

BOVINA TOWN BOARD
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 13, 2015

RESOLUTIONS: 2015 – 124 – 137

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

Others Present: Joe Dibble, Steve Burnett, Ed Rossley, Dick Barnhart, Mel/Marni Greenberg, Lynne Resch, Chuck McIntosh, Annette Robbins, Peg Hilson, David Jalkower, Carol Spinelli, John/Delores Chimento, Pat Miele, John/Carmine Tucker, Tom Hilson, Marie Burns, Ilene/Sarah/Jeff Guberman, Gertrude Hall, Bill/Joan Foster, MaryJoan Robson, Kevin Rossley, Donna Dickson-Noonan, Mark/Julie Hilson Schneider, AnnMarie Thurgood, Joe/Megan DeSalvo, Mark Foster, unidentified gentleman

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

Highway Superintendent Weber opened sealed bids for a 12' Dual Purpose Dump Box Spreader from Wayne's Welding, Henderson Equipment, and Larry Pye Truck Equipment.

2015-124 It was moved by Brown, seconded by Stewart Barnhart to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting as presented. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-125 The **GENERAL** bills (148-154) (Abstract 9, page 2) 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.

2015-126 The **GENERAL** bills (155-166) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-127 The **LIGHTING** bill (9-9) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Wright. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-128 The **SEPTIC** bill (39-39) (Abstract 9, page 2) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-129 The **SEPTIC** bills (40-44) 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.

2015-130 The **WATER** bills (38-40) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Wright, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-131 The **HIGHWAY** bills (144-161) 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 had a response from Lamont Engineers regarding the structural integrity of the footings under the Judge and Clerk's Offices saying that foundation is functioning as intended. They suggested that since the foundation is close to the stream bank it be inspected after a flood event or every 5 years for scour. Molé has asked the person who gave an estimate on the fire escape repair to resubmit a more reasonable figure, the first estimate being way out of line. Smoke alarms will be installed in the Community Hall.

Bookkeeper Joe Hanley went over the budget. He said that the tax cap is 0.73% this year which would mean a limit of a \$7,000 increase to stay under the Tax Cap. Health Insurance will go up 13% in 2016. There are two items in the budget that are not mandated, the Library and the Transfer Station. Supervisor Molé said that the Budget presented is realistic.

2015-132 It was moved by Wright, seconded by Stewart Barnhart to move the Tentative Budget to Preliminary and set the Public Hearing. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-133 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart Barnhart to Accept Proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Established in General Municipal Law §3-c. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-134 It was moved by Brown, seconded by Wright to set the Public Hearing for exceeding the tax cap for November 10, 2015 at 6:00 PM. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-135 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Wright to set the Public Hearing for Public Comments on the 2016 Preliminary Budget for November 10, 2015 at 6:15 PM. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Superintendent Weber gave the Board the amounts received in the bids on the Dual Purpose Dump Box. Henderson Truck Equipment, \$34,651; Wayne's Welding, \$35,627 and Larry Pye Truck Equipment Sales, \$26,575. Councilman Brown asked if any were stainless and Weber they weren't. Brown asked how this was going to be paid for and Weber said that it would be out of the Equipment Fund. Brown asked if CHIPS money would be used and Weber said no. Weber's suggested the Board go with Larry Pye.

2015-136 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart Barnhart to accept the bid of \$26,575 for the 12' Dual Purpose Dump Box Spreader. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Superintendent Weber said that the County did elevation shots of the garage and there was a rise of 3/8" in the floor only. The windows will open and the door is now functional. Supervisor Molé said that the County elevation shots are a benchmark and there will be a check next summer so the inside work can be done. Weber said that there were 4 pallets of concrete and 1-yard of sand used. Councilman Brown said the cost is less than \$11,000 plus inside renovation next year.

Supervisor Molé said that all of the paperwork on the Highway Garage repair has been sent to the insurance company and we are waiting on their determination.

2015-137 It was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Wright to reappoint Gary Robson to the Board of assessment Review with his term ending September 30, 2020. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Molé said that there will be a proposed vacancy on the Planning Board in January if anyone is interested in sitting on that board.

Supervisor Molé met with Josh Choquette, Water Superintendent. She read a letter of resignation from Choquette effective November 30, 2015. She extended thanks to Choquette for doing a great job as Water Superintendent. The board of Health is still requiring a Class 2A Operator and Bovina has back up with Dave Curley in Delhi. Molé said she would like to ask LVDV for a proposal to do the water system. Councilman Rossley said he thinks that the job should be advertised as well as a proposal from LVDV. Councilwoman Stewart Barnhart said that Choquette has done a fabulous job and he is the most underpaid employee we have.

ADVISOR REPORTS

FINANCE – Councilwoman Stewart Barnhart said that the finances were covered in detail with the Budget report. She was contacted by Lawton Rabeler who is a salesman for Microbes for Septic Systems and asked her to supply his contact and product information to the Town. Supervisor Molé will send the information on to LVDV.

BUILDINGS – Councilman Wright said that Dick Brannen has installed shelves in the Post Office. He said the rest of the building looks like it's in good shape. He has asked for two estimates on smoke alarms and hasn't received an answer. Supervisor Molé said that they have someone to do the smoke alarms.

PLAYGROUND/TRANSFER STATION – Councilman Rossley said that he will be getting more slats made for the fence at the Playground because there are 7 missing. He said he has spent time at the Transfer Station and has been giving names and addresses to the Clerk who is sending permits to those needing them. Tire Day on October 10th was successful and the second one is scheduled for October 17, 2015. Rossley has spoken with

Sue McIntyre and she said that they are sending someone up to stack the electronics box and they are staying on top of that.

PLANNING BOARD LIASION – Councilman Brown said that the September meeting was cancelled. There is a meeting scheduled for October 19th.

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Weber said that the mowing of the roadsides was completed and they will do a second mow as time and weather allows. They are getting the plows and trucks ready for winter.

Fog and stone will be put down over the new oil and stone to help keep the plows from plowing the stone off. An inventory of Highway Machinery, Tools and Equipment was available and will be on file in the Clerk's office. Weber is still looking for a mechanic. The final payment is being made on the mower and tractor this month and that will be stored inside if there is room. Weber would like to purchase a chipper for the tractor which will work off the PTO on the back.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Carol Spinelli voiced concerns that she and a number of other members of the community also in attendance, have over the "rumor" that prisoners will be housed at the former Suits Us Farm property on County Highway 5. Supervisor Molé said other than overhearing a conversation, is there any fact to this and Spinelli said no. Molé said that Code Enforcement and Delaware County Planning Department have not received any calls regarding this.
- Mel Greenberg asked about putting the agenda on the website and Supervisor Molé said that she does that on the Friday before the meeting when she mails it to the Board.
- Ed Rossley asked about the Bed Tax proposed for Delaware County. Supervisor Molé said that she has voted against it and will do so again at the County Board Meeting.
- Ed Rossley thanked Highway Superintendent Weber for the roadside mowing and the nice job on the roads. He said that it's been three or four years for Weber and a change is starting to be seen in the condition of the roads. Two local Highway Superintendents have also commented to Rossley about the roads in Bovina being in good repair.
- Carol Spinelli said that the intersection of Reinertsen Hill Road and County 6 is very dangerous. She said she realizes it's a County Highway issue.
- Donna Dickson-Noonan thanked Supervisor Molé for the agenda on the website.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Catherine Hewitt, RMO, Clerk