

Bovina Town Board  
Tentative Budget Meeting  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
October 5, 2010

**RESOLUTIONS: 2010 - 101 – 108**

**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:** Joseph Hanley, Town Bookkeeper, Mark Rossley, Shyamel SenGupta

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

Supervisor Molé asked Bookkeeper Joe Hanley to go over the Tentative Budget with the Board. Hanley said that salaries were given a 3% raise across the board. Councilman McIntosh feels that some amount should be designated to stay in the highway equipment fund at years end. Hanley explained that if an amount is designated specifically, it cannot be used for another purpose. McIntosh said that Highway Superintendent Burgin is concerned about the appropriated fund balance being taken out of his equipment fund at the end of each year. Hanley went through each account in the General Fund Appropriations and explained where things were staying the same and where he had changed anything. Concerning the Debt Service, Hanley explained that there was an error in 2009 which he has corrected on this budget. The Highway Fund Appropriations as well as the Highway Fund Revenue were discussed with Hanley explaining any differences from 2009.

Hanley told the Board that he would like to get payroll to a one week lag. As it is right now pay is being given for a day yet to be worked. He can work it out at the end of this calendar year and begin 2010 on a correct payroll schedule. He also told the Board members that they can have their pay quarterly, semi-annually or continue with the year end payment.

Hanley said that because the October meeting is a week early, the bills are not all in. He asked that the Board okay his paying the necessary bills out of abstract for October.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

Mark Rossley said that someone's dog has gotten in to the playground and strewn the garbage all over. He suggested that a better garbage container be put at the playground. Councilman Robson will look into getting a better container.

Shyamel SenGupta thinks the Board changes meeting nights and times too frequently. Charlie LaFever never did that. He asked if the costs for the Street Lighting, Septic and Water charges are charged to all taxpayers. Supervisor Molé said that only those people who live in the street light, water and septic district pay for those things.

**2010-101** The minutes of the September 13, 2010 meeting were approved as amended. Moved by Stewart, seconded by Robson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2010-102** The minutes of the September 29, 2010 Special Meeting were approved as presented. Moved by Brown, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2010-103** It was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Robson to hold the Public Hearing to move the Tentative Budget to Preliminary and to schedule a Public Hearing on November 9, 2010 at 6 PM. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2010-104** It was moved by Brown, seconded by Stewart to pay necessary bills prior to audit for the month of October. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

Supervisor Molé told the Board that the Good Neighbor Fund balance is in a long term CD at 5% interest.

Supervisor Molé sent the Board members a copy of an email that the Chairman of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors received regarding the closing of all rural post offices. Councilman Brown said that the government postal service came and took the outside mail box off the front of the building. He thinks that this looks like it's an effort to squeeze the Bovina Community Post Office out. Molé asked Brown if he has had any response from his letters. Brown said he has not but will be calling them before the November meeting.

Councilman Brown asked what the operation is that is being built across from the end of New Road on County Highway 6. His concern is that there are currently two small buildings there that are under size for a building permit so therefore might not be on the tax rolls. If this ends up being a business and nothing is assessed, then property taxes won't reflect the buildings. Tina is looking into this.

HIGHWAY - Councilman McIntosh has met with Highway Superintendent Burgin. The men have been busy with the aftermath of the October 1<sup>st</sup> flood. McIntosh commends Burgin for keeping track of the bookwork necessary for FEMA, which is as important as the field work. Supervisor Molé asked when the paving at the Highway Garage is going to be done. Burgin said October 14<sup>th</sup> is the date set right now.

FINANCE - Councilwoman Stewart said she had a short conversation with Bookkeeper Hanley and the were presented earlier.

BUILDINGS - Councilman Brown gave a report on the dates that the Community Hall has been reserved. He said that the contractor hired to finish the work in the kitchen has been on vacation and is scheduled to begin the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>.

TRANSFER STATION/PLAYGROUND - Councilwoman Robson said that she stopped at the Transfer Station on Sunday because there was someone there who had a few garbage bags in his car and was just coming back out of the grounds. Robson told him he would have to leave, and he could only use the Transfer Station during the hours of operation. She said he was very polite and cooperated. She does have his license plate number and will give it to Supervisor Molé. Robson feels that this seems to be an ongoing problem at the Transfer Station and suggested that perhaps a more secure gate would help. She also wonders about the liability issue if someone gets hurt when they're at the Transfer Station when it's closed. Robson also said that the Transfer Station is back to one day a week for the winter. There was discussion about Tire Day. Tire Day will be November 6, 2010 from 8 AM until Noon, with a limit of 8 tires per resident. The Clerk will put up flyers on the Town

Bulletin board, as well as a sign at the Transfer Station and it will be posted on the website. Supervisor Molé will contact Bloomville Disposal about a container.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Highway Superintendent Burgin said that the men have finished paving 8/10<sup>ths</sup> of a mile on New Road. The grading depends on the weather. The storage shed is full of sand and there is about 1,000 yards to be drawn. FEMA will be sending representatives to Bovina on October 6<sup>th</sup> to assess the damage done from the October 1<sup>st</sup> flood. Burgin has looked into the information on a pick-up purchased on State Bid. A Chevrolet 3500 Duramax Diesel with a plow would be \$37,000 to \$40,000. There is twelve weeks to delivery from the time the order is placed. He had the current Chevrolet pick-up looked at and the dealer will allow \$18,000 for it on trade. Councilman Brown asked Burgin if the Town would get more for the current pick-up with an outright sale. Burgin said he isn't sure. Burgin said that the FEMA paperwork has been returned for the \$122,000. FEMA pays 75% and NYS pays 25%.

**2010-105** The GENERAL bills (124-140) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Robson, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2010-106** The SEPTIC bills (23-24) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2010-107** The WATER bills (30-33) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by Robson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2010-108** The HIGHWAY bills (126-138) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hewitt  
Town Clerk