

Bovina Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 12, 2016

RESOLUTIONS: 2016 – 11 – 28

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

Others Present: Andy Hewitt, Mel/Marni Greenberg, Ray LaFever, Bob Cairns, Delaware County Times; Joe Dibble, Pat Miele, Dick Barnhart, Annette Robbins

Supervisor Molé opened the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Bovina Town Board at 6:08 PM immediately following the Organizational Meeting.

2016-11 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart Barnhart to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting as presented. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-12 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart Barnhart to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of December 15, 2015 as presented. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-13 The **GENERAL** bills (207-221) Abstract 12-2 from December 2015 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.

2016-14 The **SEPTIC** bills (55-58) Abstract 12-2 from December 2015 were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Hilson, seconded by Stewart Barnhart. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-15 The **WATER** bills (52-55) Abstract 12-2 from December 2015 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. Councilman Hilson questioned how many more EFC Loan Payments there were. The Bookkeeper said there are four payments left.

2016-16 The **HIGHWAY** bills (193-210) Abstract 12-2 from December 2015 were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Hilson. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-17 The **GENERAL** bills (1-14) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Hilson. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-18 The **LIGHTING** bill (1-1) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Rossley, seconded by Hilson. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-19 The **SEPTIC** bills (1-2) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Hilson, seconded by Stewart Barnhart. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-20 The **WATER** bills (1-2) 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.

Town Historian Ray LaFever applied to the William G. Pomeroy Foundation for a grant to obtain Historic Markers. His application was approved and he will be getting two markers, one for St. James Church and the second for the Maynard Schoolhouse. The cost is about \$1,000 per marker and LaFever has gotten permission for the markers to be made at the foundry in Bloomville. There will be a dedication ceremony on June 4, 2016. He asked that the Town Highway install the pole for the marker at the Maynard Schoolhouse.

He will ask Byron and Linnell Trimbell to do the unveiling at the schoolhouse as the last students to attend that school.

2016-21 The Board audited the Town Accounts and the Accounts of the Justice Court prior to the meeting. It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Hilson to approve as final for 2015. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Superintendent Weber said that he, Dick Barnhart and Andy Hewitt (driver) went on two trips to look at the backhoes that were offered in response to the bid. Weber recommends the 2004 Cat 420 D. He said it's a little older but everything was tight on it with the exception of two pins. Park East Sales has agreed to repin it, gave a 60 day warranty on the drivetrain, at a cost of \$21,000 plus the Town backhoe. Cost includes delivery and pick-up.

2016-22 It was moved by Hilson, seconded by Stewart Barnhart to have Highway Superintendent Weber accept the bid for the 2004 Cat 420 D Backhoe at a cost of \$21,000 plus the Town backhoe. Delivery and pick-up included in price. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-23 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart Barnhart for Supervisor Molé to sign the Delaware County Planning Contract for 2016. The price of \$3,500 remains the same as 2015. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-24 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Hilson to go into Executive Session at 6:25 PM to discuss the Insurance Settlement made by NYMIR for the Highway Garage. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-25 It was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Rossley to adjourn Executive Session at 6:45 PM. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Attorney Kevin Young said that the first solution to repair the Highway Garage Facility would have cost between two and three thousand dollars. The second solution filled voids with a concrete mixture which raised the building. The repair is being monitored and there is confidence in this working. There has been a back and forth with NYMIR Insurance and they have offered \$36,817.44 which covers all of the out of pocket costs of the Town. The inside of the building still needs to be repaired and this will not cover Young's fees which he estimates to be about \$11,000. Young recommends that the Board accept the NYMIR Insurance offer.

2016-26 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Hilson to accept the \$36,817.44 offer made by NYMIR Insurance to the Town for the Highway Garage repairs. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Attorney Kevin Young discussed the Hamlet designation in regards to the Memorandum of Agreement, making the Hamlet off limits to the NYC Land Acquisition Program. The designation can be changed every five years, by a decrease only. It cannot be increased. Young said that if the Board wants to consider this, Delaware County Planning will come and take the Board through the process. Supervisor Molé said that Towns that do decrease do so because of a request from someone. Councilman Hilson suggested that the Board have Delaware County Planning come to a Board meeting and show what the designated areas are. The deadline to delete is June 2016. Planning can discuss the new FEMA flood maps with the Board as well.

Highway Superintendent Weber said that Soil and Water has sent a contract for the Miller Avenue Culvert Replacement. The entire cost of \$268,188.55 will be covered by a grant from Soil and Water. The grant

money included \$182,000 that is coming from sources other than New York City. Soil and Water is involved as well as Trout Unlimited.

2016-27 It was moved by Hilson, seconded by Stewart Barnhart to have Supervisor Molé and Highway Superintendent Weber sign the contract for the Miller Avenue Culvert Replacement. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Molé said that Councilman Brown has resigned his seat on the board effective December 31, 2015. With this vacancy the board will accept letters of interest for this seat.

2016-28 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart Barnhart to discontinue use of the audio recorder. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays. Supervisor Molé will get the recorder to the Clerk's office.

ADVISOR REPORTS

FINANCE – Councilwoman Stewart Barnhart spoke with the bookkeeper about year end balances and things look good. The year-end adjustments, line item transfers will be made in February.

TRANSFER STATION – Councilman Rossley said that a letter was sent to the person who was dumping when the station wasn't open. He recently had someone dumping concrete blocks and he had them put them in the right area so that was taken care of.

HIGHWAY – Highway Superintendent Weber said the storage container has been delivered and is being used. The dump box was delivered, the repair is slow going but they are working on it as time allows. Weber thanked Andy Hewitt for taking him and Dick to look at backhoes. The crew has been cutting brush. They have done a little sanding and plowing but have been lucky with the weather this fall.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Dick Barnhart asked about the repair of the lights in the main room of the hall. Councilman Rossley said he will contact Enerpath through NYSE&G. They had representatives come and look at the lights in the building but no further contact after that initial visit.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Hewitt, RMO
Clerk