

Bovina Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 9, 2013

RESOLUTIONS: 2013 – 50 – 62

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

Board Members Absent: Gerald Wright, Council

Others: Andy Wos, Broadlands Property Manager; Tom Leo, Surveyor; Jim Vrendenberg, John and Wayne Reynolds, Delaware County DPW; Ken Brown, Dick Barnhart, Nicole Franzese, Delaware County Planning; John Virga, Kevin Brown, Tim Bray, Ed Rossley, Chris Ingvordsen, Steve Burnett

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

Supervisor Molé opened the two Proposals for Care of the Septic Field for the 2013 season.

Proposal A	\$2,175.00
Proposal B	\$2,270.00

Andy Wos, Broadlands Property Manager and Surveyor, Tom Leo were present to discuss the possibility of making part of Calhoun Hill Road and all of Bigger Hollow Road private. Wos wanted to make it clear to all that this was not a status on Broadlands; it was only to discuss the privatization of the roads. He has spoken with the Gerry Family as well as Lake Delaware Boys' Camp and they are in favor of this move. This would include the entire length of Bigger Hollow from County Highway 2 and a part of Calhoun Hill Road to Alder Pond Road. Calhoun Hill would end in a Cul-de-sac at the Alder Pond Intersection. There are fewer than 10 houses on the portion of Calhoun Hill that the Town of Bovina would continue to own and maintain. This would eliminate approximately 2 miles of road in Bovina. The road would no longer be public and could be gated off. Highway Superintendent Weber said that gates would slow response for emergencies with fire and EMS. Supervisor Molé said that this is a new process; the Town has not had this sort of request. Councilman Rossley said that the property owners that will be affected should be made aware and have input. The bridge on Bigger Hollow is County owned and they Broadlands Property owners would take that over. Molé said that the Town will need to go through an abandonment process. She said she will look into what the next step is and contact Wos. The Town of Andes is waiting to hear what Bovina is going to do.

2013-50 The minutes of the Regular Monthly meeting of March 12, 2013 were approved as written. Moved by Stewart, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2013-51 The minutes of the Special Meeting of March 25, 2013 were approved as amended. Moved by McIntosh, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2013-52 The **GENERAL** bills (51-62) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays. It was noted by Councilman Stewart that the Highway Garage ran out of propane in February and this month's bill seems high. The Highway Superintendent doesn't see the bill since it goes directly to the Bookkeeper. She will talk this over with the Bookkeeper to see if there was an additional charge.

2013-53 The **LIGHTING** bill (4-4) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays. It was noted by Councilwoman Stewart that the NYSE&G bill seems high and it looks like the Town was charged for bulbs. Supervisor Molé said she will notify the Bookkeeper.

2013-54 The **WATER** bills (12-15) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2013-55 The SEPTIC bills (11-13) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by McIntosh. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2013-56 The HIGHWAY bills (33-50) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Rossley. All in favor 4 ayes, 0 nays. Councilman McIntosh asked Highway Superintendent Weber about a pedal assembly. Weber said it was an accelerator pedal for the Komatsu Loader.

2013-57 It was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Stewart to accept Proposal A \$2,175.00 for the Care of the Septic Fields for the 2013 Season, April 15th through November 15th. Proposal B was for \$2,270.00. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays. The Clerk will send a letter to Ed Rossley who submitted Proposal A.

2013-58 It was moved by Stewart, seconded by McIntosh to renew Ed Rossley's contract for Mow and Care of the Town Lawns at the same price as the 2012 season. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2013-59 It was moved by Stewart, seconded by Rossley to accept the Highway Materials Bids. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays. Councilman Rossley asked if materials could still be purchased off the County Bid. Highway Superintended Weber said that they can be.

2013-60 It was moved by Stewart, seconded by Rossley to increase appropriation DA5130.2, Machinery Highway-Equipment by \$20,000.00 and to decrease DA915, Assigned Unappropriated Fund Balance by same. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2013-61 It was moved by Rossley seconded by McIntosh to recognize the anticipated \$78,000.00 FEMA Funding and establish an appropriation for DA5120.2 for the Bovina Road Bridge. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilman Rossley said he was approached about the ongoing issue with the land beside the Highway Garage. There will be a meeting with Steve Swenson from DEC, Highway Superintendent Weber and the property owner on April 12th. Supervisor Molé said that she had a call from DEC in regards to this and it was an FYI call, no details. Councilwoman Stewart asked if there was confusion on the boundary line.

ADVISOR REPORTS

FINANCE – Councilwoman Stewart said that she spoke with Bookkeeper Hanley on the phone as he was unable to meet this month. She said that Ambit is still not billing the way they are supposed to. Councilman McIntosh said he spoke to an Ambit Representative and hasn't contacted him. Stewart said the Annual Report is not done and Hanley is saying it will be done by May 1st. She also said that the report she has asked Hanley to do so that she can audit monthly hasn't been done.

Supervisor Molé said that she has not had a meeting with the County and Hanley on how payroll is done. She will have something for the May meeting

BUILDINGS – Councilman McIntosh said that he asked Tom Hilson to write up an RFP for painting and upkeep to the Community Hall. He gave the Board members a copy to look over for comments at the May meeting. He said that people are leaving lights on in the basement and hallway. He has not gotten an estimate from Chad Trimbell on replacing the lights in the basement. McIntosh talked with the contractor who feels that an 8 foot light would be better for the Clerk's office. He suggested putting the current 4 foot office light in the foyer and the track lighting at the bottom of the basement stairs. They are having a hard time finding new track for the track lighting. The Board felt that the track lighting would look better in the foyer. McIntosh will have the contractor work on new track for the track lighting to go in the foyer and the 4 foot fluorescent at the bottom of the basement stairs.

TRANSFER STATION/PLAYGROUND – Councilman Rossley said that he let the Transfer Station Operator know about the possibility of a Farmer's Market being put at the Station. He said new sand is needed at the playground. He asked

about new mulch and if the existing should be rototilled or new added. Councilman McIntosh said rototilling the mulch would bring the rotted mulch to the top. Supervisor Molé said that rubber tire mulch was discussed at one time. She also asked if the sand would need to be removed and replaced or just add sand. Rossley said new sand can just be added to what is there.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Highway Superintendent Weber said that the appeal for the Bovina Road Bridge has been submitted and there has been no word on it. The FOB System for the fuel has been installed and seems to be working fine. The 2009 International Dump Truck was picked up in Painted Post on April 5th. The Highway crew has started sweeping roads and patching holes where needed. They have been cutting brush and are leaving the usable chunks along the road for people to take. The crew will be attending safety training through Delaware County Highway Superintendent Association. Weber said he would like to sell the pick-up box. He has seen take off pick up boxes sold for \$250.00 up to \$2,500.00. Councilman McIntosh asked about trading the pickup and letting the flat bed body go with it. Weber said that would probably be what would happen. Supervisor Molé said that the Board needs to declare the box and an unused sander as surplus. The 1988 dump truck has already been declared surplus.

2013-62 It was moved by Rossley, second by Stewart to declare the pick-up box and sander as surplus to enable Highway Superintendent Weber to sell both. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilman McIntosh said that Weber had commented that there was a lot of money paid for the Volvo Dump Truck and that there was \$14,000 put in it for repairs during 2012. Now Weber has purchased a new truck for \$90,000 and he wants to know how much extra money needs to go in the truck to get it on the road to plow. He said that Weber need to keep track of what is spent to get the truck usable. He added that the truck has an automatic transmission and asked who could repair it. Weber said it's an International, any dealer can do repairs. McIntosh asked if there is a dealer close by and Weber said that Ben Funk is in Oneonta.

Councilman McIntosh said that he asked in March to have the Bookkeeper provide the sources of income for the Town other than the taxes.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Ken Brown asked if there was any information in regards to the Star Exemption needing to be redone for everyone. Supervisor Molé said that she spoke with Delaware County Tax Mapping and this is being redone for 2014, there is a year to get it redone.

Jim Vrendenberg asked if he could look at the maps provided by Andy Wos in regards to a portion of Calhoun Hill and all of Bigger Hollow possibly being made private. He asked if the process would include a public hearing.

John Virga told the Board that he appreciated the use of the basement for his sign making. He asked about possibly making a new sign for the playground. Councilman Rossley will meet with Virga on that.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hewitt
Clerk/Collector