

BOVINA TOWN BOARD
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 12, 2015

RESOLUTIONS: 2015 – 64 – 74

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 Excused: Gerald Wright, Council

Others Present: Cheryl Petterson, Delaware County Times Reporter; Marni/Mel Greenberg, Joan/Jack Nau, Roger, Dick, Chuck McIntosh, Dick Barnhart, Joe/Connie Dibble, Kevin Rossley, Pat Miele, Michael Kaufman

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

2015-64 It was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-65 The **GENERAL** bills (69-82) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-66 The **LIGHTING** bill (4-4) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-67 The **WATER** bills (17-20) 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.

2015-68 The **SEPTIC** bills (15-18) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-69 The **HIGHWAY** bills (52-72) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart, seconded by Rossley.

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

Supervisor Molé said that the original claim to the Insurance Company on the Highway Garage was denied. Attorney Kevin Young sent a letter to the Insurance Company. Molé and Highway Superintendent Weber met with Morrison Engineering. Councilman Brown asked if there has been more movement and Weber said he believes so but hasn't measured.

Supervisor Molé said that the Town owned land adjacent to the Transfer Station is being looked at by the Board to log and sell about 50-acres. Councilman Rossley took Molé and Brown to look at the property. The Board now needs to get a plan together on this project.

Councilman Brown asked Highway Superintendent Weber about the status of the generator for the Water building. Weber said that there is a fuel leak and it is being worked on.

2015-70 It was moved by Brown, seconded by Stewart Barnhart to accept the bid from Carver Stone for Crushed Limestone. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-71 It was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Rossley to approve the Dog Law with the corrections that were discussed at the Public Hearing. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Molé said that Janet Stewart will be retiring on May 30, 2015. Mary Behrer will be taking over as the Postmistress and the Town will be advertising to fill the sub position.

2015-72 It was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Brown to have Supervisor Molé sign the Agreement between the Town and SUNY Delhi for swim lessons for the children in Bovina. The Town pays for one three week session. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

ADVISOR REPORTS

FINANCE – Councilwoman Stewart Barnhart said that she spoke with the bookkeeper. There will be a bond payment of Principal and Interest on the Highway Garage in June. The approval of the final payment on the Bovina Road Bridge has been made and rates of reimbursements are being worked on. The monthly reports are up to date. The annual report will be done by the June meeting.

TRANSFER STATION/PLAYGROUND – Councilman Rossley said that he has had complaints from the operator at the Transfer Station about people traveling through the station too fast. The electronics box is still full; Rossley will be reminding Sue McIntyre about that. There has been something living under the bridge on the playground, Rossley cleaned up the feces. There are a couple of spindles broken on the fence and Rossley will repair them. Councilman Brown asked if the operator at the Transfer Station has mentioned that the C&D bin is overflowing from lack of moving the contents forward in the bin.

Supervisor Molé thanked Councilman Rossley for spending the day with Spring Lake Tree Service when the trees were removed around the hall.

HIGHWAY - Highway Superintendent Weber said that they have started working the roads, replacing culverts, sweeping roads, cutting brush on roadsides, filling potholes, removed and stored snow equipment, and maintenance on equipment. He has looked at a John Deere 6400 with a relatively new Tiger mower. It has about 4,000 hours a ROPS cab (not a full cab) and needs new front tires and a few minor things. The owner is willing to repair what needs to be done and rent the unit to the Town for \$7,000 for the summer roadside mowing. He said he would put the price of the rental toward the purchase price if the Town wants to buy. Councilman Brown asked if it would be stored outside or inside. Weber said they could move things to have it stored inside. The Town will need to pay the transportation costs to get it here from Fairport and the cost of returning it if the Town doesn't purchase it. Weber said that the OGS truck recently delivered has 72,000 miles and has some surface rust. When he was looking at the trucks the information said that the trucks had 200 to 2,000 miles on them. He is looking at making it into a plow, dump, and sander truck. The cost to put the first one on the road was \$48,000. Councilwoman Stewart asked is 72,000 miles a lot for a diesel truck and Weber said that it is not. Councilman Brown asked where the error is. Weber said on their end. Brown said he voted not to accept the Highway bills because of this. He asked why the Town is paying for something they didn't bid on and what the price was of the truck you thought you were getting. Weber said

that these are not bid on, OGS sets the price and it is based on the percentage of the original purchase price. Brown asked if they represented that all the trucks have 200 to 2,000 miles and Weber said that they did. The backhoe bucket has had a new bottom put on it. Weber would like to have a summer intern again. Sarah Hetterich was the intern last summer and would like to begin in June this year. Weber said he will be attending the Highway School in Ithaca in June. He reported that there was minor damage to the garage over one of the overhead doors. It's just the tin, not structural, and will be repaired. There has been a request from a local snowmobile club to have the Town donate the used culverts for their trails. Supervisor Molé will check the procedure on how this would work.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Joe Dibble thanked the Highway Department on their quick response for trees down on New Kingston Mountain road recently.

Michael Kaufman asked if there had been discussion on the land by the Transfer Station. Supervisor Molé said no decisions are being made tonight, the Board will talk about it in Executive Session.

Pat Miele asked about the cost of the Attorney fees for the work on the Dog Law. Bookkeeper Hanley said it hasn't been broken down; this month's bill was \$5,700. Miele said it was a waste of the taxpayer's money to use it for this and that money could have been used to put dishware and silverware in the kitchen.

Supervisor Molé said that unfortunately there are more and more issues that need legal advice. Roger McIntosh said it was a good thing it was done, if a vicious dog gets after a kid, its well worth it.

Chuck McIntosh said that there was a letter last month saying that the Town received \$334,000 from FEMA. The bookkeeper said that \$92,000 was approved. He was told that 87 ½ % will be reimbursed but he is waiting to get that in writing. McIntosh said that Executive Session is about selling the property by the Transfer Station. Supervisor Molé said it was to discuss a possible sale. McIntosh said that there are local people who can do the surveying and logging. McIntosh said that the Town took trees down around the hall and that is his lawn. People use his parking area and this spring someone spun around so he has put cones up. Councilman Rossley asked if they could go on his property for the tree removal and he allowed it. He said he's heard thanks to different people here tonight but no one thanked him for allowing them to go across his lawn. Spring Lake Tree Service told him it would have cost more if they had not been allowed through there. Supervisor Molé thanked Chuck for allowing the tree company to go through his lawn.

Pat Miele asked if anyone is planning anything for Janet Stewart's retirement. Joe Dibble said that a number of ladies in the Community are going to put something together. Supervisor Molé said that Janet will be recognized at the June Board Meeting.

Councilman Rossley thanked Chuck McIntosh, as well as, Tom Hilson for access through their property for the tree removal. He also thanked Peter Manning who took the logs.

2015-73 It was moved by Brown, seconded by Rossley to go into Executive Session at 6:36 PM for discussion on the property adjacent to the Transfer Station. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-74 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart Barnhart to come out of Executive Session at 7:22 PM. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Catherine Hewitt, RMO
Clerk