

BOVINA TOWN BOARD  
Budget Workshop  
Special Meeting  
October 28, 2014

**RESOLUTIONS: 2014-121 - 122**

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

**Others Present:** Mel/Marni Greenberg, Pat Miele

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

Bookkeeper Hanley told the Board that money levied to the Highway Fund cannot be used for any other fund. The General Account can loan money at the Board approval and with reasonable interest to other accounts including Highway.

The Board discussed:

- a 0% increase in salaries across the Board for 2015. There was also discussion on 0% for all salaries in the General Account and the four full time Highway employees stay at a 3% increase.
- the Transfer Station in regards to cutting the C&D which has unbudgeted overages as well as only having hours on Saturday mornings and eliminating Wednesday afternoons through the summer months.
- the library funds from the Town were increased from \$3,000 to \$6,000 in 2011 and the fact that the Fire and EMS do fund raisers and the Library should look into fund raisers. It was pointed out that the Library has a large, and well attended dinner, as a fund raiser.
- the contractual budget for the Bookkeeper possibly being reduced by capping mileage paid to \$2,800 yearly rather than \$4,500. It was pointed out that that figure covers computer software, postage and cost of checks.
- two of the highway employees who have been there the shortest time will be most impacted by 0% raise but they will both get a step increase.
- Everyone gets something or everyone gets nothing. If nothing more, a 1% salary increase across the board as an incentive. Do something with salaries rather than C&D. Cut C&D and drop the Transfer Station to one day only year round.

Supervisor Molé asked how the board feels about a 1% salary increase across the board for a 3.32% increase.

**2014-121** It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart-Barnhart to approve moving the Tentative Budget to Preliminary with a 1% salary increase across the board and a 3.32% increase overall. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Molé gave the board a copy of the specifications on cleaning the Community Hall as well as the Highway Garage for discussion at the November Board meeting.

Councilwoman Stewart-Barnhart had a taxpayer ask why he cannot access the Post Office lobby on Sunday evenings to get his mail. Supervisor Molé will talk with Andes Post Office who oversees the Post Office here.

Highway Superintendent Weber has received a second estimate from Top Notch of \$500 for another tree at Brush Cemetery that needs to be removed. The first company, Spring Lake Tree Service gave an estimate of \$800. Top Notch will take the tree down and the Highway will do the cleanup.

**2014-122** It was moved by Brown, seconded by Wright to have Top Notch remove the tree at Brush Cemetery at a cost of \$500. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Superintendent Weber said that he has had a call from Brent Trimbell who is interested in doing the tree work around the community hall. Councilman Rossley said that if the cost to trim the trees around the hall is \$300 and the cost to remove the tree is \$500, they should be taken down. Supervisor Molé is working on an RFP for painting the Community Hall.

Councilwoman Stewart-Barnhart said that Assessor, Joe Gifford comes in once a year for an update to the Board on his progress on the inventory process. Supervisor Molé will schedule Gifford.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Catherine Hewitt, RMO  
Town Clerk