

Bovina Town Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
August 11, 2009

**RESOLUTIONS: 110 – 129**

**Board Members Present:** Tina Molé, Supervisor; Charles McIntosh, Kenneth Brown, Councilmen; Evelyn Stewart, Mary Joan Robson, Councilwomen; Catherine Hewitt, Town Clerk ; Robert Burgin, Highway Superintendent

**Others Present:** Mark Rossley, Dale Downin, Jack Nau, Wendy Buerge, M-ARK Project; Heidi Goggins, Cyndee Pattison, Delaware County Times; Tom Hilson, Vince & Mary Trimbell.

Supervisor Molé opened the meeting at 6:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no community concerns.

Supervisor Molé read a Thank you letter from Timothy Bray, captain of the Bovina Dairymen Vintage Baseball Team.

Supervisor Molé introduced Wendy Buerge, Grants Manager for the M-ARK Project. Buerge commented on the strong sense of community she felt here on Bovina Day. She said that the community meeting that was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> was well attended. It shows that the community cares about Russell's Store. Buerge will be meeting with the proprietress of Russell's to see how things are going thus far. There is an engineers report coming that will show what needs to be looked at for the building. M-ARK is looking at a second community meeting to keep the dialog open on what the community wants to see at Russell's. Buerge said that Peg Ellsworth will be coming back this fall to look into a permanent vintage ball field. Supervisor Molé said that she has been in touch with New York City about the leach field being used as a ball field. She said that Tim Bray will look at the leach field after the next mowing. Councilman McIntosh said that he felt that the ball game was a highlight of the day. There were quite a few people that came out to watch the game. Molé thanked Buerge for updating the board on the store grant project.

**2009-110** The minutes of the Special Meeting on June 4, 2009 were accepted as presented. Moved by Robson, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-111** The minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting on June 9, 2009 were accepted as presented. Moved by Robson, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-112** The minutes of the Special Meeting on June 29, 2009 were accepted as presented. Moved by McIntosh, seconded by Robson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2009-113** The GENERAL bills (97-115) (July) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-114** The GOOD NEIGHBOR bills (6-8) (July) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Robson, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-115** The LIGHTING bill (7-7) (July) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-116** The SEPTIC bills (18-19) (July) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Robson, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-117** The WATER bills (27-31) (July) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Robson, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-118** The HIGHWAY bills (80-98) (July) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-119** The GENERAL bills (116-125) (August) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Robson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-120** The GOOD NEIGHBOR bills (9-10) (August) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Robson, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-121** The LIGHTING bill (8-8) (August) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-122** The WATER bill (32-32) (August) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-123** The SEPTIC bills (20-22) (August) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Robson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-124** The HIGHWAY bills (99-113) (August) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

The trash and refuse hauling bid was not received until after the deadline. The Clerk will put a legal ad in and bids will be opened at the September meeting.

The Shared Service Grant with Andes has been awarded in the amount of \$50,000. Supervisor Molé will see what services Bovina can share with Andes.

**2009-125** A boiler plate Intermunicipal Agreement from the Association of Towns for shared municipal services with Middletown was discussed. Highway Superintendent Burgin said that this is a general agreement that will protect both parties. Councilman McIntosh asked about insurance coverage for another Town highway crew working in our Town. It was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Robson to have Supervisor Molé sign the Intermunicipal Agreement. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilman Brown asked Molé if she has looked into small cities grant for septic installation. Mole said it was CWC not small cities, and she has not pursued it. Brown asked if the opportunity was being offered to a new hook up. Molé said that it was not. This will be readdressed in September.

Supervisor Molé said that she has been trying to get the reimbursement for the \$20,000 grant that was awarded in 2005 for the Community Hall. There needs to be about \$4,400 more money spent before the reimbursement will be made. She would like suggestions from the board on this. Brown suggested a ramp down the side of the building allowing accessibility to the bathrooms. Molé asked how much the building is used and would it be used more if the kitchen were remodeled? Heidi Goggins asked if movies could be shown here once a month. Stewart feels that a kitchen update should be first. Councilman Brown and Councilwoman Robson, as Parks and Recreation Committee will discuss the options. Brown will have people come and give an estimate.

Molé said that the contaminated soil at the Highway Garage site was removed in one day and that DEC has done the final testing and signed off. DEP received the storm water plan on July 26<sup>th</sup> and submitted comments to Lamont Engineers. Lamont has responded to DEP and Molé expects the plan soon. CWC has approved Lamont

for \$23,000 to bid out the construction plan for the stormwater. They also approved payment of \$250,000 to \$300,000 for storm water. The building is due to arrive soon.

**2009-126** Molé said that the Code Officer needs to be appointed as Flood Plain Administrator. It was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Stewart to appoint Dale Downin as Flood Plain Administrator. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

#### **HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

Councilman McIntosh reported that they met with Highway Superintendent Burgin. He feels that the Highway Department has done a great job this summer considering the weather. He also commended Burgin on the great job the crew did on New Kingston Mountain. Supervisor Molé said that she has had calls on the good job that was done on New Kingston. McIntosh doesn't feel the bills are out of line for the amount of work being done.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Robson and Councilman Brown said they haven't been active as they were waiting to see what money was available.

#### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Highway Superintendent Burgin reported that the CHIPS money should be here in September. The FEMA money has been received from the December 2008 storm in the amount of \$46,245.99. The Lee Hollow box culvert project should be finished in early September. The highway crew finished cleaning out and preparing the garage site for demolition of the old building. They have been mowing roadsides, working roads, hauling sand to the sand shed, repairing equipment when needed, and cleaned ditches and culvert pipes where necessary.

Councilman McIntosh said that he has heard another local town didn't apply for the FEMA money from the December 2008 storm. He feels that Highway Superintendent Burgin's expertise in the administrative area helps the Town get the FEMA money.

McIntosh said that a lot of people have said that Dale Downin is a good Code Enforcement Officer for Bovina.

**2009-127** It was moved by Robson, seconded by Brown to go into Executive Session at 6:40 PM. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-128** It was moved by Robson, seconded by Brown to move out of Executive Session at 7:23 PM. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2009-129** Supervisor Molé asked for a motion to authorize her to enter into a Contract of Sale with the Ryder/Riera property. It was moved by Robson, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilman McIntosh asked Highway Superintendent Burgin to look at trees with dead limbs on Maple Avenue. He has had a couple of people say that there are limbs that could fall.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hewitt  
Town Clerk