

BOVINA TOWN BOARD
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 14, 2014

RESOLUTIONS: 2014-109 – 120

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

Others Present: Mel/Marni Greenberg, Jack/Joan Nau, Chuck/Roger McIntosh, Jan Bray, Connie/Joe Dibble, Dick Barnhart, Peter Manning, Delaware County Times Reporter, Kevin Rossley, Annette Robbins, Garrett Schindler, Pat Miele

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

2014-109 It was moved by Stewart-Barnhart, seconded by Wright to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting as amended.

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

2014-110 The **GENERAL** bills (143-155) 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.

2014-111 The **LIGHTING** bill (10-10) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2014-112 The **WATER** bills (36-39) 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.

2014-113 The **SEPTIC** bills (38-45) 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.

2014-114 The **HIGHWAY** bills (148-167) 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.

Supervisor Molé gave the Board an update on possible water rate changes in the Water District and asked them to look this over before the November meeting. She said that the water use policy is a good neighbor policy rather than a Local Law currently. She asked if the Board thought it should stay that way or become a Local Law.

There were tree limbs and a tree removed from the Brush Cemetery at a cost of \$1,200. There is another tree that is in danger of falling on a house at the same location that the same company can remove for \$800-\$1,000. Highway Superintendent Weber will get a second estimate.

Supervisor Molé has talked with Jeff Stafford from Delta Engineers regarding the Highway Garage. He will attend the November or December meeting to explain the findings with the Board and the project will be bid in the Spring of 2015.

Bookkeeper Hanley went over the Tentative Budget with the Board. Water and Septic are incomplete at this time. The water budget will depend on the Boards decision on the increase in rates. Lighting stayed the same. Hanley said that the tax cap that was put into effect four years ago was set at 2%. That cap is now 1.56% for 2015. There will be a Budget Workshop held on October 28th.

The proposed water rate increases reflect a 10.5% increase for all users. There is a need to build up a balance for unanticipated repairs.

2014-115 It was moved by Brown, seconded by Rossley to hold a Budget Workshop/Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 6:00 PM. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2014-116 It was moved by Stewart-Barnhart, seconded by Rossley to hold a Public Hearing for consideration of a Local Law to override the Tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c on November 11, 2014 at 6:00 PM. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2014-117 It was moved by Brown, seconded by Rossley to hold a Public Hearing for the possible increase in water rates in the Water District on November 11, 2014 at 6:10 PM. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2014-118 It was moved by Stewart-Barnhart, seconded by Wright to hold a Public Hearing for the 2015 Budget on November 11, 2014 at 6:15 PM. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Molé read a letter from the Friends of the Bovina Library inviting the Board members to the Bovina Library Farm Feast on November 8th.

FINANCE ADVISOR – Councilwoman Stewart-Barnhart said that she met with the Bookkeeper and they went over the Budget which was discussed earlier.

BUILDING ADVISOR – Councilman Wright said that the new exit lights have been installed. He noted that the eaves on the side of the building over the handicap ramp are plugged and need to be cleaned. Supervisor Molé said that she wants the hall to be painted and would like to address the trees that are close to or hanging over the building. The tree/limb removal can be addressed now.

PLAYGROUND/TRANSFER STATION ADVISOR – Councilman Rossley said that the fence tops and the spindles on the fence at the playground have been repaired and there are extra ones at the Highway Garage if needed. The sandbags have been placed on the soccer goals and he waiting for the bracket to be done to repair one of the nets. The Highway Department has cleaned up some of the miscellaneous things at the Transfer Station. He noted that the electronics box will be cleaned out again. He spoke with Bloomville Disposal about recycles left outside the container and they will be watching that.

PLANNING BOARD LIASON – Councilman Brown said that Planning Board did not meet in September. They have a meeting scheduled for October.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Highway Superintendent Weber said that he has had two meetings with SEMO/FEMA regarding the final paperwork for the Bovina Road Bridge. He said that the section of Lee Hollow scheduled for paving has been done. He wanted to thank Andes, Kortright and Hamden for their shared use of trucks on the Lee Hollow job. The crew is cleaning ditches as they can and getting trucks ready for winter. The roadside mowing has been completed. Weber said that he has picked up the generator for

the water plant. The cost was \$535; there is a little work to be done to it. He is hoping to get the box on the Freightliner in the next week.

Councilman Brown said that the cost to date for the Freightliner was \$37,000 last month and asked what it was this month. Weber said it was about \$38,000. Brown asked Weber for a general condition report on the Volvo, grader and the backhoe. Weber said that the Volvo has had a lot of money spent on it in the last month and it's not in good shape. The grader is in good shape; it needs a king pin and a head gasket. The backhoe has 4,000 hours on it; it still works but is very loose. It could be repined. Cost to replace with used would be \$35,000 to \$40,000. Councilman Brown requested that it be noted in these minutes that he asked Highway Superintendent Weber if the grader repair would be done in house and the response was that it would be.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Roger McIntosh asked Highway Superintendent Weber if there would be cold patch put on New Kingston Mountain when the sides of the road are done. Weber said they would clean ditches and patch where needed.

Joan Nau asked how much slush fund could be predicted for 2015. The Bookkeeper said that is impossible to predict. Nau asked what was wrong with the Highway Garage. Weber said the building has settled. Nau asked if this was the responsibility of the Engineer and Councilman Rossley said that it was. Supervisor Molé said that the Board was given two options when they got ready to construct the building. The Board chose the least expensive of the two options, which predicted that there could be significant settling. Nau said that last year the Water Superintendent didn't think the water system was going to hold up. Supervisor Molé said that the Town is trying to pay off a twenty year loan for the water system and right now it is running adequately.

Chuck McIntosh asked Highway Superintendent Weber how many existing roads have been sealed in the last three summers. Weber said none; that a lot of the money over the last three years has gone for the Bovina Road Bridge. McIntosh asked Weber how much CHIPS money has been received over the last two years. Weber said that all but about \$500 was spent in 2014. McIntosh said that CHIPS was going to pay \$108,000 for the Town's portion of paving on the Bovina Road Bridge. He asked Weber if he could figure up where the CHIPS money was spent on each project for the last two years by individual project. McIntosh asked how long Weber has known the highway garage was settling. Weber said since he got there. McIntosh wanted to know why this is just being done now. Weber said that McIntosh should know as he was on the Board. McIntosh asked if Weber was Animal Control. Weber said he was and Supervisor Molé clarified that Weber is Dog Control. McIntosh asked if Weber keeps records for Ag & Markets to which Weber responded that he does.

2014-119 It was moved by Stewart-Barnhart, seconded by Brown to go into Executive Session at 7:20 PM for a personnel issue. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2014-120 It was moved by Stewart-Barnhart, seconded by Wright to adjourn Executive Session at 8:12 PM. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Catherine Hewitt, RMO
Town Clerk