

Bovina Town Board  
Special Meeting  
December 18, 2014

**RESOLUTIONS: 2014-139**

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

**Board Member Absent:** Kenneth Brown

**Others Present:** Dick Barnhart, Andy Hewitt, Cheryl Petersen, Delaware County Times Reporter

Supervisor Molé opened the Special Meeting at 4:00 PM. Molé said that the cracks and damage to the Highway Garage was contained in the front office corner of the building. Since the November Board meeting, there are additional cracks in the first truck bay area of the garage. Molé has read the Geotechnical Report that was done by Daniel G. Loucks, P.E. and she met with Wayne Reynold's the County Engineer. She has been receiving criticism from some community members regarding the fix of the garage. She said that the Town started with Lamont Engineering and their building came in over 1 million dollars which was not in the Town's budget and Lamont was let go. Delta Engineering was hired, and at some point the decision was made to go with a pre-fab building and the engineering plan that went with the building was used. There were 3 Engineers, no Clerk of the Works, and the Highway Employees have changed. At no time was the Board aware of any problems. The geotechnical borings showed moisture but no water on the site. It was the Board's intention to build the best facility possible within the budget. At this time Molé is asking the Boards approval to have Delta investigate what the problem is and where the water is coming from. She said that this has been a problem since the first year the building was built and it makes no sense to band-aid on the office portion and not investigate on why there is water there. She would like to work together as a team, find the water problem and fix it. Relocation of the building isn't an option unless there is absolutely nothing that can be done to fix the problem. The Town has a half million or more invested in this site. Jeff Stafford, from Delta, talked with Molé about an infrared camera and Reynold's, from the County, said that will give a good indication of what is going on. Cost for Engineering will be an additional gross estimate of \$30,000. Bookkeeper Hanley asked if the Engineering cost will continue to come out of Good Neighbor. Molé asked if the \$30,000 could be borrowed from Good Neighbor and paid back when the Town bonds the repair. Hanley isn't sure if the City will approve of that and said it makes more sense to use Good Neighbor money as opposed to borrowing at 4% interest.

Councilman Rossley said that the Engineer has come up with a fix to the problem but not the cause of the problem. Andy Hewitt said that the main thing that changed on the garage site is the surface water is all being funneled to the front of the property to the storm water/run off system. That entire system can have a camera put in it and determine if there is a leak in a pipe or a tank. He said that he has looked at the geotechnical report from Louck's and the old wood found under the garage is in the back corner of the office end, at least 15-feet back and not in the front corner. Hewitt asked if Delta is Structural or Geotechnical Engineers. It was determined that they are Architectural Engineers and Land Surveyors. Hewitt suggested that they have someone that knows dirt be involved. Supervisor Molé stated that Wayne Reynold's has said the Geotechnical Report is the most important information the Town has. She added that Lamont, Delta and the Town Board will be involved in this project.

**2014-139** It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart to use Good Neighbor Funds for further investigation on the Highway Garage water source and a repair of the garage. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM.

Catherine Hewitt, RMO  
Clerk