

Bovina Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 9, 2014

RESOLUTIONS: 2014-133 – 138

Board Members Present: Tina Molé, Supervisor; Evelyn Stewart-Barnhart, Mark Rossley, Kenneth Brown, Gerald Wright, Members of Council; Catherine Hewitt, Clerk; Highway Superintendent Edward Weber was excused.

Others Present: Barb/Kevin Brown, Chuck/Roger McIntosh, Steve Burnett, Kevin Rossley, Donna Carlton, Joe/Connie Dibble, Joe Hanley, Peter Manning: Delaware County Times Reporter; Joe Hanley, Bookkeeper

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

The minutes of the November 11, 2014 meeting were tabled until the January 2015 meeting.

2014-133 The **GENERAL** bills (174-188) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart-Barnhart, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2014-134 The **LIGHTING** bill (12-12) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Wright, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2014-135 The **WATER** bills (44-49) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by Wright. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2014-136 The **SEPTIC** bills (50-54) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Wright. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2014-137 The **HIGHWAY** bills (182-200) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart-Barnhart, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilman Rossley has contacted three businesses regarding the removal or trimming of the trees around the Community Hall. There were two responses from Lasting Impression with an estimate of \$6,565.00 for complete removal and clean-up of all and an estimate of \$5,265.00 for removal on one side and limbing on other trees. Spring Lake Tree Service gave an estimate of \$2 250.00 for removal and clean-up of the 15 trees. This will be done so that the painting of the hall can be done in the spring. Rossley has spoken to two of the three adjoining landowners. Councilman Brown said that waiting another month may give time for a third estimate to come in. Supervisor Molé is concerned because the third contractor in question hasn't done what he was already hired to do for the Town. This was tabled for January 2015.

Supervisor Molé announced that:

The Organizational Meeting for 2015 will be held prior to the regular monthly meeting on January 13, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Community Hall.

The cleaning person has agreed to remain in the job. Molé will notify the two applicants that were interested in the job.

The dates for the Highway Garage Project will be: Pre-Construction, January 13, 2015 for bidding documents and immediate advertising for repairs; January 29, 2015 will be the pre-bid construction

meeting at 10:00 AM at the Highway Garage; bids are due to the Town on February 5, 2015 for a bid opening at Noon; bids will be awarded at the regular monthly meeting on February 10, 2015. Councilman Rossley said that he talked with Jeff Stafford to get a contact for a job that has used the repair procedure planned for the garage repair. He found that it was used on new construction that was built in a swampy area. Councilwoman Stewart-Barnhart asked Rossley if the crack in the floor of the first bay at the highway garage is bigger. Rossley said it was another 15-feet in from the estimate and he asked if more testing will be done prior to the bids going out. He said that the estimate is for \$170,000 to fix a 15X15 foot area and the cost will be higher if the void is found to be bigger than expected. Rossley said that the new crack was noticed after the November meeting and runs from front to back. Supervisor Molé will get something in writing from Delta on what they would purpose. Rossley is concerned that the \$170,000 is for the first 15 feet and there could be an additional 15-feet.

Supervisor Molé said that the LVDV Contract is up for renewal now and that the Town is bound to the cost of inflation of 3% a year. The cost, with the 3% increase will be 2015-\$30,946, 2016-\$31,874 and 2017-\$32,830 which includes emergency call out costs. The City pays 92% and the other 8% is Town.

2014-138 It was moved by Wright, seconded by Rossley for Supervisor Molé to sign the contract for LVDV for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, with a 3% increase per year. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilman Rossley contacted Painting with Perfection and had the gutters on the Hall cleaned.

Supervisor Molé said that in addition to the Highway Report, the cost of the Freightliner to date is \$34,700. Councilman Brown said it was \$38,000 last month, and should be looked into.

Supervisor Molé said that the Flood Mitigation project for the stream behind the highway garage will be bid this spring. This is a Soil & Water Project and will be fully paid for by that group.

FINANCE ADVISOR – Councilwoman Stewart said that she talked with Bookkeeper Hanley. There are five electric bills that did not get renewed with Ambit. The rate on those bills went from about five cents a KW to fifteen/sixteen cents a KW. Hanley has called about this and it will be reflected in next month's bills.

BUILDING ADVISOR – Councilman Wright said that he and Councilman Brown have fixed the bathroom doors so that they close and all have a lock on them now as well as a handle on the ladies room. Wright has called Muthig and he will stop and look at the furnace when he is in the area.

TRANSFER STATION/PLAYGROUND ADVISOR – Councilman Rossley said that the electronics box is still $\frac{3}{4}$ full and he will contact Sue McIntyre.

PLANNING BOARD LIASION – Councilman Brown said that the Board didn't have enough members for a quorum at the Public Hearing and that the person who is doing the sub-division wasn't in attendance either. It is rescheduled for 6:00 PM next week.

HIGHWAY REPORT – The crew cleaned ditches, put down gravel and cold patch, installed a culvert, hauled grit to the garage and did regular maintenance on the equipment. They have gotten the plows and sanders on the trucks for the winter.

A Code Enforcement Report for November was given to the Board.

Supervisor Molé donated \$100.00 to the 5K/10K Walk/Run at the Delaware County Fair Grounds. A thank you was read.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Donna Carlton, a resident of Brush Hollow Road said that there is a terrible problem with mud on Brush Hollow. She said it is dangerous; that the school bus slid in the mud and the driver is concerned but hesitated to speak up because he doesn't reside in the Town. Carlton has contacted Highway Superintendent Weber who said he couldn't do anything now. She called Weber back and told him that there is 3 to 4 inches of mud, the road is slippery and muddy and that it is now starting to freeze which causes ruts. Ken Brown, speaking as a taxpayer, said that it is less than coincidence that the number of years he has owned his property, last winter and this one the road is bad. The Highway Superintendent was voted in, knew the job and now where the road was worked is very muddy. The residents were told less than a year ago that this would be taken care of. Kevin Brown said that the first third of the road that was worked is good. He was told that scraping it off wouldn't make a difference. It was scraped off, once by him and by someone else also and it did make a difference. Kevin Brown said that Fire and EMS were called out Thanksgiving morning for a car over an embankment at the Coulter Brook/County Highway 6. He said that the Fire Department had to call three times for a sand truck and that there was a sand truck at the top of the mountain that was afraid to come down. There was a wait while a second sand truck came in to back up the mountain to spread grit. He produced a picture of what he considered a small amount of grit that was put on the road.

Councilman Brown said that there was a lack of gravel on Brush Hollow when the silt was pulled out of the ditches. Just because there are not more residents here from Brush Hollow doesn't mean they're not concerned, they don't want to participate.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

Catherine Hewitt, RMO
Clerk