

**Bovina Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 9, 2009**

RESOLUTIONS: 2009 – 93 – 102

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, Mark Rossley, Tom Craverio, Cyndee Pattison, Delaware County Times; Lynn Resch, Matthew Perry, Catskill Mountain News; Michael Kaufman

The meeting was opened at 6PM by Supervisor Molé followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no Community Concerns.

2009-93 The minutes of the May 12, 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting were approved as amended. One of them being, Councilman McIntosh pointed out that the statement made by Lynn Resch “in regards to Lynnskill who subdivided 48-acres, said if their subdivision were to happen after the ROW Law goes into effect, they would have to dedicate all of the ROW on both sides of Scutt Mountain to County Highway 5” is incorrect. McIntosh said that Lynnskill doesn’t own the land all the way to County 5. It was moved by Brown, seconded by Stewart to approve the minutes as amended. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2009-94 The minutes of the Highway Garage Bid Opening of May 26, 2009 were accepted as presented. Moved by Brown, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2009-95 The GENERAL bills (82-95) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Robson, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2009-96 The SEPTIC bills (14-17) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2009-97 The WATER bills (23-26) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Robson, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2009-98 The STREET LIGHT bill (6) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2009-99 The GOOD NEIGHBOR bill (5) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Robson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2009-100 The HIGHWAY bills (63-79) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Robson, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Molé told the Board that she sent them each a copy of the bid proposal for Trash and Refuse Collection Hauling and Disposal Services. Molé said that since the decision to have “Tire Day” twice a year, “tire pile” should be taken out of the bid proposal. Councilman McIntosh asked if there should be something about not accepting tires except on Tire Day in the proposal. Molé said that the proposal is for the bidders, not the public so that won’t be an issue. The Town Clerk will put a legal notice in the paper in July and mail the bid proposal out to garbage haulers in the area. The bids will be accepted up to 5 PM on August 11, 2009. The bids will be opened at 5:30 PM on August 11, 2009 and will be awarded at the monthly meeting on the same day.

Supervisor Molé asked the Board about canceling the July meeting and giving her permission to pay necessary bills for July. There was no objection from members.

2009-101 Supervisor Molé sent the contract for the rental of Roger McIntosh's tractor for roadside mowing to the Board. Councilwoman Robson said that she has spoken with Highway Superintendent Burgin previously about buying a tractor for the Town rather than renting. Robson asked about a major breakdown and if the Town would be responsible for the repair. Burgin said that the Town would be the way the contract is written. Robson thinks that perhaps there should be a cap. Councilwoman Stewart asked what year the tractor is. No one present knew. Councilman Brown asked Burgin how many hours the tractor is used during the mowing season. Burgin was unsure without checking his records. Burgin said he hasn't tried to buy a tractor. He thinks it could be up to \$20,000 to buy new. Robson said she has seen a used one recently with an offset mower for roadside mowing which was \$9,700. She said that she is not against renting but the way the contract is worded, the Town is responsible for any and all repairs and she feels the contract is open ended. Molé suggested that the Board go with this for this year and look into buying for the future. Councilman McIntosh said that years ago the Town bought a tractor and mower and had nothing but headaches from the time of purchase. Stewart said the contract is kind of broad and wide open. She feels the Board should approve it this year and talk about next year since the highway crew has already started the mowing this year. Brown asked Burgin when he starts mowing. Burgin said it was the end of May. Brown asked where the tractor is stored. Burgin said it has been stored for the last two years in the garage and now it is left where mowing is ended for the day. Brown asked how that works for vandalism. Burgin said they've never had any problems. It was moved by Brown, seconded by Stewart to accept the contract for this year. There were 4 ayes, 0 nay's. Councilman McIntosh abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.

2009-102 It was moved by Robson, seconded by Stewart to approve the rental of a box trailer from DCAS for storage of highway department small tools while the building is under construction. The cost will be \$250 per month. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Stewart said that the committee met and Burgin said that all but 16 roads have been worked, graded, raked and rolled. New Kingston Road has been paved. Councilman McIntosh said that Burgin needs to be commended for coordinating the paving job on New Kingston Mountain Road. He saved the Town a lot of money by getting trucking help from other Towns. Councilwoman Robson asked Burgin what other Towns came in. Burgin said it was Andes, Delhi, Hamden and Stamford.

PARKS & RECREATION

Councilman Brown said that until they know where the remainder of the grant money is going, there is nothing to report. Molé said that the money will be going to the garage. Councilwoman Robson hasn't heard anything about the playground so everything must be okay.

Supervisor Molé said that Delaware Opportunities has started mowing the five older cemeteries in Town.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Highway Superintendent Burgin said that the crew has worked 16 roads and has completed 5 miles of ditching. Councilman McIntosh asked Burgin where he is in the Lee Hollow Bridge Project. Burgin has met with LaFever and the tentative schedule is to close the road on July 13th for two weeks. The trees have been removed. The closure depends on when the sheet piling gets here. One mile of New Kingston Mountain Road has been paved. It will be sealed when it has settled. The roadside mowing has been started.

Councilman McIntosh said that one of the questions that Peg Ellsworth has is insurance for the Vintage Baseball Team. Supervisor Molé has spoken to Tim Bray about this. Molé also said that DEP is willing to work with the Town on the use of the leach field for the vintage baseball team to play their games on.

McIntosh said that he would need a Certificate of Insurance for the use of the creamery as the Highway Office this summer.

Councilman Brown asked what the schedule is for the old highway garage to come down. Burgin said demolition is scheduled for Monday, June 15th.

Councilwoman Stewart said that she is in the process of planning Bovina Farm Days for September 6, 2009 from 10 AM to 5PM. She asked if anyone on the Board had any objections to her taking the hay rides to the Maynard Schoolhouse and having it open for tours. There were no objections and Molé said that she will look into the insurance.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hewitt
Town Clerk