

Bovina Town Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
April, 12, 2011

**RESOLUTIONS: 2011 – 52 – 64**

**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:** Shyamel SenGupta, Peter Manning, Delaware County Times Reporter; Jill Powell & Sarah Firsching, Camp Move It; Ed & Gretchen Rossley, Mark Rossley

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

Supervisor Mole opened the RFP's for Lawn and Septic Maintenance for the 2011 season.

Jill Powell and Sarah Firsching from Camp Move It were introduced. They were present to inform the Board about the Camp they will be opening in July 2011. Camp Move It empowers girls from ages 7 through 17 to find themselves through the arts, dance, song, acting, etc. The camp will open for the first season in Bovina in July 2011 and run through August. There will be girls from all over the world attending. The leadership staff will be made up of girls between the ages of 21 through 26 and they are Inspirers. The camp will hire locally, be as environmentally friendly as possible, and buy as local as possible. Councilwoman Stewart welcomed Camp Move It to Bovina. Councilman McIntosh made the suggestion that the fire chief and some of the department be invited to the facility prior to opening as a safety measure.

Shyamel SenGupta asked Supervisor Molé about the Special Olympics information that he gave her last month. Molé said that the information was passed to the Board and that it was a personal choice to make donations.

**2011-52** The minutes of the March 8, 2011 Meeting were approved as written. Moved by Stewart, seconded by Robson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2011-53** The minutes of the March 20, 2011 Special Meeting were approved as written. Moved by Brown, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2011-54** The GENERAL bills (46-60) 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.

**2011-55** The WATER bills (14-17) 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.

**2011-56** The LIGHTING bill (4-4) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Robson, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2011-57** The SEPTIC bills (8-11) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Robson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nay's.

**2011-58** The HIGHWAY bills (27-40) 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.

Supervisor Molé read the RFP's for Lawn Maintenance for the 2011 season.

Proposal #1 - \$3,000 for Lawns

\$1,875 for Septic Field (\$625 per mow X 3)

Proposal #2 - \$2,500 for Lawns

\$1,425 for Septic Field (\$475 per mow X 3)

**2011-59** It was moved by Brown, seconded by Stewart to accept Proposal #2 from Brush Hollow Firewood for the 2011 Lawn Care Season. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2011-60** It was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Robson to accept Proposal #2 from Brush Hollow Firewood for the Brush Hogging of the Septic Field for the 2011 season. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Material Bids were opened at Noon on April 12, 2011. The Board was given a copy of those bids accepted for 2011. Councilwoman Stewart asked Highway Superintendent Burgin why there is more than one bid accepted for hauling. Burgin said that if the first one is not available, it drops to second bidder. Stewart said that if the Board awards a bid, isn't it up to that company to provide the service? Burgin said that companies have been unable to provide previously.

**2011-61** It was moved by Robson, seconded by McIntosh to accept the Highway Material Bids as presented. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Molé said that due to the college pool being closed for routine maintenance this summer, the Village of Delhi has entered into intermunicipal agreements with the Village of Walton and the Town of Andes to provide swim lessons this summer. The price per child remains the same as previous years.

**2011-62** It was moved by Stewart, seconded by Robson to accept summer swim lessons offered at Walton Village Pool or Andes Town Pool for the 2011 season. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays

**2011-63** It was moved by Brown, seconded by Stewart for the Supervisor and Board members to sign the Resolution for CHIPS for 2011. Bovina will spend \$83,750.00 to repair 54.79 miles of road. This work will be done from the intersection of New Road and Jim Lane Road to County Highway 5. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Councilwoman Stewart met with Bookkeeper Joe Hanley. He has assured her that the Annual Financial Report will be completed by the deadline of May 1, 2011. Hanley also expressed concern over the new lighting in the office.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE – Councilman McIntosh said he met with Highway Superintendent Burgin. McIntosh said he has noticed that the paved Town roads haven't had the break up this year. He feels this is due to the sealing program that Burgin has done. McIntosh said it was nice to see Highway bills down this month. He also said he is continuing to work on the Highway Equipment Inventory.

BUILDINGS – Councilman Brown said that the Open House for the kitchen remodel in the Community Hall wasn't as well attended as he had hoped it would be. In regards to the lighting in the office, Brown said that he has changed out the ceiling fixture and put in track lighting, which has been an issue with the bookkeeper. When the light itself wasn't an issue, the lights were hot. Brown put an extendable lamp on the wall for the bookkeeper and that is also an issue. He's at a loss as to what to do at this point and asked the Board for input.

TRANSFER STATION/PLAYGROUND – Councilwoman Robson said that there haven't been any problems at the Transfer Station. She has talked with all of the operators to remind them to be vigilant on the permits. In regards to the playground, she will speak with Sean Trimbell about bringing in more mulch this summer. She feels that the addition of mulch should be done every two years. She asked Highway Superintendent Burgin if the highway department would be able to draw the mulch in. Burgin said that they could do that again.

Councilwoman Robson said that the Board was in agreement on switching electric carriers from NYSE&G Solutions to Ambit Energy. She noticed when auditing the monthly bills that there is a penalty for switching from NYSE&G at this time. Robson feels that switching should be held off and make sure the penalty isn't more than the savings. Councilwoman Stewart said that there is a \$150 penalty per account. Supervisor Molé said that the change has been made and she hasn't seen anything about this. Robson feels that at the very least, we should back off until after the penalty would be charged. Councilman McIntosh said that he has paperwork saying the switch to Ambit will be done on April 29, 2011 and we begin receiving Ambit Energy on April 30, 2011. McIntosh has talked with other consultants who have said that NYSE&G has no right to charge the Town a penalty because no contract was signed. Molé feels that this issue should have come before her and the Board. She will contact NYSE&G Solutions regarding possible penalties. The Board agreed that the Town should not be paying penalties.

**2011-64** It was moved by Stewart, seconded by Robson to wait until the contracts with NYSE&G Solutions are up to avoid possible penalties. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Supervisor Molé told the Board that there is a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review. There is training in May. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested, they need to send a letter of interest to the Supervisor. A notice will be posted on the website and the own Clerk's bulletin board.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Highway Superintendent Burgin said that the crew has been sweeping the roads and fixing potholes. He's hoping to begin grading roads soon. Burgin thanked the highway crew for their hard work during a very long winter. Measuring up for the paving on Jim Lane Road has been done. Burgin is hoping that can be done in June, if weather permits. There has been a theft recently of 7 road cones as well as Bramley Mountain and East Bramley Mountain Road signs. Burgin said that the sign for the Transfer Station is in and the Highway Crew will install it. Councilman Brown asked what the final outcome of the Volvo was. Burgin said that parts are still not in for the truck and that the insurance did pay on the damage. The 2006 pick-up has been sold. Brown asked if the concrete culverts left from the Town sewer/stormwater project could be moved from the area of the Highway garage to the Salt/Sand Storage building. Burgin said that the crew will take care of that. Councilman McIntosh thanked Councilman Brown for the work and advertising he put in to selling the 2006 pick-up.

Councilwoman Stewart told the Board that the 4-H Group, Thistle Be The Best Little 4-H Group, is looking for a place to plant a tree in Bovina. Supervisor Molé suggested the Maynard School House as a possible spot.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hewitt  
Town Clerk