

**Bovina Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 10, 2010**

RESOLUTIONS: 2010 – 75 – 88

Board Members Present: Tina Molé, Supervisor; Charles McIntosh, Kenneth Brown Councilmen; Evelyn Stewart, Councilwoman; Catherine Hewitt, Town Clerk; Robert Burgin, Highway Superintendent.

Board Members Absent: Mary Joan Robson, Councilwoman

Others Present: Mark Rossley, Shyamel SenGupta, Jack Nau, Peter Manning, Delaware County Times Reporter; Carl Maury

The meeting was opened at 6:02 PM by Supervisor Molé, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Community Concerns: Shyamel SenGupta thanked Councilman Brown for the effort he has put forth to try to get the mailboxes moved from County Highway 5, to in front of the residences on Brush Hollow. SenGupta also stated that Brush Hollow is in bad condition, the dust is terrible. He asked about spraying oil or something for dust control. He also asked why the entire road is not tarred and stoned. Highway Superintendent Burgin explained that the tar and stone in front of homes on dirt road is not done any longer due to the financial situation. The cost to oil and stone a mile of road is about \$15,000 and the cost to pave a mile of road is about \$92,000.

2010-75 The minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting were accepted as written. Moved by McIntosh, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

2010-76 The GENERAL bills (86-89) (July) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

2010-77 The WATER bills (21-23) (July) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

2010-78 The LIGHTING bills (7-7) (July) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

2010-79 The SEPTIC bills (15-16) (July) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

2010-80 The HIGHWAY bills (79-92) (July) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

2010-81 The GENERAL bills (89a-105) (August) – Councilman Stewart raised questions regarding the bill from Young, Sommer for Planning Board business, voucher #93. Supervisor Molé pulled the bill and will look into it before payment is made. The bills were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

2010-82 The LIGHTING bills (8-8) (August) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

2010-83 The WATER bills (24-26) (August) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

2010-84 The SEPTIC bills (17-19) (August) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

2010-85 The HIGHWAY bills (93-110) (August) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

Supervisor Molé gave the Board an update on the Conan Carpenter Property and that the CWC will pay for the lateral hook-up. Councilman Brown wanted to go on record as being opposed to this. He said the property was purchased with an adjusted sale price to reflect that the sewer was not hooked up. Brown said that this hurts property values. Councilman McIntosh said that he agrees with Brown on this matter. Molé said that the Town didn't follow through on the Town Law which states that all residences in the Septic District had to hook-up when that work was being done originally. Brown said again that he wants it to be on record that he is opposed. Councilwoman Stewart asked about the LaFever estimate on work being done on the property in preparation of the hook-up. There is cost that she felt shouldn't be paid by CWC. Molé said that CWC will only pay for the lateral.

2010-86 It was moved by Stewart, seconded by McIntosh to have Supervisor Molé sign the annual contract with Heart of the Catskills Humane Society. The cost remains the same, \$40.00 per dog and \$5.00 per cat that is taken in by the Animal Control Officer. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

Supervisor Molé told the Board that she has received the signed contract for the grant to complete the work downstairs in the Community Hall.

Supervisor Molé also told the Board that she wanted to open the conversation regarding expanding the vault downstairs.

Councilman Brown has drafted a letter to the Operation Manager for USPS regarding the moving of the mailboxes from County Highway 5 to in front of each residence getting mail on Brush Hollow. Supervisor Molé will send a copy of the letter to Barry Moore.

Councilman Brown raised the question on whether or not the Town has a policy on unregistered vehicle sitting on the roadside. He has a concern about the unregistered vehicle in the hamlet on a bad curve.

Supervisor Molé gave the Board a copy of a letter from George Silver regarding gas drilling.
Attached.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Councilwoman Stewart met with the Bookkeeper, Joe Hanley. He has stated that finances will get really tight towards the end of 2010 and things are okay currently. Supervisor Molé said that now that the State Budget has been partially passed, we will start seeing money from FEMA.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE - Councilman McIntosh said that he met with Highway Superintendent Burgin and things are going well. He has put together his thoughts on equipment replacement. There are a few pieces of equipment that should be purchased new. The remainder should be replaced with good used equipment. He does feel that the pick-up truck should be one of the main pieces of equipment to trade when it still has some value. He feels that it's important to always have a pick-up truck with a warranty on it.

BUILDINGS – Councilman Brown asked if there was to be a percentage paid up-front for the work downstairs. Councilman McIntosh asked if the Town is paying for materials. Brown said there is a percentage paid up-front, half way through the project and at the end.

2010-87 Supervisor Molé has received the signed contract for the grant which will be used to finish the work in the kitchen in the Community Hall. It was moved by Molé, seconded by Stewart to approve pre-payment for materials for the first phase of the work. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

TRANSFER STATION/PLAYGROUND – Supervisor Molé read notes that Councilman Robson left for the Boards information. Robson said she has talked with the Transfer Station Operators and there are no

concerns. She feels that C&D dumping may still be going on when the station is closed but at least they're putting it in the container. She is trying to get the checklists from Trimbell Lawn Mowing but didn't reach him before she had to leave. She will continue to pursue that.

In regards to the C&D overage again, Councilwoman Stewart feels that a cover should be put over the C&D container. Councilman McIntosh suggested that the container be dropped off on a slope so the water could drain out of it.

Councilman McIntosh said that the retirement dinner for Cliff Burgin, former Highway employee was very nice.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Highway Superintendent Burgin reported that they've been working the roads. There are eight more roads to work and the dust is getting really bad. Councilwoman Stewart asked if all the roadside mowing was done. Burgin said that it was and that the rental of the roadside mowing equipment worked out well. Burgin said that NYSE&G is working on moving the electric pole. They are waiting for the telephone lines now. Councilman Brown asked if the Highway crew is mowing the grass patch behind the sand corrals. Burgin is unsure who did it. He said that they will be sealing a mile and a half on Bramley Mountain, as well as a piece of Bovina Road, a small piece of New Kingston Mountain and a small section of New Road.

2010-88 Burgin said that he has found a used truck on an on-line auction. The truck is a 2006 International, it has 28,800 miles and appraises at \$30,000 to \$35,000. A wing would be included with the purchase but there is no front plow. Councilwoman Stewart expressed concern with not having time to look into the purchase further. She would like more details. After further discussion, Supervisor Molé made the motion to authorize Burgin to spend up to \$40,000 on the truck. Motion was seconded by Councilman McIntosh. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nay's.

Highway Superintendent Burgin said that he has been working with DEP, Lamont Engineers, CWC and the paving company on the parking lot at the highway garage. The parking lot will be cut down 3 inches, the sand corral will be dropped 2 feet, 18" of crusher run will be added and the parking lot will be paved and reimbursed to the Town by CWC.

Highway Superintendent Burgin said that he is going to start the process to hire another employee to replace Cliff Burgin who has retired. Councilman McIntosh asked if there is anything currently in the employee handbook about a new hire being paid according to their qualifications. If not, he feels that the Board should consider adding something. Burgin will bring something to the Board with his recommendations. Councilwoman Stewart asked if there is a policy about hiring a resident of the Town. McIntosh doesn't think that's ever been a requirement. Burgin will advertise for a full-time employee. He should have something to report by the September meeting.

Highway Superintendent Burgin will put something together regarding the highway employees getting a minimum of three hours pay when they are called in to work. It will be added to the employee handbook.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hewitt
Town Clerk