

**BOVINA TOWN BOARD**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**July 8, 2014**

**RESOLUTIONS: 2014 – 81-94**

**Board Members Present:** Tina Molé, Supervisor; Mark Rossley, Gerald Wright, Kenneth Brown, Evelyn Stewart-Barnhart (late arrival 6:02PM), members of Council; Edward Weber, Highway Superintendent; Catherine Hewitt, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Jan Bray, Steve Burnett, Dick/Chuck McIntosh, Marni/Mel Greenberg, Dick Barnhart, Margaret/John Hilson, Kevin Brown, Peter Manning, Delaware County Times Reporter; Annette Robbins, Joe/Connie Dibble, Peg Hilson, Pat Miele, Donna Bray, Vince/Mary Trimbell, Maureen/Katherine Roberts

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

**2014-81** It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting as amended. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2014-82** The **GENERAL** bills (89-104) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by Wright. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2014-83** The **LIGHTING** bill (7-7) 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.

**2014-84** The **WATER** bills (25-29) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2014-85** The **SEPTIC** bills (22-26) 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.

**2014-86** The **HIGHWAY** bills (88-104) 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.

**2014-87** One proposal for Trash and Refuse Collection was received from Bloomville Disposal Services. The cost for the truck for residential waste will be \$25,569.00, open top metal box is no charge and the container for one tire day is \$325.00 for a total of \$26,894.00. This does not reflect the overage for C&D. There is no fuel surcharge which was included in the contract from 2009. It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart to accept the proposal from Bloomville Disposal Services. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2014-88** The Board discussed continuing to maintain C&D at the Transfer Station. Board members reported that the residents they spoke to were divided about 50/50. It was moved by Wright, seconded by Brown to continue to accept C&D at the Transfer Station.

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

Supervisor Molé announced that she has received a call from Senator Seward saying that the Grant she applied for will be given to Bovina and it will be used for repair of the Highway Garage.

Highway Superintendent Weber said that he has met with Jeff Stafford who is the Engineer from Delta that will be on the garage project. They are waiting for an estimate from the company who will be doing the grouting under the office. Councilman Brown wanted it noted that he asked if this will be fixed before winter and if a determination on water being present and origin of the water. Weber said he imagined so.

There were six NYS DOL violations for the Highway Facility.

- doorway was blocked
- injured employee had to be retrained
- update paperwork
- drum of used motor oil not labeled
- workplace violence
- steel toed footwear required in the shop

The Board discussed steel toe footwear and Town participation in reimbursement to the employee's.

**2014-89** It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Wright for the Town to pay up to \$150.00 per employee for annual purchase of steel toe footwear for highway employees. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilman Brown said that a resident came before the board a couple months ago about allowing personal wind turbines. There is a grant program available now but it ends at the end of 2016. He said the board should look into this before the time to take advantage of the grant is gone. Supervisor Molé said that Brown can work on this if he wants to.

**2014-90** It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart to accept the annual contract with the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society for 2014/2015. The cost remains \$40.00 per dog and \$5.00 for cats. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

The Code Enforcement Officer provided his monthly report which is on file in the Clerk's office.

**2014-91** Motion to cancel the August Town Board meeting was moved by Wright, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**2014-92** It was moved by Brown, seconded by Rossley to pay all necessary utility bills for August. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

#### **ADVISOR REPORTS**

**TRANSFER STATION/PLAYGROUND** – Councilman Rossley said that the signs for the containers are on order. He noted that more permits are going out. There is a fence cap broken as well as spindles at the playground. He will take care of getting someone to fix the fence. Rossley said that Don Farley had donated a soccer net last year which matched the one he had already donated. Rossley has picked it up and Joe Dibble and Ed Rossley helped him put it up on the ball field.

**BUILDINGS** – Councilman Wright said that the hot water tank in the Community Hall failed. Dubben's have installed a new 40-gallon tank. Wright had gate valves put on the water lines so that the water can be shut off

to the heater. Wright has an estimate to replace all three exit lights, with nets over lights to protect from breakage, and battery back-up for use in a power failure.

**2014-93** It was moved by Brown, seconded by Rossley to have the three exit lights updated for a total cost of \$600.00. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**FINANCE** – Councilwoman Stewart-Barnhart said that the final bill for the Bovina Road Bridge has been received. The FEMA/SEMO representatives will be in on July 9, 2014 to review all of the Blue Book Projects. Stewart-Barnhart and the bookkeeper are continuing to look for better rates in the electric carriers. There are five companies they are looking at and there should be an answer by September. The Annual Report is close to being done.

**PLANNING LIASION** – Councilman Brown said that there was no Planning Board meeting in June.

**HIGHWAY REPORT** – Highway Superintendent Weber said that Jay Renner has a tractor and mower he would rent to the Town at a cost of \$1,500 per month and it would be needed for a month. The Town would be responsible for damage and repairs while the equipment is in their possession. It will be run by a Town employee.

**2014-94** It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart to rent the JD2155 with side mower from Jay Renner at a cost of \$1,500 per month. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

There were two applicants for the summer employee through the County Youth Program and Sara Hetterich was hired.

The OGS Freightliner continues to be made ready for use. The hydraulic equipment has been ordered, the frame was extended and there is a box in Maine. The cost of the box is \$9,900; the cost of the snowplow equipment is \$2,100 with trade of the Mack. The box and equipment will be delivered and the Mack picked up.

Weber will be ordering road signs for Crescent Valley, Beaver Road, Cape Horn and Weber Road because they were recently stolen. Most of the damage from the June 19<sup>th</sup> storm was in the Hamlet.

Supervisor Molé said that she and the Water Superintendent have discussed the need for a generator for the water building. The Highway Superintendent will look for one for the Water Plant as well as the Highway Garage through the OGS program.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

Annette Robbins voiced her concern over poor internet in the area.

Pat Miele said that the people who use the C&D at the Transfer Station should get permits and pay a fee yearly. She went on to say that there should be a policy for people who use the water system to fill a pool with no consideration of neighbors.

Joe Dibble said that there is a dangerous tree in Brushland Cemetery that need to be taken care of. Highway Superintendent Weber said that he will look at it.

Katherine Roberts said that there is rusty barbed wire in the trees by the ball field that should be removed.

Kevin Brown asked if anything was done with the sink hole on Brush Hollow and if that road is on the agenda to be worked. Highway Superintendent Weber said they took care of one sink hole, didn't find a second one and that road is on the list.

Chuck McIntosh said that the gravel on the apron should be cleaned up at the garage as well as the dirt on the door, a damaged down spout repaired, and the rusty balliards should be repainted. He asked about the Stream Corridor Management Program in regards to the stream erosion behind the garage and near the road

to the septic field. Highway Superintendent Weber said that the program depends on when money is available and it looks like money is coming available again.

Vince Trimbell asked Supervisor Molé about her statement about the Town going backwards and wanted to know what was being done to stop it. Molé said that there have been ugly campaigns in the past, and personalities are keeping us behind. There is forward movement in some areas; the highway garage repair is an example.

Margaret Hilson said that there is a rumor in Town that the Fire District is looking to place a building on part of the playground. The District claims to own it and in reality, the taxpayers and the public own that land. Councilman Wright has not heard this; he trucked some of the equipment in for the playground and he will be on the side of keeping the playground. Kevin Brown said that the discussion was on placing the building on the District's parking lot or behind the hall. He said that the equipment has to be on their property to be covered by insurance.

Supervisor Molé said that she had a call from a Fire District Commissioner saying that the District needed a Certificate of Insurance because there was a Town Councilman who volunteered his time and equipment with the mulch project on the playground. She has provided the certificate.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM

Catherine Hewitt, Clerk