

Bovina Town Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
June 11, 2013

**RESOLUTIONS: 2013 – 82 – 92**

**Board Members Present:** Tina Molé, Supervisor; Charles McIntosh, Evelyn Stewart, Mark Rossley, Gerald Wright, Members of Council; Catherine Hewitt, Clerk; Edward Weber, Highway Superintendent (7:02 arrival)

**Others Present:** Gabrielle Pierce, Delaware County Times Reporter; Vince/Mary Trimbell, Richard McIntosh, Ken Brown, Dick Barnhart, Jack/Joan Nau, Francois Vedier, Lamont Engineering; Josh Choquette, Water Superintendent; Kevin Brown, John Virga, Pat Miele, Kim Riera, Tim Bray

Supervisor Molé opened the meeting at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Molé introduced Francois Vedier from Lamont Engineering. Vedier is doing the Water System Evaluation of the Bovina Center Water District #1. He was present to give the Board the Options available for the Water District.

Option 1 – Rehab WTP & Auxiliary Well

a. Opinion of Costs

- i. Capitol Cost = \$297,000
- ii. O&M Cost = \$ 34,600 /yr (w/ \$8,500/yr SLA set aside)
- iii. Cost per User = \$ 712 /yr (RD, 38 yr, 2.75%, 75% grant)

Option 2 – Rehab Auxiliary Well + New Well at Existing Well Site

a. Opinion of Costs

- i. Capitol Cost = \$263,000
- ii. O&M Costs = \$ 23,500 /yr (w/ \$3,100/yr SLA set aside)
- iii. Average per User = \$ 536 /yr (RD, 38 yr, 2.75%, 75% grant)

Option 3 – New Well Site w/ 2 New Production Wells

a. Opinion of Costs

- i. Capitol Cost = \$657,000
- ii. O&M Cost = \$ 22,700 /yr (w/ \$2,200/yr SLA set aside)
- iii. Average per User = \$ 588 /yr (RD, 38 yr, 2.75%, 75% grant)

There are two sources of funding that can be looked into. USDA Rural Development and NYS Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Supervisor Molé said that the Board has to have a plan to move forward with this. She asked Vedier what the next step is for the Town. He needs to do his conclusion to the report after the meeting. The grant process needs to be started and go from there.

**2013-82** It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart to have Supervisor Molé work with Lamont Engineering and the Delaware County Planning Department on a Planning Grant for the Bovina Water District #1 update. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilman McIntosh asked about the bill for LaFever Excavating that was discussed at the May meeting. Supervisor Molé said that she spoke with Dave Cowen who installed the water meters and they are willing to pay half of the LaFever bill. McIntosh said he thought Cowen should pay the entire bill but they're offering half and he'll accept that. He doesn't feel the water district should stand the total cost. Molé will send a bill to Cowen to pay half of the water valve repair.

Kim Riera talked to the Board about the fill put on her property that needs to be partially removed. She said that the deadline for removal is July 15<sup>th</sup>. She said that Steve Roberts, Surveyor has asked that the Septic District and the Town should request that he do a survey. Supervisor Molé asked what is required to be removed. Riera said that the DEC

wants the dirt put in last summer removed and the bank sloped. Riera said that it is not acceptable that she stand the entire cost of the estimate of \$1,000 for the excavator to remove the dirt. Highway Superintendent Weber said that the trucks and manpower would be at a considerably higher cost than the cost of the excavator. Councilman Rossley and Councilwoman Stewart do not think a survey is necessary. There is so much dirt that needs to come out and there are two entities involved. Molé said that she will contact Steve Roberts and asked if that will resolve the problem, to which Riera said no. Molé asked what Riera wanted Weber to do and she said that they are willing to pay \$500 and they have already paid a fine of \$250. Molé said that if there is no resolution between Riera and Highway then Riera is fully responsible to which Riera said that they will end up with a lawyer.

**2013-83** It was moved by Stewart, seconded by Rossley to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting as amended. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilwoman Stewart said that the Board approved the expenditure of \$300.00 to the Village of Delhi for the summer youth program with Resolution 2013-77 at the May meeting. The cost is actually \$400.00.

**2013-84** It was moved by Stewart, seconded by Rossley to amend Resolution 2013-77 from \$300.00 to \$400.00 and have Supervisor Molé sign the Contract with SUNY Delhi College Pool for swim lessons. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilwoman Stewart said that the bookkeeper hasn't gotten a call back from NYSE&G in regards to the Street Light bill. She said that the Mang Insurance bill reflects the new truck addition and the LVDV bill for \$8,327.51 is actually \$2,429.86.

**2013-85** The GENERAL bills (81-95) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2013-86** The LIGHTING bill (6-6) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2013-87** The WATER bills (21-24) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2013-88** The SEPTIC bills (18-21) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2013-89** The HIGHWAY bills (66-79) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

The Board reviewed the updates to the Employee Policy regarding pay increases. The change will take place with the June 28<sup>th</sup> payroll.

**2013-90** It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart to accept the changes to the Employee Policy. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Molé received a letter from Carol Michalski, Delaware County Fair 5K Committee with a request for a donation of \$100 to offset the cost of the t-shirts for this event.

**2013-91** It was moved by Wright, seconded by Stewart to approve \$100.00 for the Delaware County Fair 5K Race. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Molé said that the Town has received a refund from NYMIR for \$1,189.60.

She noted that there is a vacancy on the Planning Board and two people have shown an interest. She will forward their letters of interest to the Planning Board for their input/recommendation. Councilman Rossley asked if there is still a Zoning Board vacancy. Molé said that there is and also a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review.

#### ADVISOR REPORTS

HIGHWAY – Councilman Wright said that he had questions for Highway Superintendent Weber. Wright said that there looks like a furrow has been plowed up along the ditch on Tunis Lake. Weber said that the crew worked the road and

then we got heavy rain and the dirt was pushed to the outside until the crew can get back to that job. He noted that the roads at Tunis need gravel. Wright asked if the Town is building a cul-de-sac on Beaver Road. Weber said that Delaware Bulldozing is building the cul-de-sac. Wright asked if the property owners are on board with this. Weber said that the agreement was that the property owner would build a cul-de-sac to meet the highway superintendent's approval if the subdivision was not completed. The land is now being sold to New York City so the property owner is fulfilling their obligation.

**FINANCE** – Councilwoman Stewart said that she came into the office and has done an audit of the January and February 2013. She found a couple of things that she cleared up with the bookkeeper. She went through the checkbooks and bank statements and did a spot check on all of them and made sure everything is balanced. She asked how the Board wants to handle her findings. It was decided that she will give her report to the Clerk who will keep it on file in her office. Stewart said that she has noticed that Ambit is not charging the same rate on any of the Town bills. Councilman McIntosh said that he has an Ambit Representative coming to the July meeting. Stewart said that she would like to see a report from the Code Enforcement Officer on a monthly basis.

**BUILDINGS** – Councilman McIntosh said that he is finding lights on in the Community Hall. The Clerk will remind all who schedule use of the hall to make sure the lights are off. There will be an 8 foot light put back in the Clerk's office. There is a board that has warped on the ramp and he will have that repaired. Supervisor Molé said that in regards to the painting of the hall, she is not optimistic about there being a grant for that. She said she is unsure where the funding would come from for painting the hall. Councilman Rossley suggested that the Board go forward with the proposal and see where it comes in.

**PLAYGROUND/TRANSFER STATION** – Councilman Rossley said that he has talked with Sue McIntyre at Delaware County Solid Waste and has asked about getting a front loading newspaper/magazine container. The metal container is smaller and works better. Farming Bovina will not be moving forward with plans to have their Saturday morning Farmer's Market at the Transfer Station. Rossley said that he needs to see plans for the playground in regards to the drainage to see if there is a solution to that problem.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** – Highway Superintendent Weber said that the Bovina Road Bridge is with FEMA now. He has talked to Senator Seward who has said there should be an answer by the end of June. The engineering has been started as Wayne Reynolds, County DPW thought it wise to start that. Weber had a Shared Services Contract with Delaware County DPW for use of 6" & 8" Dewatering Pumps.

**2013-92** It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart to have the Supervisor sign the Shared Services Contract with Delaware County DPW for use of 6" & 8" Dewatering Pumps. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

The area where the C&D Container is at the Transfer Station has a retaining wall that is caving. Weber recommended looking into a concrete wall or Tonka blocks. Weber said he will be moving Chuck Culbertson up to an MEO. Culbertson has been with the Highway Department for over a year and he has worked out well. Weber thanked the Bovina Fire Department for their assistance the night of the May 29<sup>th</sup> storm. Miller Avenue had considerable damage and was closed for two days. An emergency permit was issued for the work done on Miller and that repair can be covered with CHIPS money. Most of the problems resulted from undersized culverts. He will be replacing with larger culverts as they can. He said that most roads sustained some damage. Councilman McIntosh asked who called the Fire Department the night of May 29<sup>th</sup>. Weber said that he did. McIntosh said that 8 or 10 firemen went out, some with their own trucks. McIntosh considers this to be shared services and said that Weber should consider this when he doesn't plow the parking lot or apron at the Fire Department. He said that this was just for Weber's consideration. McIntosh asked Weber what the bill to Steel Sales for a tail gate was for. Weber said it was for the red truck because the old one had rusted out. McIntosh asked if it was the tailgate that was bent. Weber said it wasn't bent, there was a spot where the loader hit it.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS – Joan Nau asked Highway Superintendent Weber if he had looked into Suit-Kote for the Town. She said that the Town of Andes did a trial road and the cost was \$1,200 s mile. She suggested that Weber contact Andes Supervisor and see how it held up. Supervisor Molé will talk with the Andes Supervisor and Weber will contact the Andes Highway Superintendent.

Pat Miele said that she had previously approached the Board about making improvements to Paul Rabeler Road. She is now ready to move ahead with that. Supervisor Molé will get the contract that was put together to Weber so that he and the Miele's can see if that is satisfactory. Miele said that she had read in the local papers that several towns are supporting the Belleayre Project and she asked if Bovina did. Molé said that the Board did in May.

Jack Nau said that he was pleased to see that the Transfer Station was graded. He would like to see gravel put down and perhaps some drainage. Highway Superintendent Weber said that rearranging the containers would help.

Councilman McIntosh asked Dog Control Officer Weber how many dog control calls he has had this year. Weber said that there might have been three. McIntosh asked if any dogs had been taken in to the Humane Society. Weber said that most of the calls he gets are for lost dogs.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Hewitt  
Town Clerk/Collector