

AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - TOWN OF BOSTON
FEBRUARY 19, 2025 – 7:30 P.M.

ITEM NO. I PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Other Preliminary Matters

ITEM NO. II REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Correction and Adoption of the Minutes from February 5, 2025
2. Consideration of all Fund Bills

ITEM NO. III CORRESPONDENCE

1. Town Clerk's Report for January 2025
2. Dog Control Officer Report for January 2025
3. Code Enforcement Officer Report January 2025
4. Income Statement – December 2024 Preliminary
5. Income Statement – January 2025
6. Cash Balances – December 2024 and January 2025
7. Penflex – December 31, 2024 Sponsor Report for Volunteer Ambulance Worker Service Award Program
8. Erie County Environmental Management Council Annual Recommendations Report 2024
9. Press Release – February 4, 2025, NYSEG and RG&E are Leveraging AI to Create a More Resilient and Reliable Grid
10. Bread of Life Outreach Center, Who We Are!
11. NYAOT, 2025 Legislation to Know, Updated 2/7/2025
12. NYAOT, February 4, 2025 Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Executive Budget
13. NYAOT, 2024 Laws Digest
14. Town Clerk letter of appointment of Lisa Ranalletta as Deputy Town Clerk, Part-Time
15. Application for Use of Meeting Facility – NYMIR, Work Zone Safety Workshop
16. Letter from Senator Patrick Gallivan in support of Town of Boston funding

ITEM NO. IV NEW BUSINESS

1. Requests from the Floor (3-minute time limit per person)
2. Approval of 2024 Service Award points – Boston EMS
3. Approve Leave of Absence – Tina Weisedel
4. Appoint Deputy Town Clerk, Part-Time (\$21.41/hr.) – Lisa Ranalletta
5. Application for Use of Facility – Conservation Advisory Council – Snowshoe and Snowmen Event
6. Application for Use of Facility – Boys & Girls Club – July 9, 2025

ITEM NO. V OLD BUSINESS

ITEM NO. VI REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Highway Superintendent
2. Councilmembers
3. Town Clerk
4. Supervisor

ITEM NO. VII ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. Adjournment of Meeting

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2025

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, Town Clerk Sandra Quinlan

Supervisor Keding called the meeting to order at 7:41 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Keding stated there are no other Preliminary matters.

Regular business:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Selby and was seconded by Councilwoman Lucachik to approve and adopt the minutes of the February 5, 2025 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 Councilman Cartechine and was seconded by Councilwoman Selby upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills in the amount of \$130,762.66 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:

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New business:

Supervisor Keding stated the floor is open for public comment.

The following persons were heard:

Richard Hawkins

Deputy Miller, Community Engagement Team, Erie County Sheriff's Office

Supervisor Keding stated the floor is closed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and was seconded by Councilwoman Lucachik to approve the 2024 Service Award points for 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 Lucachik and was seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the leave of absence request from Tina Weisedel, Congregate Dining/Nutrition department from 7/1/2025 to 8/29/2025.

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 Lisa Ranalletta Deputy Town Clerk part-time, rate of pay of \$21.41 an hour.

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

Motion Con't:

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 Snowshoe and Snowmen Event, February 22, 2025, 8:00 am to 2:30 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 Councilman Cartechine and was seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the Use of Facility application from Boys & Girls Club of Boston, July 9, 2025, 10:30 am to 3:00 pm, for Field Day, 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

Old business:

Supervisor Keding stated that there is no Old business.

Reports and Presentations:

Highway Superintendent Telaak reported on the following:

Reported that there is a salt shortage this year, all across the state and not just our state. In the past 20 years when we ordered salt, call on Monday and by Wednesday we would get our salt. This year, call on Monday, it might be two weeks or longer. We conserve the best we can and stretch it as far as we can. The roads this year are probably heaved up and as rough as I have ever seen them in the last 20 years. The Town roads, so far we have three very little potholes. We have some bumps where pipes are crossing the roads. The road heaves up and the trenches do not. We had a couple of trucks with broken springs; the trucks have been holding together well. We have been making it with our salt. Last weekend, Saturday and Sunday, and the Monday holiday, we had a lot of overtime for the guys.

Councilwoman Selby reported on the following:

Thank you to Bob and the highway department for their work on our roads. I am proud to live in Boston and our roads have been so very well maintained. I appreciate it, it has been a long stretch. All the guys are probably very tired of the snow. Keep up the good work and hopefully it will not be too much longer.

Councilman Cartechine reported on the following:

Echoed the sentiment that Rich shared and my fellow board member Kathy; Highway department is doing a great job. I was in awe at the snow pile at the top of Boston Cross Road. It was pushed back with the wing blade, and it was over the roof of my car.

The County roads are going to need attention in the Spring. Boston State Road is like a mine field when you are driving on it and cars are swerving to miss the potholes that are getting bigger and bigger. I saw a road crew out not long ago doing some cold patch in some of those areas, that is not going to cut it. Our main thoroughfare in the Town is going to need attention sooner rather than later. Add to the docket with Back Creek Road that's been pushed off and off. We have one main road in this Town, Boston State Road, it has been I would say 11 years since it was ground down, it is getting bad and that is certainly not the look that we want for our Town. We certainly don't have any issue paying our taxes. I would like to respectfully ask the County for some attention to our infrastructure here in Town.

Councilwoman Lucachik reported on the following:

Nothing to report this evening.

Councilwoman Martin reported on the following:

Just a reminder that the Snowshoe and Snowmen event is this Saturday for the Conservation Advisory Council. This is the first year in a while that we didn't have to reschedule the event; we have the snow to do it. So come out and enjoy some family time in the Town Park.

Town Clerk Quinlan reported on the following:

ConnectLife blood drive from February 4th, 27 units collected, helped save the lives of 81 local patients. Next blood drive is Tuesday March 4th, 2 to 7 pm in the Community Room. On February 10th, I appointed Lisa Ranalletta as Deputy Town Clerk part-time, thanked the Town Board for approving her compensation rate of \$21.41 hour.

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 2025 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 17, 2025.

General Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm

Extended Hours: Friday 3/14, 9 am - 6 pm, Saturday 3/15, 9 am - 12 Noon, Monday 3/17, 9 am - 6 pm.

DROP BOX, to the left of the front door at Boston Town Hall, 8500 Boston State Road, is for your convenience.

After March 17, 2025 the U.S. postmark is considered the payment date when paying by mail.

IF PAID ON OR AFTER March 18, 2025 - April 30, 2025 will include a 7.5% penalty. On May 1, 2025, 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 2025.

Taxes unpaid by the close of business on June 30, 2025 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. Service fee applies to online tax payments. Credit Card: 2.65% or a \$3.00 minimum fee. E-checks: \$1.50 flat fee.

Supervisor Keding reported on the following:

We are waiting on National Fuel to make the connection for the generator. Once we have the connection and the meter and that fires up, that project will be done. The front steps, we have been working on the agreement with Kirst Construction since our last meeting. Once that is finalized, hopefully we can get that job wrapped up.

To put notice out since we have our friends from the Hamburg Sun here tonight, March 19th there will not be a Town Board meeting due to lack of agenda items. We will have a Town Board meeting on March 5th.

Thanked the Town Board for the approval to go to NYAOT program. It was a great conference this year. A lot revolved around workforce development. There is a lot of new legislation, that is part of what is in the packet. A lot affects us; Dog Control, which is why you have seen agreements changing with Eden Veterinary Clinic and the SPCA. There are a lot of things coming down, we have our work cut out for us. This will keep us busy for a while. You will see it in the Board packets as we move through some of those things. One of the reasons why we are modernizing our website is the State has made a requirement that our townofboston.com website has to now be a .gov. This will be new on the horizon so we will keep everybody updated as we move forward.

A motion was made by Supervisor Keding and was seconded by Councilman Cartechine to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

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

five (5) Yes

Carried

Open Meetings Law, Public Officers Law, Article 7, §106. Minutes.

Minutes shall be taken at all open meetings of a public body which shall consist of a record or summary of all motions, proposals, resolutions and any other matter formally voted upon and the vote thereon.

These minutes are an unofficial copy unless the original signature of the Town Clerk is affixed below. The original official paper minutes are stored in the Town's vault.

SANDRA L. QUINLAN, BOSTON TOWN CLERK