

Bovina Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 10, 2016

RESOLUTIONS: 2016 – 67 – 76

Board Members Present: Tina Molé, Supervisor; Evelyn Stewart Barnhart, Mark Rossley, Thomas Hilson, Marni Greenberg, Members of Council; Edward Weber, Highway Superintendent; Catherine Hewitt, Clerk
Others Present: Annette Robbins, Betty Hamilton, Steve Burnett, Joe Dibble, Chuck/Roger McIntosh, Jan Bray, Bob Cairns, Delaware County Times Reporter; Pat Miele, Kevin Rossley

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

Margery Merzig said that Cedarwood Environmental Services has recently performed sampling of the existing groundwater supply well. The areas of concern were iron, arsenic, calcium and sodium, which were either not detected or at levels below respective MCLs. There will be a 72 hour pump test on the existing well and then a full Part 5 Analysis will be performed. There will be a workshop on May 24, 2016 to go over the results of the pump test. If no report is available the workshop will be canceled. Supervisor Molé said, and Margery Merzig agreed, that there are no plans with this project to install residential water meters.

2016-67 It was moved by Greenberg, seconded by Rossley to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from Good Neighbor Fund to the Water/Capitol Water Project. Bookkeeper Hanley said that he recommends the approval of the fund transfer but the funds not be transferred until needed in the water account. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-68 It was moved by Hilson, seconded by Stewart Barnhart to approve Cederwood completing the Part 5 Analysis. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-69 It was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Hilson to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting as presented.

2016-70 The **GENERAL** bills (62-80) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Greenberg. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-71 The **LIGHTING** bill (5-5) was audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Hilson, seconded by Greenberg. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-72 The **WATER** bills (19-23) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Greenberg, seconded by Hilson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-73 The **SEPTIC** bills (14-17) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Hilson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2016-74 The **HIGHWAY** bills (47-59) were audited prior to the meeting and approval for payment was moved by Greenberg, seconded by Hilson. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Molé said that the phone number for road conditions is 607-865-8646. This number will let you know road conditions in the County.

Supervisor Molé is setting up a joint meeting with Bovina Town Board and Planning Board and the Andes Town Board and Planning Board and the Real Property Tax Director to discuss a resolution on taxing Commercial Solar Power prior to the June Board Meeting. This will be at the Andes Town Hall, she will notify of the date.

2016-75 It was moved by Rossley, seconded by Stewart Barnhart for Supervisor Molé to sign the Agreement between the Town of Bovina and SUNY Delhi for summer swim lessons. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilman Rossley said that he has talked with Delhi Telephone regarding the rental phone at the water treatment building. The rental charge will be removed from the bill beginning with the June bill. No phone purchase is necessary for the water building.

ADVISOR REPORTS

FINANCE – Councilwoman Stewart Barnhart met with the Bookkeeper. The 2015 year end transfers, once approved by the Board will enable the Bookkeeper to file the Annual Report.

2016-76 It was moved by Stewart Barnhart, seconded by Greenberg to approve the General Ledger 2015 financial transfers. All in favor, 5 ayes, 0 nays. (Attached at the end of the minutes)

TRANSFER STATION/PLAYGROUND – Councilman Rossley said that the Transfer Station is open again on Wednesday afternoons for the summer months. He said that there have been people interested in Tire Day and the last one was held in the fall and went for two weeks. Tire Day will be the weekends of May 28, 2016 and June 4, 2016. Notice will be put on the website.

BUILDINGS – Supervisor Molé said that she will have her son remove the planters on the front of the railing of the Community Hall. There will be new wooden ones installed on the railings. There were no objections.

HIGHWAY – Councilman Hilson said that in the past the pick-up truck was used until it was no good. There has been discussion in the past to buy a pick-up on bid when the warranty goes off as a way of keeping a warranty on it. Highway Superintendent Weber said that the warranty has been used on the current truck but the truck is showing rust. He said that the current truck could be traded in, sold or it can be kept on as a vehicle to check roads. Weber will have prices for a possible replacement at the June meeting.

PLANNING BOARD LIAISON – Councilwoman Greenberg said that the Planning Board reviewed a letter that is to be sent to a homeowner on McNaught Hill defining what an accessory structure can be used for. There was a representative of a property owner from Crescent Valley looking at a subdivision with the possibility of a sale to the City unless another buyer comes forward. Discussion and approval of a Boundary Line Adjustment between Lynne Resch and Susan LaFever.

Supervisor Molé said that the Board was given a copy of a letter received from the Planning Board regarding some of the changes the Planning Board is working on in the Zoning Law. She has scheduled Kent Manual from the Delaware County Planning Department to attend the June Board meeting. There will be a SEQRA and a Local Law when the Board adopts the changes made by the Planning Board.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Highway Superintendent Weber said that they have been cleaning culverts and ditches. The roads have been swept and a couple of culvert replacements were done. Harvest Lane is ready to gravel. He is looking into hiring a summer employee through the Summer Youth Program. The mechanic is back to work on a part time basis as he continues therapy. The crew will be working on removing the berm on roadsides to allow water to go to the ditches. Weber said that it doesn't appear that

the Highway Garage has any further settlement and would like to look at repair of the office wall. Supervisor Molé said that she would like to have the County Engineer measure and make sure the settlement has stopped. Councilman Rossley said that CWC had indicated that when it was determined that the settlement has stopped they will repair the apron.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Steve Burnett, representing Farming Bovina asked the Boards permission to put a movable sign up at the playground promoting farming and agriculture in the town. Burnett had a rough draft of what the sign would look like. The logistics of placement need to be worked out. Jan Bray suggested the sign be placed inside the fence at the playground. Rossley pointed out that there are fall areas around the equipment that need to be kept clear. Board is in favor of the sign; placement needs to be worked out. Joe Dibble is happy with the police presence in Town. Gave an FYI that he had a birdhouse stolen and a neighbor had a sign taken.

Chuck McIntosh asked if the Highway Garage has settled any further. Highway Superintendent Weber said that there will be measurements taken to determine if settlement has stopped. Chuck said that the Creamery building has been sold and that the new owners will be running it as a creamery again in the fall. There were two interested parties and they sold to the one that will be making the building back into a Creamery. He said that someone has called DEC in Albany and he wished that they had come and talked to him before calling something in to DEC. He's lived here all his life, been a fireman, been on the Town Board and they have the best interest of Bovina at heart. The DEC has been here and talked to Chuck and said they are doing nothing wrong and told them what they can do. They told him that they would let him know who it was that called them in.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Hewitt, RMO
Clerk