

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2015**

**TOWN HALL
7:30 P.M.**

Present: Supervisor Martin A. Ballowe, Jay P. Boardway, Councilmen Jeffrey A. Genzel, and Lawrence A. Murtha.

Absent: Councilman Gary E. Vara.

Also Present: Town Attorney Kobiolka and Highway Superintendent Telaak.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway upon the recommendation of Town Attorney Kobiolka that the 2015 salary of the Deputy Town Attorney, Patricia Maxwell, be increased to \$14,115.

Supervisor Ballowe	Aye	Councilman Boardway	Aye
Councilman Genzel	Aye	Councilman Murtha	Aye

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to adopt the minutes of the December 2, 2015 regular meeting.

Supervisor Ballowe	Aye	Councilman Boardway	Aye
Councilman Genzel	Yes	Councilman Murtha	Aye

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to approve the following changes to the minutes of November 18, 2015 regular meeting.

Current Motion:

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to adopt the minutes of the October 7 and November 4, 2015 regular meeting.

Supervisor Ballowe	Yes	Councilman Genzel	Yes
Councilman Boardway	No		

two (2) Yes one (1) No Carried

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Proposed Change:

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to adopt the minutes of the October 7 and November 4, 2015 regular meeting.

Supervisor Ballowe	Yes	Councilman Genzel	Yes
Councilman Boardway	No		

two (2) Ayes (1) No Defeated

Supervisor Ballowe	Aye	Councilman Boardway	No
Councilman Genzel	Yes	Councilman Murtha	Abstain

two (2) Ayes (1) Abstain (1) No Defeated

A motion was made by Councilman Murtha and seconded by Supervisor Ballowe, upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills on the abstract dated December 10, 2015 in the amount of \$237,430.06 be paid.

Supervisor Ballowe	Aye	Councilman Boardway	Yes
Councilman Genzel	Yes	Councilman Murtha	Aye

four (4) Ayes Carried

Supervisor Ballowe noted that the Town Board did not get to discuss the correspondence from Councilman Elect Jason Keding requesting to attend the Association of Towns Conference, therefore, it is being tabled.

Councilman Genzel stated that the Town Board paid for the senior group 20 years lunch celebration and continued to read a thank you note signed by Theresa, Sharon and the Seniors.

Received and Filed Erie County Water Authority Tariff Amendments.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to open the floor for public comments.

Supervisor Ballowe	Aye	Councilman Boardway	Yes
Councilman Genzel	Yes	Councilman Murtha	Aye

four (4) Ayes Carried

There were no public comments.

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A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to close the floor.

Supervisor Ballowe	Aye	Councilman Boardway	Yes
Councilman Genzel	Yes	Councilman Murtha	Aye

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to accept the Conservation Advisory Council resignation from Jason Keding effective December 31, 2015.

Supervisor Ballowe	Aye	Councilman Boardway	Yes
Councilman Genzel	Yes	Councilman Murtha	Aye

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to accept the resignation from Conservation Advisory Council Chairman, Jason Keding, with an effective date of December 31, 2015.

Supervisor Ballowe	Aye	Councilman Boardway	Yes
Councilman Genzel	Yes	Councilman Murtha	Aye

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to table the contract renewal request from Grant Writer, Connie Miner because they have questions they need answers to.

Supervisor Ballowe	Aye	Councilman Boardway	Yes
Councilman Genzel	Yes	Councilman Murtha	Aye

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Murtha and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe upon the recommendation of the Conservation Advisory Council to appoint Scott Johnson as chairman.

Supervisor Ballowe	Aye	Councilman Boardway	Yes
Councilman Genzel	Yes	Councilman Murtha	Aye

four (4) Ayes Carried

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A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to accept the resignation of Robert Chelus from the Assessment Board of Review and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Supervisor Ballowe	Aye	Councilman Boardway	Yes
Councilman Genzel	Yes	Councilman Murtha	Aye

four (4) Ayes Carried

Councilman Boardway noted that a request was received from the Secretary of the Boston Patriots Football to use the meeting room on an urgent basis for a meeting that they had to have with some of their members. The Town Board members were in fact all contacted in this regard and an approval was given.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to formally request approval of the December 9, 2015 request from the Boston Patriots' request for use of the downstairs community meeting room for December 10, 2015.

Supervisor Ballowe	Aye	Councilman Boardway	Yes
Councilman Genzel	Yes	Councilman Murtha	Aye

four (4) Ayes Carried

Councilman Boardway: The Town of Boston is responsible for insurance on the liability sense to all of our town buildings, our town facilities, obviously the highway department, the highway facilities, in addition to that we have multiple vehicles, multiple drivers, a plethora of insurance needs in the Town of Boston to cover both of our citizens, our employees and everything else. In addition to that, the Worker's Compensation Coverage, which provides coverage for our employees while on the job. One step beyond that, we are mandated by NYS law and our contracts with the fire service and the volunteer EMS service to also ensure they have adequate Worker's Compensation coverage in their needs in their service to the town. Every year this policy gets re-worked to try and save money. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. This year the overall policies have gone down slightly. Based, more on experience rating from the Worker's Compensation end. The liability end has gone up a bit, but the worker's Compensation end went down a little bit. Total liability Insurance premium renewal would be \$53,382 and the NYS Municipal Worker's Compensation Alliance payment, which will cover all the town employees, the volunteer ambulance workers and all three volunteer fire companies that are currently under contract is \$84,715.

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A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to accept and bind this policy.

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Councilman Genzel	Yes	Councilman Murtha	Aye

four (4) Ayes

Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

JENNIFER A. MULÉ, TOWN CLERK