

Bovina Town Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
January 13, 2009

**RESOLUTIONS: 2009 – 12 – 25**

**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:** Richard McIntosh, Chris Ingvordsen, Matthew Perry, Catskill Mountain News; Tom Craverio, Joan Burns, & Mark Rossley

The meeting was opened at 6:50 PM by Supervisor Molé following the 2009 Organizational Meeting.

There were no community concerns.

**2009-12** The minutes of the December 9, 2008 regular Town Board meeting were approved as written. Moved by Robson, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2009-13** The final 2008 GENERAL bills (192-201) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2009-14** The final 2008 WATER bills (54-57) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2009-15** The final 2008 HIGHWAY bills (176-192) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Robson, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2009-16** The final 2008 SEPTIC bills (42-43) were audited prior to payment and approval for payment was moved by Robson, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2009-17** The GENERAL bills (1-9) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's

**2009-18** The GOOD NEIGHBOR bill was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Robson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2009-19** The STREET LIGHT bill (1-1) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by Robson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2009-20** The WATER bills (1-3) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Robson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2009-21** The SEPTIC bills (1-3) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2009-22** Supervisor Molé asked the Board to give her authorization to prepay three bills for the Judge. Moved by McIntosh, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2009-23** It was moved by Robson, seconded by Stewart that the Bookkeepers books for 2008 were audited by the members of the Board prior to the meeting.

**2009-24** It was moved by Brown, seconded by McIntosh to have Bookkeeper Joe Hanley make the necessary budget transfers.

Supervisor Molé gave the Board members a copy of the annual report from the Library. Information on the grant that was recently applied for was included in the report.

Supervisor Molé asked for authorization to sign a final design agreement with Lamont Engineers on the Highway Garage building. The Building Code Enforcement Officer has been asked to do as many of the inspections as he can. Lamont will finalize the agreement and get it back to the Board. We are bound to

not borrowing more than \$200,000 and using \$200,000 of Good Neighbor money. Councilman McIntosh asked if this contract is signed, and there comes a point where we don't want them to do something, can we say we don't want them to do it? Are we bound to take their figures if this contract is signed? Can we deviate from the contract? We have a budget and if we can save costs, we should try our utmost to do that. We should save where and when we can and still have a good product. McIntosh asked if we are bound to every part of the contract. Molé said that legally she can't answer that question. Councilman Brown asked if this is something that can be reviewed and discussed at the meeting the end of January. Molé will get copies to the Board.

**2009-25** It was moved by Robson, seconded by Stewart to hold a Workshop/Special Meeting on January 27, 2009 at 6 pm at the Community Hall.

Supervisor Molé told the Board that the Annual Association of Towns Training School has scheduled the schooling for 2009.

### **HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

Councilman McIntosh reported that he and Councilwoman Stewart met with Highway Superintendent Burgin. The highway crew has been busy from the looks of the monthly report from Burgin. He thinks they're doing a good job and the maintenance log is a great tool to keep the Board up to date on expenses. He feels it's a great idea to keep the equipment on warranty. Councilman Brown asked if Burgin could do the maintenance log twice a year. Burgin said he could do that.

Councilman McIntosh talked about a bid alternate on the Highway Garage. The committee started with a 6 bay design, then went to a 3 bay and then a 2 bay and now have agreed on a 3 bay. McIntosh feels that perhaps a shell could be put up for a 6 bay now and be finished off later. Supervisor Molé said that a bid alternate would be just that. We cannot borrow more than \$200,000. This would be just the cost of what a 6 bay shell would be. McIntosh feels that costs are coming down and we haven't got anything to lose. It will be a gain. Councilman Brown feels we would be irresponsible not to do a bid alternate. He asked about the 3 bays of cold storage not having doors as a cost savings. McIntosh said the doors could be left off but a lot of the proposals included doors. He asked what would happen if it came in at \$450,000, within reach. Molé said that the Board would have to go through the whole process of borrowing more money. The next decision can't be made until the estimate figures come back. Molé is actively pursuing some grant options. McIntosh asked if we could get a second bond. Molé said that they would have to go through the whole process again. She added that if Doug VanDusen comes to the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, these questions can be asked of him at that time. She said it won't hurt to get a price on 6 bays with 3 of the bays being cold storage. Molé said that since the cost of mailing is so high, the Bovina Highway Facility letter will be posted on the website. Molé feels that it can't hurt to see what a 6 bay shell would cost. We'll see if we can afford it.

### **PARKS & RECREATION**

Councilman Brown had a call from Janet Stewart, postal clerk. The employee's door to the post office needed a new door knob and lock. Brown purchased one and has installed it. Supervisor Molé asked if Janet Stewart had talked to Brown about the light switch in the Post Office side that turns on the outside lights. She did not so he will contact her about it.

Brown discussed the policy that was put in place for community hall usage. He said that when it was put together, it was decided that if a group or person was charging or making money on the event held, they would be asked to give a donation to the Town for the use of the hall. Brown asked if this should be a donation or a fee. Councilwoman Stewart said that if you're having a function that generates an income for someone they were asked to make a donation. Supervisor Molé feels that there are not many services offered and we should offer our residents something for their tax dollar. Councilman McIntosh said that there are differences between commercial and community endeavors. Molé asked who will be policing this. Brown asks when usage is requested if there is a fee charged. He informs the user of the policy. McIntosh feels that the donation is fair. Molé said that if they're willing to give a donation, that's great. McIntosh said that he attended a function at the hall recently and heard a few comments about what a nice space it is. He feels that we are lucky to have this building. Councilwoman Stewart asked if someone was opposed to giving a donation. Brown said that the first one was willing but there's someone now that feels that community members asked her to come from Delhi and there shouldn't be a donation. Councilwoman Robson feels that this may be a way to delineate if community members ask to use the space or it's someone coming here to vend.

## HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Highway Superintendent Burgin gave the Board his monthly report which shows the usage of 1578 yds of sand from October to December 31<sup>st</sup>, and 69.72 tons of salt in November and December. There has been a lot of plowing and sanding, due to ice and sleet this year. Councilman McIntosh said he likes to go out and ride with the highway crew. He feels that all Board members should go on a run with someone.

Supervisor Molé asked Burgin if he's had to back up roads. Burgin said that one day it was all backing up. He said they've been busy with plowing and sanding, as well as keeping the equipment up and running.

Burgin said that the fire extinguishers at the fire hall and highway garage are going to be done on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and he asked if the ones at the community hall need to be done. Molé said to go ahead and have them taken care of. Burgin feels that the maintenance log is a great tool and it's great for putting the highway budget together.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hewitt  
Town Clerk