

AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - TOWN OF BOSTON
September 2, 2026 – 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 August 19, 2026
2. Consideration of all Fund Bills

ITEM NO. III CORRESPONDENCE

1. Code Enforcement Officer Report July 2026
2. NYS Department of Agricultural and Markets, Re: Notice of Intent – Water System Improvement Project Phase 2, Town of Boston, Erie County Agricultural District No. 15
3. Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, 30-Day Period for Inclusion of Predominantly Viable Agricultural Lands into Existing Agricultural Districts
4. Application for Use of Meeting Facility – Southtown's Homeschoolers
5. Application for Use of Meeting Facility – Erie County, CDBG public hearing
6. Statement on behalf of NYSDEC and EPA: Monday, August 31, 2026

ITEM NO. IV NEW BUSINESS

1. Requests from the Floor (3-minute time limit per person)
2. Resolution 2026 – 59 Approving Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Union of Operating Engineers Local 17
3. Resolution 2026 – 60 Maplewood Cemetery
4. Schedule Public Hearing for Federal Community Development Grant, CDBG
5. Appointment – MEO Highway

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

Present: Supervisor Jason Keding, Councilwoman Kelly Martin, Councilman Robert Penders, Councilwoman Kathleen Selby, and Councilman Max Stephan.

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Robert Telaak, Town Clerk Sandra Quinlan.

Supervisor Keding called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 Martin to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2026 regular meeting.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Stephan and was seconded by Councilwoman Martin upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills in the amount of \$158,410.46 be paid.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

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

Code Enforcement Officer Report July 2026

NYS Department of Agricultural and Markets, Re: Notice of Intent – Water System Improvement Project Phase 2, Town of Boston, Erie County Agricultural District No. 15

Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, 30-Day Period for Inclusion of Predominantly Viable Agricultural Lands into Existing Agricultural Districts

Per New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b, the Erie County Legislature designated September 1 through September 30 as the annual thirty-day period during which landowners may submit requests to include predominantly viable agricultural land into an existing certified agricultural district. Copies of the application form have been provided to Municipal Clerks, Assessors, and Chief Elected Officials for distribution to interested landowners. The application is also available online at www.erie.gov/agenrollment. The Erie County Department of

Environment and Planning will accept applications from September 1 through September 30. Any questions on this process should be directed to the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning. A public hearing will be scheduled at a later date to consider all requests and recommendations of the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. Contact: Sarah Gatti, Principal Planner Erie County Environment & Planning 95 Franklin Street, 10th Floor Buffalo, NY 14202 Phone: (716) 858-6014 Fax: 716-858-7248 Email: agriculture@erie.gov.

Application for Use of Meeting Facility – Southtown’s Homeschoolers

Application for Use of Meeting Facility – Erie County, CDBG public hearing

Statement on behalf of NYSDEC and EPA: Monday, August 31, 2026

New business:

Requests from the Floor:

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 Selby and was seconded by Councilwoman Martin,

**RESOLUTION 2026 - 59 APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
WITH INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 17**

WHEREAS, negotiators for the Town of Boston and the International Union of Operating Engineers (“IUOE”) Local 17 have met, negotiated, and reached a tentative agreement covering the calendar years 2027, 2028, and 2029 and setting forth certain changes, modifications, or additions to the existing articles of the collective bargaining agreement between the parties with respect to wages, benefits, and other matters subject to bargaining (“the Agreement”); and WHEREAS, the members of IUOE Local 17 have lawfully and properly ratified the terms of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Boston finds it in the best interests of the Town to approve the Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Board of the Town of Boston hereby approves the collective bargaining agreement in substantially the form set forth in the current agreement as changed, amended, and modified by the attached tentative agreement that hereby is incorporated by reference; and IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor hereby is authorized to execute the collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the Town.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and was seconded by Councilman Penders,

RESOLUTION 2026 - 60

MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY

WHEREAS, Maplewood Cemetery located on Boston State Road across from the Town Hall has identified a small to medium-size tree which needs to be removed; and

WHEREAS, over the years some of the trees have fallen creating damage to headstones, while other trees are weakened thus remaining a liability; and

WHEREAS, the cemetery is run as a non-for-profit organization with limited income to fix the damages and obtain proper tree removal to avoid further damage that will most likely be caused in storms typically exhibited in the town if left untreated; and

WHEREAS, the caretakers of Maplewood cemetery are seeking assistance from the Town; and

WHEREAS, Town Law Section 165-A allows municipalities to provide funding, goods, and/or services to public cemeteries as defined by the not-for-profit corporation law; and

WHEREAS, under Town Law Section 291 the town would be required to take over the cemetery if abandoned by the current caretakers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boston Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent and Parks Department to coordinate public service(s) for the requested assistance for Maplewood cemetery; and

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Keding and was seconded by Councilwoman Selby to schedule a public hearing for the Federal Community Development Grant (CDBG), September 30, 2026 at 7:35 pm.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Penders and was seconded by Councilwoman Selby to appoint Sean Kelly to the Machine Equipment Operator (MEO) position in the Highway Department, amended by Supervisor Keding to include approval as set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, MEO1.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

TOWN HALL
7:30 P.M.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes

Carried

Supervisor Keding stated that there is no Old business.

Reports and Presentations:

Highway Superintendent Telaak reported on the following:

Regarding a bucket truck, he indicated agreement with a 50/50 cost-sharing arrangement between the Highway and Parks departments, noting that the Town should move forward on acquiring a bucket truck before the holiday season to accommodate flag removal, light changes, and holiday decorations. Reported a drainage issue at the Parks building, where a rotted pipe leading from a receiver has caused a hole to develop in the parking lot. Investigation and repair work is anticipated in the next one to two weeks, with the possibility that additional piping may need to be replaced if further deterioration is found. Brush pickup is ongoing and going well, wood chips are available to residents upon completion of a request form. Highway crews have been mowing shoulders, performing skid paving and edge repairs, and preparing plow trucks for winter and completing inspections. With regard to salt supply, salt has been delivered but fell short of the quantities ordered. The price of salt increased on September 1st from \$57 per ton to \$93 per ton. Will talk to the Town attorney to work with the County attorney on a potential class-action with other affected municipalities. Confident that salt on hand is sufficient for the start of winter.

Councilwoman Selby reported on the following:

Extended wishes for a safe and happy Labor Day weekend and reminded the public that school would be resuming shortly, asking motorists to exercise patience with school buses during the early weeks of the year as routes are adjusted and keep an eye out for children.

Councilman Penders reported on the following:

Attended a meeting with the fire departments the previous evening and received an informative overview of the considerable costs associated with firefighting equipment, particularly noting that certain equipment expires in regard to date of manufacture rather than condition or mileage, necessitating replacement regardless of use. A code update meeting is scheduled for the following week. Zoning Board meeting would be held the following evening with six or seven items on the agenda. Acknowledged the 25th anniversary of September 11th, expressing respect for those involved and for individuals still suffering from illnesses resulting from their response to the attacks.

Councilman Stephan reported on the following:

Attended the first Boston Patriot's football game of the season and remarked positively on the large community turnout, commending residents for their strong support of local youth sports. Also echoed Councilwoman Selby's message about patience with school bus routes at the start of the school year.

Councilwoman Martin reported on the following:

Conservation Advisory Council's (CAC), Annual LEAF event will be held on Saturday, September 12th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Town Park, featuring local vendors and environmental awareness programming.

Town Clerk Quinlan reported on the following:

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. ConnectLife blood drive from yesterday was successful, collecting 33 units and helping 99 local patients. The next blood drive will be held on Tuesday, October 6th in the community room.

Erie County Department of Health is offering free rabies vaccination clinics for dogs, ferrets, and indoor and outdoor cats at two upcoming locations: Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Erie County Emergency and Training Operations Center, 3359 Broadway, Cheektowaga; and Saturday, September 19th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Town of Hamburg Highway Garage, 2720 Lakeview Road, Hamburg. Current rabies vaccination is required for dog licensing and encouraged residents to take advantage of these clinics. Flyers are available in the Town Hall foyer and on the community corkboard.

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Ranaletta, has taken the initiative to organize a Wreaths Across America event at Maplewood Cemetery, scheduled for December 19th, 2026. Residents and community members are encouraged to sponsor a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave. A flyer with a QR code for sponsorship is available at Town Hall and will be distributed throughout town.

Supervisor Keding reported on the following:

Slag/NECRA Project Update: Ongoing concerns regarding slag contamination across Erie County. Acknowledged that Town Supervisors and Mayors have not been provided with information identifying which specific parcels within their communities are affected. Reported that of two days prior, standing Tuesday and Friday 9:30 AM meetings have been established for elected officials across Erie and Niagara Counties with the New York State DEC and EPA assessment teams. A public drop-in tabling session will be held on Wednesday, September 9th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Orchard Park Public Library, 4570 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park. Residents may also contact the NECRA team helpline at 1-844-612-8144, available Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Available statistical data: approximately 1,078 access forms have been signed by property owners; 847 properties have been screened; of those, approximately 514 received notifications that no additional radiological investigation is needed; and 32 parcels in Erie

County have been referred to the EPA for additional investigation, with 4 properties recommended for voluntary temporary relocation.

Unpaid Water Bills: Reported that the Erie County Water Authority conducted an audit resulting in 135 parcels in the Town of Boston being identified with outstanding water balances, totaling approximately \$91,000. This amount must be incorporated into the Town budget and counts against the tax cap, which the Supervisor indicated effectively pushes the Town to or beyond its cap before any budget conversations regarding salaries, salt costs, or other contractual obligations have begun. A resolution placing these debts back onto the respective properties will be presented at one of the next Town Board meetings. Expressed frustration at the lack of advance notice from the Erie County Water Authority.

Holiday Lighting Project: Resident Jay Jackson, Supervisor, LaBella, and the contractor met, and the project is underway. The contractor has obtained state and county permits. Work will be visible along Boston State Road and the public was asked to drive carefully around crew members. Upon completion, all holiday decorations on Town poles will be NYSEG compliant, eliminating past compliance hurdles.

Meeting Schedule Change: A regular Town Board meeting will be held on September 30th, and the meeting typically scheduled for October 7th will not be held. Required media notifications will be issued.

Bank Anticipation Note (BAN): The Town will go to market the following week for a Bank Anticipation Note totaling \$4,675,000, which includes \$1,085,000 in new money for engineering, environmental, geotechnical, and related studies required for the Water System Improvement Phase 2 project.

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

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	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