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Dear Erie County Comptroller Stefan Mychajliw:

I have received the report from your office's review of the fixed assets for the Town of Boston. As you know, the Town Board requested this audit. We are disappointed to learn of the failures that we inherited from previous Town governments, but are satisfied that our decision to request the audit was the right choice for our Town. We now have a blueprint to move forward to make the Town and its finances stronger, more transparent, and more accountable than in the past.

While the County did not corroborate any fraud, the potential for fraud exists because of poor internal controls. To right the ship moving forward, the Town of Boston will immediately begin revising our policies and procedures. We will be having our current contracted accountant develop policies and procedures to ensure the safekeeping of our citizen's assets. These include, but not limited in scope to include; Fixed Assets, Annual Financial Reports, Capital Asset and Procurement Policies to ensure they are current. Staff will be given copies of these new policies and procedures upon their adoption from the Town Board and offered time to discuss and clarify expectations moving forward.

I thank the Eric County Comptroller's Office for assisting the Town of Boston in this review.

Regards-

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