

BOVINA TOWN BOARD
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 8, 2015

RESOLUTIONS: 2015 – 114 – 123

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: Dick Barnhart, Bob Cairns, Delaware County Times Reporter; Jan Bray, Donna Dickson Noonan, Mary Joan Robson, Jack/Joan Nau, Chuck McIntosh, Joe/Connie Dibble, Mel/Marni Greenberg, Annette Robbins, Pat Miele

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

2015-114 It was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Wright to accept the minutes as amended. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-115 The **GENERAL** bills (135-146) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Brown. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-116 The **LIGHTING** bill (8-8) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by Rossley. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-117 The **WATER** bills (36-37) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Wright. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-118 The **SEPTIC** bills (36-38) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Wright. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-119 The **HIGHWAY** bills (128-143) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Brown, seconded by Wright. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Superintendent Weber said that GroutTech came in today (September 8th) and got 1-yard in the first hole and had a pump malfunction. They are down 15-feet. They put a camera in the septic and downspout drain and found no defects. They expect to be finished at the end of the week. The County measured to give benchmarks on the building.

Supervisor Molé and Highway Superintendent Weber met with the risk control specialist from NYMIR. The footings under the offices in rear of building need to have an engineer look at them to see if they need to be repaired, the footing at the bottom of the fire escape needs to be repaired and there are no smoke alarms in the building. Molé said that John Cianci has said he can give a proposal on all three of these. The work will be done before winter.

Supervisor Molé read a letter from Catskill Recreation Center regarding a cycling event with five routes, with at least one passing through Bovina. This will be held on September 19, 2015.

2015-120 It was moved by Brown, seconded by Wright to go into Executive Session to discuss the Highway Superintendent hiring a temporary mechanic. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2015-121 It was moved by Wright, seconded by Rossley to adjourn Executive Session at 6:38 PM. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

ADVISOR REPORTS

FINANCE – Councilwoman Stewart Barnhart met with the Bookkeeper and said that the Annual Financial Report was filed today, September 8, 2015. She said that this is the beginning of the Budget work for 2016 and the tax cap is actually 0.76% with an increase in Health Insurance at 16.8%.

TRANSFER STATION/PLAYGROUND – Councilman Rossley said that he has spent a couple of days at the Transfer Station and 12/13 new permits were sent out from that. Bloomville Disposal wants the electronics thrown in on the floor rather than in bins and Rossley will talk to Sue McIntyre about this. There are tires being left there again.

2015-122 It was moved by Brown, seconded by Wright to set Tire Day for October 10, 2015. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays. There will be signs at the station and on the website.

Rossley said that KMS (Kaatskill Mountain Surveying) is coming in to look at the boundary lines of the playground this week. He also said that a letter should be sent to John Virga asking him to remove the remainder of his sign making things from the basement of the Community Hall. Supervisor Molé will send Virga a letter.

BUILDINGS – Councilman Wright said that the estimate from John Cianci to repair under the fire escape is about \$1,000. It was mentioned that the faucet under the front porch wasn't working. He said it is working, it is soldered fast and stuck open so that it drains itself when shut off inside the building. Councilman Rossley said that just turning it off in the basement doesn't drain it back, he has done it in the past and it needs to be done this year. Wright said that he has talked to Chad Trimbell about the need for smoke alarms in the building.

PLANNING BOARD LIASION – Councilman Brown reported that the Planning Board did not meet in August.

HIGHWAY – Highway Superintendent Weber said that Bovina helped Delhi and Andes with their road sealing projects. He has had a request from a resident of Bindler Road asking to go under the road in a solar panel installation. There was about \$9,000 spent on 7,455 gallons of dust control which was put on 4 ½ miles of road. In August he spoke to the board about a piggyback contract used for the purchase of a new box for a truck. He was not comfortable with the answers he received from his questions about the piggyback contract so would like to bid for a steel and stainless steel box which will spread out the front drivers side. He said that the mechanic has health issues and he needs to advertise for a part-time mechanic. His report on the cost of maintenance on the Volvo since its purchase was \$41,000. He thanked the Andes Fire Department for bringing their thermal imaging camera in to shoot the radiant heat lines in the floor of the Highway Garage before GroutTech came in to start repair. Supervisor Molé asked why the local fire departments camera wasn't used and Weber said they refused. Councilman Brown said that Delhi uses a ditching bucket that doesn't have teeth and asked Highway Superintendent Weber if he would bring back information on a ditching bucket. Weber said he didn't think it would work. Brown asked that it be part of the minutes that Weber refused to get information on a ditching bucket. Brown said that Crescent Valley, Miller Ave, East Bramley all got dust control and asked if there were any plans on more roads. Weber said that Coulter Brook, Jim Lane Road and McNaught Hill also had dust control and there are no plans for more roads with the current price of the calcium. Brown asked why the Branciforte's were missed on East Bramley and Weber said because their house is 400 to 500 feet off the road. Brown said that Miller Ave had calcium where there were no houses and Weber said it was put down where gravel was put on the roads to stabilize the road.

Councilman Rossley asked if the \$1,000 estimate was just for under the fire escape and does not include under the offices. Supervisor Molé sent John Cianci an email as to what is required on the back of the building and it needs an engineer's opinion.

Supervisor Molé read a letter from the Bovina Historical Society thanking the Town for the use of the Maynard Schoolhouse. They asked permission to use the school house in August 2016.

2015-123 It was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Rossley to grant permission to the Bovina Historical Society use of the Maynard Schoolhouse August 22-26, 2016. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Marni Greenberg asked for an update on the Assessment Reevaluation. Supervisor Molé will ask the assessor to attend a meeting.

Connie Dibble said that she thinks nine months late for the Annual Report is unacceptable and there should be more oversight with the bookkeeper.

Chuck McIntosh asked Highway Superintendent Weber if the \$41,000 for maintenance of the Volvo included the fire. Weber said it did and McIntosh said that insurance covered that and that would reduce the cost by \$10,000. Weber

said that his main concern is the down time. McIntosh asked how much was spent on the '09 which cost \$109,000. Weber said that it needed springs and an oil pan, so maybe \$3,000 or \$4,000. Weber said that insurance coverage on the Volvo was \$7,000 so maintenance costs were \$34,000. McIntosh asked if all the roads have been worked this year and Weber said no. McIntosh said that he got a stone bruise when he traveled that Bramley Mountain Road recently after it had been worked.

Jan Bray asked what people were thinking when they moved here to live on a dirt road. She is tired of Chuck McIntosh and Ken Brown taking Ed Weber to task for everything at the meeting every month. She thinks they need to leave him alone to do his job.

Highway Superintendent Weber asked what should be done about Code Enforcement issuing a C of O without the proper permits being in place. He has specifics. Councilman Rossley said that Code Enforcement should be here in person to discuss. Councilwoman Stewart Barnhart said that monthly reports have been asked for from Code Enforcement and they are sporadic and vague.

Chuck McIntosh said it was said that Bovina Fire Department refused to let the Town use the thermal imaging camera and Ed knows why they refused. Donna Dickson said isn't that Shared Services and Councilman Brown said they kind of burned the bridges on that. He said that there was no fireman available and no one at highway who can run the camera. Weber said that isn't true, he is an honorary member.

Councilman Rossley asked if there is a wait for the attorney on the logging. Supervisor Molé said that he is preparing an RFP.

Donna Dickson asked at what point something goes to bid. Supervisor Molé said that under \$20,000 does not have to be bid and there is a Policy.

Connie Dibble asked in regards to the smoke detectors, does this get reviewed annually? Supervisor Molé said it is done every two years.

Mary Joan Robson asked if the smoke detectors had to be hard wired or can be like homeowners use. Supervisor Molé said it wasn't indicated.

Pat Miele said that it would be more cost effective to do the fire escape and back of building together. Supervisor Molé said that an engineer has to come in to look at the back of the building.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Catherine Hewitt RMO
Clerk