

Bovina Town Board  
Public Hearing  
November 5, 2009

**RESOLUTIONS: 2009 - 152 - 154**

**Board Members Present:** Tina Molé, Supervisor; Charles McIntosh, Councilman; Evelyn Stewart, Mary Joan Robson, Councilwomen; Joe Hanley, Bookkeeper; Catherine Hewitt, Town Clerk; Robert Burgin, Highway Superintendent.

**Board Members Absent:** Kenneth Brown, Councilman

**Others Present:** Cyndee Pattison, Delaware County Times; Maria Aron

The Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Bovina for the Fiscal Year 2010 was opened at 5:30 PM. The Town Clerk, read the legal notice from the Delaware County Times.

Bookkeeper, Joe Hanley explained to the Board that since the Town Clerk/Tax Collector is now one position, which has been combined in the budget.

Supervisor Molé asked Hanley for the amount saved with the Delaware Opportunities Group doing the mowing of the old cemetery's in the Town. She wants to Thank Delaware Opportunities.

The question was raised as to how things went on Tire Day. Councilwoman Stewart had a complaint about the 8 tires per day limit. Councilman McIntosh said that the 8 tires per day amount was agreed on because people change their tires twice a year.

Hanley pointed out that due to an oversight on his part; he neglected to attach the Fire Department Budget to the Tentative Budgets. He has attached them.

Maria Aron again said that she doesn't want to pay her taxes because she doesn't feel that she's getting the services she deserves. Aron asked if the new Town Shed's costs are reflected in the budget. Hanley said it was under Debt Service, it's paid yearly, and the interest charge will decrease as the principal decreases. He added that under garage, contractual is the estimated cost to operate the highway facility per year.

**2009-152** It was moved by Robson, seconded by McIntosh to close the Public Hearing.

**2009 -153** WHEREAS there was a Preliminary Budget Public Hearing held on November 5, 2009 at 5:30 pm and

BE IT RESOLVED the 2010 Town of Bovina Budget be adopted.

Moved by McIntosh, seconded by Stewart to adopt the 2010 Budget. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2009-154** It was moved by Robson, seconded by Stewart for Supervisor Molé to sign the easement allowing NYSE&G to provide electric to the new Highway facility.

Maria Aron congratulated Highway Superintendent Burgin on his winning the recent election. Aron gave the Board a copy of a letter she has received from Senator John Bonacic. She said that the holes have been patched in front of her home. She asked what the criteria is for the Town Highway Superintendent's job. Supervisor Molé stated that there is no criteria for any town office. Councilman McIntosh said that there are places for Burgin to go for help if needed and have any questions he has answered. He can go to the County Engineer for example. Burgin said that he has attended several of the Cornell Local Roads

Programs. Aron is overwhelmed that there is no criteria for Road Supervisor. She asked who audits the road work when it's been done. Molé said that the people of Bovina have elected Burgin to take care of the roads and that he reports to the Board every month. Aron said, "No offense" but whom on the Board knows roads? She asked about the engineer that Burgin can go to for information. McIntosh said that it's an Engineer for Delaware County. Aron asked if that engineer inspects the roads after work is done. Molé said he doesn't inspect roadwork unless he is asked for help. Aron said she is taken aback that there is not more oversight.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hewitt  
Town Clerk