

BOVINA TOWN BOARD
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 9, 2015

RESOLUTIONS: 2015 – 75 – 84

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

Board Member Absent: Gerald Wright, Council

Others Present: Jack/Joan Nau, Richard Barnhart, Steve Burnett, Kevin Brown, Bob Cairns, Delaware County Times Reporter; Joe Dibble, Pat Miele, Kevin Rossley, Jan Bray, Mel/Marni Greenberg, Peg Hilson, Ed/Gretchen Rossley

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

2015-75 It was moved by Brown, seconded by Rossley to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting as amended. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-76 The **GENERAL** bills (83-97) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-77 The **LIGHTING** bill (5-5) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart Barnhart. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-78 The **WATER** bills (21-24) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-79 The **SEPTIC** bills (19-24) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-80 The **HIGHWAY** bills (73-87) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart Barnhart. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Molé said that discussion on selling the property owned by the Town adjacent to the Transfer Station will be put off until the July meeting. The Attorney will be putting an RFP together for logging the property to see what income that will give the Town. Molé asked the Board members to send their ideas for the logging RFP Draft to her to give to the Attorney. Councilman Rossley said that he spoke with Cooperative Extension and Soil and Water and neither has a Forestry Program. Rossley said that a survey of the property would show exactly where the lines are for logging.

2015-81 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Brown to ask the Attorney to draw up an RFP to log the property around the Transfer Station. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Molé said that the Morrison Agency have submitted their recommendation and solution to NYMIR (Insurance). She said that neither she, nor the Attorney has received a copy of the recommendation. She said that Lamont will be scheduling for the storm water inspection at the Highway Garage. Highway Superintendent Weber said that the building is continuing to settle, the door in the hallway going in to the first bay is binding.

Regarding the Bovina Road Bridge costs, Bookkeeper Joe Hanley said that \$335,216.63 has been spent on the repair. FEMA's original cost to repair was \$94,396.72 and the Town would receive \$79,000.00. Highway Superintendent Weber appealed that and FEMA increased the project cost to \$334,177.72. The total amount of reimbursement figure hasn't been given to the Town at this time but FEMA usually reimburses 75% of the cost of the project and the State has said they will reimburse an additional 12.5%. The Town received \$108,000.00 in CHIPS funding that can be applied to the cost. The maximum amount the taxpayers will be responsible for would be \$1,246.64. Supervisor Molé said that the Town has confirmation of these figures but doesn't have the check.

2015-82 It was moved by Brown, seconded by Rossley to advertise for a substitute for the Post Office. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilman Brown said there was a pole barn going up on East Bramley Mountain which was being built close to the road and now construction has stopped. He will contact Dale Downin about this.

The ballot for Executive Committee of the Coalition of Watershed Towns was received.

2015-83 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Brown to accept Arthur Merrill, Supervisor, Colchester; Bruch Dolph, Supervisor Walton; and Bill Layton, Supervisor Tompkins for Regular Members for two-year terms. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-84 It was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Rossley to accept Dale Cole, Andes Town Board Member; Alan Perkins, Delhi Town Board Member; and Jacob Rosa, Delhi Town Board Member for Alternate Members for two-year terms. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

ADVISOR REPORTS

FINANCE – Councilwoman Stewart Barnhart said that the General account is close to being in deficit spending for 2015. The main reason is legal expenses. The Annual Report will be final by the end of June. There is an expected increase of 16.8% in health insurance premium costs for 2016. Stewart Barnhart thinks that the Insurance Representative should be contacted and the Town start shopping for insurance. There is a Bond payment this month which is interest only. The next Bond payment should be for Principal and well as interest. The electric bills are still being looked at. One thing Ambit has said is that the cost per kwh is based on the day the meter is read. Stewart Barnhart had a copy of two bills that had meter readings done the same day, one was 4 cents a kwh and the other was 10 cents a kwh.

PLAYGROUND/TRANSFER STATION – Councilman Rossley said that he has installed a receptacle for cigarette butts near the corner of the building on the Post Office end. Mary Behrer will take care of emptying it. Rossley switched out a couple spindles on the playground fence. He said that the electronics box has not been emptied. He has reminded Bloomville Disposal that the playground garbage needs to be picked up during the summer months. He has talked with Mary Behrer about the need for a shelf in the work area of the post office and said that there is a leak over the side door in the post office.

HIGHWAY – Highway Superintendent Weber said that there was an oil pressure issue on the '09 International that has been repaired. He has met with NYS DEC, Stream Management, Delaware County Planning Board Representative and NYC DEP regarding the Miller Ave Culvert Grant application. Trout Unlimited has expressed an interest in putting money into this project. If this is a culvert replacement it will be expensive, \$80,000 to \$90,000 because it will have to be embedded into the stream and that is solid rock. There is now

discussion about possibly replacing the culvert with a bridge like the Bovina Road Bridge. Weber said that the summer intern has started. There was a spill at the highway garage. It was covered with soil and stopped before it reached the storm drain. The stone area on New Road was cleaned up and there was quite a lot of usable product, possibly 15 loads. The stone will be mixed into the washed stone product that will be used as winter grit. The crew is busy replacing culverts. The mower tractor should be delivered next week at the agreed on cost of \$7,000 a month which is in line with the State bid. The rental will be toward possible purchase, and repairs for the month trial will be paid for by the seller. Weber will attend a PAC Committee meeting on June 11th for the Delaware County Stream Management Program. Weber said that the stream stabilization behind the highway garage should be completed by the end of September. Councilman Rossley asked where this stabilization will be done exactly and Weber said he isn't sure of the exact location. Rossley asked if adjoining landowners were notified as one property near there has recently changed hands.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Jan Bray said that she recently talked with someone from major league baseball who told her that the soil for major league ball parks comes from Delaware County.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Catherine Hewitt, RMO
Clerk