

Bovina Town Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
November 12, 2013

**RESOLUTIONS: 2013 – 139 – 152**

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

**Others Present:** Richard Barnhart, Ken Brown, Vince/Mary Trimbell, Bill Stoff, Pat Miele

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

**2013-139** It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2013 meeting as amended. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2013-140** It was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Rossley to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013 Budget Public Hearing Meeting as written. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2013-141** The **GENERAL** bills (153-167) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2013-142** The **LIGHTING** bill (11-11) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2013-143** The **WATER** bills (40-45) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Wright. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2013-144** The **SEPTIC** bills (41-48) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2013-145** The **HIGHWAY** bills (145-166) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was made by Rossley, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2013-146** It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart to accept the Resolution Determining that Proposed Action is a Type II Action for Purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2013-147** It was moved by Stewart-Barnhart, seconded by Rossley to accept the Bond resolution of the Town of Bovina, Delaware County, New York, Authorizing the Issuance of \$200,000 Serial Bonds to Finance the Reconstruction of a Bridge, dated November 12, 2013. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Bookkeeper Joe Hanley has met with the Insurance Representative. The employees insurance will be going down for both husband/wife and single for the exact same plan. The retiree and Medicare Plans will be going up.

**2013-148** It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart to renew Insurance Plans with MVP, Blue Cross & Blue Shield and CDPHP. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Hanley said that he had proposed \$68,157.34 for the 2014 Septic Budget. The City has proposed \$59,545.84 which is a decrease. With the addition of the water meters, the septic rates have been decreased.

**2013-149** It was moved by Wright, seconded by McIntosh to move the Preliminary Budget to the Adopted Budget for 2014. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**HIGHWAY** – Councilman Wright has inspected the roads and they are pretty good. He said the pavement in front of Jack Burns property on Bramley Mountain is rough and asked what the reason was for that. Highway Superintendent Weber said there was too much stone in that area. The broom is broken so he isn't able to sweep the road. Wright said that the shot rock isn't in the ditch at the end of Bramley Mountain. Weber said that there were three small dams put in the ditch in place of the shot rock and Wayne Reynolds at the County DPW worked with him to make the change.

**FINANCE** – Councilwoman Stewart-Barnhart said that she did not meet with the Bookkeeper this month.

**BUILDINGS** – Councilman McIntosh said that he had an event at the Community Hall the Friday before the election and that the Halloween Party was held the night before his event. The men's room had a plugged toilet and he closed the men's room. Roger McIntosh used a plunger and things are working well now. He said that there was a Garden Party held in the hall and the couple that had the event was very pleased with the space. They gave a donation of \$100.00 for the use of the hall.

McIntosh said that a car slid down the bank beside the hall and hit the rail, breaking three or four spindles. The person responsible had her husband repair the spindles.

McIntosh said that he has received proposals for replacing the carpet on the stage. Endwell Rug Fair will rip out old carpet and install new mid-grade commercial for \$675.00 to \$700.00. Towne Flooring and Kitchens will rip out old carpet and replace for \$689.55, and for a better grade of carpet the cost was \$1,099.27.

These prices were for the stage only. Supervisor Molé asked about doing the offices. McIntosh said he will get prices on stage and offices and Scotch Guard.

McIntosh said that his property is a neighbor to the Community Hall. He doesn't mind people using his lawn when there are events at the hall but said it would be nice to be asked. He may ask the Town for a Certificate of Insurance to park on his lawn.

McIntosh said that the Board discussed replacing the ballasts in the lights in the basement and that hasn't been done. He said that he will get a price on replacing the ballasts as well as a price on replacing the lights if the ones there need to be replaced for safety.

Councilmen McIntosh and Wright discussed purchasing dinnerware, silverware and pots and pans to make the kitchen in the hall more usable. Wright asked the group from the Church to put a list together on what they felt would be necessary.

**TRANSFER STATION** – Councilman Rossley said that he has spoken with Sue McIntyre at the Delaware County Solid Waste Management Facility. She will try to locate a covered box for the C&D. There will be no extra charge and the box will load from the back. Councilman McIntosh said that he has had someone come to him who would be willing to go up and police the Transfer Station for the Town. Rossley said that he has spoken to the owner of Bloomville Disposal who has indicated that he can't make the operator fight with people about misuse. The tire bin was filled on tire day. There are six tires left up there because they have the rims in them. The extra charge for tire day was \$350 for the bin. Rossley said he wants to get an estimate on the C&D overages and see what it is a year. Councilwoman Stewart-Barnhart said that the hauler has signed a contract with the Town, who has certain expectations, and they are not being met. Rossley said that something needs to be done with the area that was deemed unsafe where the C&D bin was. It was suggested that the paper box be put in that space until a decision is made on a wall for the C&D bin to be put back there.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** – Highway Superintendent Weber said that the Bovina Road Bridge is complete but cannot be opened until the guardrails are installed. The expectation is the bridge will be reopened at the end of November. The crew paved and sealed East Bramley Mountain from County Highway 6 to the Burns’ farm. Andes and Kortright were used as Shared Services on that project. The crew is getting the trucks ready for the winter. Weber has signed up with OGS (Office of General Services) to be eligible to purchase government overstock equipment. He mentioned that there is an International 5000 Paystar 10-wheel dump truck for \$2,500. He said that the Volvo is worn out. Councilman McIntosh asked if there is a stipulation that the equipment purchased through OGS are kept for a certain amount of time. Weber said that it has to be used for what it was purchased for and kept for 18 months. Weber has talked to Tom Howard who suggested that the Town get an Engineer to look at the problem with the Highway Garage. Weber did contact Lee Marigliano, the Engineer of record for the garage project. Marigliano said he is unsure why he wasn’t contacted about the repair that was already done and he wants information from LaFever Excavating. The engineer suggested by Tom Howard would charge \$7,700 to look at the job and give an estimate of cost to repair. McIntosh said that it was dug out after it settled and filled back in. He has spoken to Marigliano and said that he would like to be involved since he was involved with the construction of the building. The Board agrees that the Engineer that was involved with the building should be consulted on the repair. Weber asked the Board to consider changing the Employee Handbook to give part-time highway employees a clothing allowance. The cost is minimal at \$6.00 weekly and the mechanic is there three days a week. Supervisor Molé proposed that someone with a minimum of so many hours a week be allowed the clothing allowance.

Councilman McIntosh said that the old welder at the Highway Garage was deemed surplus and asked if anything had been done with it. Weber said he was going to put it on an auction site but had not yet done that. McIntosh said that the Fire Department is in need of a motor for the Jeep and asked if the Town could donate the motor from the welder. Councilman Rossley said that about three months ago he offered the Fire Department a motor for the Jeep and all they had to do was come pick it up. McIntosh said that perhaps the Fire Department could be offered the choice of which motor would be better for them.

**2013-150** It was moved by Wright, seconded by McIntosh to offer the Fire Department the surplus welder motor.

Supervisor Molé	Aye
Councilman Wright	Aye
Councilman McIntosh	Aye
Councilman Rossley	Nay
Councilwoman Stewart-Barnhart	Aye

Councilman McIntosh asked Highway Superintendent Weber about the total cost of the sealing and paving done on Bramley Mountain Road. Weber said that the amount submitted to CHIPS was \$34,000.00. McIntosh asked if the manhole covers were covered and Weber said they were.

Ken Brown asked if there were pictures from the first construction of the highway garage. Weber said that he hasn’t seen any pictures. Brown asked how much the dumpster at the transfer station would hold and why the County charges by weight and not volume which would make more sense. He also said there is inconsistency with what goes in the bin and what goes in the truck. Councilman Rossley said that the compactor truck is dumping in a different location and is able to dump more. Brown asked about moving of

the file cabinets and furniture from the offices if they are getting re-carpeted. The rug company will charge to move the furniture.

Councilman Rossley said that there is a new program for Delaware County through Cornell Cooperative Extension for farmers to dispose of the plastic hay bale wrap. There is a list of guidelines and Marianne Karily is the contact person.

Pat Miele said that the election is over, the voters gave Ed Weber their stamp of approval and the people who have been harassing him should stop and let him do his job. Miele asked why there is no longer a reporter at the Town meetings. Supervisor Molé said that the former reporter left the position and the paper doesn't have anyone to fill the position.

Richard Barnhart asked if the Board had ever considered closing the Transfer Station with all the issues that the Town has with it. That has been considered. Councilman Rossley said that there needs to be a better relationship with the users to get things in their proper location. Supervisor Molé said that people do want the Transfer Station but there are a few people who make it hard for everyone.

Vince Trimbell offered congratulations on winning the election. He asked when the Bovina Road Bridge will be finished. Highway Superintendent Weber said it will be about a month. Trimbell asked Weber if he went around the horn 4 times that day. Weber responded that he didn't count. Trimbell said that nothing was done up there and it was all ice.

Councilman McIntosh said that if it's not deemed harassment, he wanted to know about the 2 new grader tires at a cost of \$1,900 and was that cost for two tires. Weber said it was correct, they are radial tires.

**2013-151** It was moved by McIntosh, seconded by Wright to go into Executive Session at 7:40 PM for a personnel matter. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2013-152** It was moved by Wright, seconded by Rossley to come out of Executive Session at 7:58 PM. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilman Rossley said that Don Farley donated a soccer goal to the Town and he has another one he will donate if the Town is interested. The Board agreed to accept the donation of the second soccer goal. Councilman Wright said the Insurance Company should be contacted to see if the Town has an obligation to make the poles safe on the goal. Rossley will contact Farley.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hewitt  
Clerk