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills in the amount of \$294,300.32 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 January 2024

NYSEG and RG&E Remind Customers of Resources to Manage Energy Bills - February 7, 2024

NYSEG and RG&E Deliver Best Reliability in Five Years - February 14, 2024

NYSEG and RG&E Preparing for Widespread Wind Event Expected to Impact State - February 28, 2024

Letter from Erie County Department of Public Works - Notice of Road Closure, Cole Road between Ward Road and Old Lower East Hill Road

Letter from Erie County Department of Public Works - Notice of Road Closure, Boston State Road between Boston Cross Road and Liebler Road

Letter from the Boston Free Library - Lease & Depository Agreement for 2024

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Letter from Erie County Water Authority - Lead and Copper Rule Revisions and Improvements

Letter from County Executive Poloncarz - NEST Solid Waste Management Plan 2020-2030

Letter from Erie County Legislator Mills - Supervisor Keding named President of Association of Erie County Governments 2024

Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway - Buffalo Bills Partnership Proposal

Letter from Pinsky Law Group - Flat Fee Retainer: Service Awards Points Review

2023 Annual Report on Revenues and Expenditures of Foreign Fire Insurance Premiums from Patchin Volunteer Exempt Fireman's Benevolent Association

Letter from National Fuel - Highway & Municipal Construction Projects

Use of Meeting Facility- Boston Democratic Social Club meetings

Use of Meeting Facility - Supervisor Keding LOSAP meeting

Use of Meeting Facility - Supervisor Keding Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings

Use of Meeting Facility - Supervisor Keding Comprehensive Plan Public meeting

Senior Agreement 2024 - Boston Seniors

Senior Agreement 2024 - Boston Young at Heart

2023 Energy Benchmarking Report

Resignation letter from Deborah Catalano, Board of Assessment Review Member

Letter from Erie County Department of Senior Services regarding April 8th solar eclipse

New business:

Supervisor Keding stated the floor is open for public comment.

The following person was heard:

Jeff Persanti

Supervisor Keding stated the floor is closed.

with no other agency seeking lead agency status; and the Town has engaged special counsel and Town Engineer CPL to review the project and the SEQR form submitted by the applicant in advance of issuing a declaration regarding the project’s potential impacts on the environment; and the Town Board expects its engineer and special counsel to have completed their review of the applicant’s submissions by the end of March, and seeks the input, if any, of the Planning Board and Conservation Advisory Committee relative to the reports of the engineer and special counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Board of the Town of Boston hereby requests that the Planning Board and Conservation Advisory Committee review the reports of the Town Engineer and/or the Town’s special counsel regarding the potential environmental impact of the proposed large-scale solar development at 7832 Feddick Road at their April 2024 meetings, and that any comments or further questions be provided to the Town Board by April 12, so that this matter may be further considered at the Town Board’s April 17 meeting.

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 Lucachik to approve the Use of facility application from Boston Free Library, for Fundraiser, July 25, 2024, 2:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Boston Town Park, Lions Shelter, and bathroom facilities. Use of facility fee has been waived.

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 Councilwoman Selby to approve the Use of Facility application from Conservation Advisory Council, for Birdhouse Workshop, April 6, 2024, 10:30 am to 3:00 pm, Community room with kitchen, and bathroom facilities.

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 to approve the Use of Facility application from Conservation Advisory Council, for Fishing Derby, May 11, 2024, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, Community room with kitchen, and bathroom facilities, Boston Town Park, Lions Shelter, and bathroom facilities.

Motion Con't:

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 the Use of Facility application from Trooper Brinkerhoff Foundation, for 5K race, June 14, 2024, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Community room, and June 15, 2024, 7:00 am to 2:00 pm, Boston Town Park, Lions Shelter, and bathroom facilities.

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 Lucachik and was seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the Use of Sporting Facility application from Boston Youth Soccer League, for Soccer practice and games, July 1 to October 5, 2024, 5:30 pm, Soccer fields at Town Hall Park and North Boston Park.

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 Councilman Cartechine and was seconded by Councilwoman Selby,

RESOLUTION 2024-18 REPAIR, COATING, AND STRIPING OF SPORTS COURTS

WHEREAS, the hard-surface sports courts at the Town of Boston's Town Park are in a state of disrepair, with cracked, uneven surfaces that no longer are properly striped; and the Town has obtained a proposal from Super Seal Sealcoating LLC dated October 27, 2023 to power-wash, repair cracks and low spots, coat the surface with colored material, and line stripe the Town's hard-surface courts at Boston Town Park, which consist of one basketball court, two tennis courts, and two pickleball courts, for a total cost of \$83,200; and the Town can procure Super Seal's services by "piggybacking" pursuant to General Municipal Law § 103(16) off Equalis Group public sector purchasing cooperative's Master Agreement Contract No. COG-2138B with SportMaster for Sports Construction Services, as Super Seal Sealcoating is an authorized dealer pursuant to the SportMaster Master Agreement; and the Town Board wishes to

restore the Town’s hard-surface sports courts to allow residents to fully benefit from these amenities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Board of the Town of Boston hereby authorizes the procurement from Super Seal Sealcoating LLC of repairs, coating, and striping of the sports courts at Boston Town Park, as described in that firm’s October 27, 2023 proposal and for a total cost not to exceed \$83,200.

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:

Over the last few weeks the highway workers have been out trimming trees along the road, mostly they are all dead ash trees and pine trees leaning out towards the road that are going to fall into the road someday and cause problems. Done quite a bit on Hillcroft, Greenbriar, Rockwood Road, George Drive just to mention a few of the roads. We have been around most of the streets, thats Town roads, not County roads. The guys have been sweeping streets. Whenever we have rainy days, they are out sweeping with both machines. It is not as dusty when it is raining. The next few weeks or next month we will be cleaning up plow damage and cleaning out ditches. We will have ditch dirt if anyone is looking for fill.

Councilwoman Selby reported on the following:

We have an urgent need for a Board of Assessment Review member. I don’t know if the Supervisor is going to speak about this, but I would do a shout out. We lost a very competent person, and our Assessor is recommending now that it be a paid position. If you know of any assessors or anyone with real estate background, it is a very rewarding experience and getting yourself involved with the Town, that would be helpful as well. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Town Assessor Thelma. She will be more than happy to talk about that.

Councilman Cartechine reported on the following:

Nothing to report tonight.

Councilwoman Lucachik reported on the following:

The Comprehensive Plan is holding a public meeting on April 10th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Community Room. The meeting is to provide the public with the progress that the steering committee has made, what

the vision is, what lessons they have learned from all the surveys that we received from businesses, residents, including the kids in our Town. What are the visions and goals to provide the public with, where we're at and where we're going. I would highly recommend coming. It will be a very informative piece of information that you can take home and look forward to learning more about so we can move the Comprehensive Plan further. It helps us a lot with the guidance with our contractors coming into the Town, with any of our residents and where do we want to put things and how do we want to move things around within the Town, how do we do that moving forward. They teach us that, so it is a long process. This is the start of it, the second public meeting, we would love your input.

Councilwoman Martin reported on the following:

There will be a Zoning Board meeting tomorrow here in the court room at 7:15 pm. I would like to thank the residents of Feddick Road for keeping us aware of what is going on up there. So, it is good to know that residents still care and don't assume that as Board members up here that we know what is going on in Town and are just letting stuff go through. That's not true. We care about our residents in our Town, and we want to make sure that longevity with the Comprehensive Plan that Boston is still a wonderful place to live for our children and our children's children.

Town Clerk Quinlan reported on the following:

Yesterday's blood drive in the community room, our community stepped up again, 28 units collected, helped save the lives of 83 local patients. Next ConnectLife blood drive will be first Tuesday in April. Board of Assessment Review members do need to be Town of Boston residents, a minimum of three members, a one-day training in April, and Grievance Day is the fourth Tuesday in May. Public Notice, County of Erie, Town of Boston Tax 2024, Notice Is Hereby Given that the Tax Roll and Warrant for the County of Erie and the Town of Boston for the year 2024 has been received and all persons and corporations named herein are required to pay the taxes on said rolls. I will maintain office hours to receive tax payments at the Boston Town Hall, 8500 Boston State Road, Boston, New York 14025. On all taxes paid on or before March 15, 2024. General Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm. Extended Hours: Thursday 3/14, 9 am - 6 pm, Friday 3/15, 9 am - 6 pm. DROP BOX, to the left of the front door at the Boston Town Hall, 8500 Boston State Road, is for your convenience. After March 15, 2024 the U.S. postmark is considered the payment date when paying by mail. IF PAID ON OR AFTER March 16, 2024 - April 30, 2024 will include a 7.5% penalty. On May 1, 2024, the 7.5% penalty fee is added to the unpaid levy, forming the new base tax then due. Thereafter, interest is added to the

base at the rate of 1.5% per month, on the 1st of each month, making 18.78% in all, when unpaid taxes are sold in November 2024.

Taxes unpaid by the close of business on June 30, 2024 will be returned to Erie County Commissioner of Finance, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202.

PARTIAL PAYMENT OF TAXES IS AVAILABLE. If you have any questions please call 941-6113 ext 5. Tax information may be obtained from our website, www.townofboston.com.

Supervisor Keding reported on the following:

Board of Assessment Review, we would like to keep somebody from our community on that board. It is a three-person board with a minimum of two people. If we do not have two people, whether we like it or not that law requires that we work within Erie County and Erie County would bring somebody in. It doesn't mean that the person would be a Boston resident but a person within the County. It was a non-paid position, we had a conversation with our Assessor, the Assessor did make a recommendation. \$25.00 per training day and \$150.00 for Grievance Day. If anyone has questions, please reach out to the Towns Clerk's office, and submit letter of interest for the Town Board.

The Comprehensive Plan is one of the big things going on right now. The public meeting, we would love to see as many people as possible that we can get there. There is a lot of work that went in from the committee and outreach to all of the local schools, Springville, Hamburg, Orchard Park. We are asking the students if you live in community are you planning on staying in Boston? If you're not, why? If yes, why?

There was a post on social media about revitalizing our playground behind the Town hall. Senator Gallivan's office provided the Town money to put in new playground equipment in South Boston Park. We have just put in a new open-air pavilion in North Boston Park and now looking to resurface the tennis courts. The proposal out there is for an accessible playground, it is very expensive. I did reach out to the Commissioner for Erie County Parks. If anyone has been up to Erie County Parks and seen their accessible parks, they start out at \$370,000. Not saying we can't do it. We do have a playground reserve account; we can slowly put money away and build that into the Comprehensive Plan. There are opportunities, that's the whole purpose of this. To take feedback from the public, have conversations, identify what the public wants and put in that long term plan so it's a document. Someday when the five of us are not here, you as taxpaying citizens can say to the Board, the Planning Board, Conservation Advisory Council, and all the people that put their time and effort into that can pull it off the shelves and see the road map looking ahead.

The resident is not here, but can look back at the Board minutes to see that we did not forget about them. I want to thank the Board publicly for allowing me to attend the Association of Towns training. The Code

Enforcement officer also attended. There are a lot of changes coming out of Albany.

I want to bring attention to the utility trucks up and down Boston State Road adjusting the utility lines. That is part of Erie Net. Its own buildout of 400 miles of dark fiber optic cable. This is not Spectrum. This will be dark fiber that will connect all our Town hall buildings, libraries, fire companies, and the Emergency Squad. It is a secure network that offers an opportunity to connect residents as well. If you have any questions, I would be happy to talk to you about it or visit ErieNet.com. I've seen on the Colden Facebook page that there have been some outages with Spectrum. It's probably because the utility trucks are moving the lines up and down. If you have questions call my office or stop me at the end of the meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Keding and was seconded by Councilwoman Lucachik to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 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