

Bovina Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 9, 2012

RESOLUTIONS: 2012 – 128 – 139

Board Members Present: Tina Molé, Supervisor; Mark Rossley, Charles McIntosh, Gerald Wright, Evelyn Stewart, Members of Council; Catherine Hewitt, Town Clerk; Edward Weber, Highway Superintendent

Others Present: Gabrielle Pierce, Delaware County Times Reporter; Josh Choquette, Water Superintendent; Ken Brown, Dick Barnhart, Loretta/John Fink, Carol Brannen, Joe Hanley, Bookkeeper; Henry Lamont, Francois Vedler and Nicholas Green, Lamont Engineers.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Molé at 6 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bookkeeper, Joe Hanley went over the Tentative 2013 Budget with the Board. The tax levy will be lowered by .45%. Supervisor Molé said that the Budget looks good and there is a 0% increase.

Hanley told the Board that there are transfers to line items from 2011 that need to be recorded in the minutes. The schedule is attached.

2012-128 It was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Stewart to accept the changes to line items from 2011. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 naves.

2012-129 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart to have Hanley adjust the 2012 line items as needed.

2012-130 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart to authorize Hanley to move up to \$5,000 in spending within funds to avoid overages in spending. When this occurs, it will be reported back to the board the month following any changes made to the budget. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Councilman Rossley feels that mileage reimbursement is a big uncertainty, as it varies month to month. Hanley said that if mileage is paid as part of salary, the cost would be even higher because pension and social security expenses would then enter in.

2012-131 It was moved by Wright, seconded by McIntosh to move the Tentative Budget to Preliminary. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 naves.

There will be a Public Hearing for the 2013 Budget on November 7, 2012 at 6 PM followed by the regular monthly meeting of the Board.

Henry Lamont, Francois Vedler and Nicholas Green from Lamont Engineers gave the board an update on water meters for commercial buildings in the water district. There would be a total of sixteen meters. Where there is no connection currently, the meter will be set aside for use if that building becomes a commercial use building again. Lamont will get prices for the Board and CWC.

Lamont distributed a proposed septic budget for 2013. He said that all planned work for 2012 has been completed. One septic tank has been cleaned out and the second one is being done now.

Nicholas Green distributed a Proposal – Letter Form of Agreement to the Board for updating the water system. The Department of Health, Lamont and the Water Superintendent all want to go to a ground water system (well).

The current system is in danger. Councilman McIntosh moved to hire Lamont for Basic Services with a report to follow as soon as possible. Councilwoman Stewart suggested that the information be taken home by the Board members giving them time to look at it. This will be addressed at the November meeting.

Chris Ingvordsen, a resident of Yankee Road, came to the Board regarding the Highway Department plowing Ford Road from the point where they stop now to where that road meets Yankee Road. The residents on Ford Road are willing to bring Ford Road up to better standards on their own. Ingvordsen gave the Board a copy of the resolution from a 1972 Town Board meeting which reads in part, "BE IT RESOLVED that .52 miles of road situated in the Town of Bovina and known as the Wilkens Road has not been worked since 1954 that said road be removed from the Town Highways." Ingvordsen wants to make the town aware of the lack of services because the road is not maintained or plowed by the Town. Fire and EMS would find it difficult to bring their equipment in. He is asking for a middle of the road sort of thing. He said there have been some confusing presidents in the last few years, such as the Town plowing around the Dorsett residence, a resident who asked to oil and stone the road to their home (they are the only residents on the road) and the Bindler Road take over by the Town. Supervisor Molé pointed out that Bindler Road was always a Town Road but had never been added to the inventory and the oil and stone was never done. Ingvordsen is asking for the Board to consider winter plowing only on Ford Road with the turn around on his property if the residents bring the road up to better conditions.

2012-132 It was moved by Wright, seconded by McIntosh to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting as written. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 naves.

2012-133 The GENERAL bills (129-145) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 naves.

2012-134 The LIGHTING bill (10-10) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 naves.

2012-135 The WATER bills (33-37) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 naves.

2012-136 The SEPTIC bills (37-44) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Wright. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Councilwoman Stewart asked Highway Superintendent Weber about an incorrect bill from LaFever Sand & Gravel. Weber said he has notified LaFever and the Board should approve the corrected amount.

2012-137 The HIGHWAY bills (176-192) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Supervisor Molé reported that the old voting machine has been taken for scrap. She said that legally the sign for Maple Ave has to be a Dead End sign. Councilman McIntosh asked if there were others needed. Highway Superintendent Weber said there are 26 more and that is a substantial cost.

The Board discussed removing the existing pick-up truck box and putting an aluminum flatbed on it, as well as, a stainless steel sander. The pick-up box can be sold or stored, and if stored can be put back on when the truck is

no longer of use to the Town. The aluminum flatbed is priced at about \$2,500 and the sander is about \$4,600. The pickup is currently set up to plow only. The sanders have to go back over the roads plowed with the pickup and sand them. A fuel tank can still be used on the flatbed set up.

2012-138 It was moved by Rossley to have the Highway Superintendent purchase an aluminum flatbed and a stainless steel sander for the 1-ton pickup, seconded by Stewart.

Molé	Aye
Stewart	Aye
Rossley	Aye
McIntosh	Nay
Wright	Nay

The motion passed three to two.

There was discussion on the bridge on Bovina Road. The Army Corps of Engineers has done an inspection and feel that the weight limit needs to be lowered from 15-ton to 3-ton. The bridge has not moved but there are a lot more voids and there is a fear of another washout, or a collapse. The choice is to reduce the limit or shut the bridge down. There is also an option of putting a steel plate over the span but Wayne Reynolds doesn't want to do that because they cannot monitor it. The school bus will no longer be able to cross the bridge. The signs are ordered and Highway Superintendent Weber has notified the school. Weber said that the bridge is currently in State review. Supervisor Molé noted that nothing can be done until June because of stream permits.

Highway Superintendent Weber asked the Board to look at the Vehicle Use Policy in regards to him taking the pick-up truck home when weather conditions say he will need it to check roads. He can check 15 miles of road on his way to the garage. Supervisor Molé asked if this was inclement weather and not just winter. This is on a trial basis to be reviewed to see how it worked out.

2012-139 Rossley moved that the Vehicle Use Policy be changed to say that at the Highway Superintendent's discretion, the pick-up truck can be taken home in inclement weather. Seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Highway Superintendent Weber said that the 1979 Backhoe needs to be replaced. Prices of John Deere and Case are between \$65,000 and \$75,000 for new and \$60,000 for used. The sell price for the old one is \$5,000 to \$7,000, or it could be traded in. JCB is bringing a backhoe out for the Highway Department to use for a few days. He will be able to find out if the bucket will reach high enough to load the trucks. Weber will bring information back to the board on this since a decision can't be made until after beginning of 2013. Weber said the body of the Mack is shot. To fix it correctly would pretty much replace the entire box. He's hoping it will get through this winter season. He suggests replacing the body with a sander and use it for plowing and sanding only.

Supervisor Molé

- contacted Bloomville Disposal to have the playground garbage picked up regularly.
- said that Tire Day is November 3, 2013. Notice will be put on the website.
- said that she and the Bookkeeper will meet with the Comptroller's office on Monday, October 15, 2013.
- told the Board that Ray LaFever has set November 3rd at 2:00 PM for the World War II unveiling.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Councilman Wright said that he rode around and the roads look good.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Stewart said that the Town is being audited. The Bookkeeper says he's ready to meet with them. When she went over the monthly bills, she noticed that Ambit is still not on a couple of the bills. Councilman McIntosh said that he's working on that. The last payment received from the City was \$29,059 due to the change in budget. There was a final bill to Lamont Engineers for \$115. There is a balance in the Septic fund of \$26,000. The Bookkeeper has told her that he will have the County Reports finished this month.

BUILDINGS

Councilman McIntosh has spoken with Brannen Carpentry regarding the replacement of the lights in the office. He said that there are some spindles missing on the front porch on the Hall and a few other minor repairs needed. He will talk with Brannen and get an estimate. If the estimate is \$250 or under, McIntosh can go ahead and have the job done prior to the next meeting.

TRANSFER STATION/PLAYGROUND

Councilman Rossley said that garbage is being thrown in on the bank at the transfer station. He has gone up on Saturday morning to work on getting permits for the people who don't have them. There are two people who will need a cease and desist letter, as they are not tax payers in Bovina. He will get the contact information to Supervisor Molé. The electronics box is still full and he will continue to call the company that is supposed to be hauling the contents of that away.

Rossley reported that the playground is saturated from all the rain. He said that the garbage is picked up from there every other week.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Highway Superintendent Weber said that the grading is close to being finished. The equipment is being prepared for the winter months. Cape Horn Road will need gravel put on about 2,000 feet of road. He gave the Board copies of the Vehicle Inventory, Shop Inventory and Road Material Inventory. The clerk will send a copy of the Inventory's to Wayne Reynolds at County DPW. Councilman McIntosh questioned where the highway department took the ditch dirt on Cape Horn Road. Weber said that some was taken to the Raymond Stewart farm, some to his farm and some to Frank Ciolli. All close to where the work was being done.

With no Community Concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Hewitt
Town Clerk