

**BOVINA PLANNING BOARD
DECEMBER 21, 2009
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

RESOLUTIONS: 2009-68 - 2009-69

BOARD MEMBERS: Ann Bonné, Roberta Burgin, Chris Ingvordsen, Ed Weber: Chair, and Carrie Hewitt Choquette: Planning Board Clerk

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: None

GUESTS: Kent Manuel: Del. Co. Planning Dept. Rep., Mike Jastremski: Del. Co. Planning Dept., Gale Neale: Del. Co. Soil & Water District, Chuck McIntosh: Town Board, Cathie Hewitt & Mark Rossley: Zoning Board of Appeals, Sandra Haigh, and Steve Roberts.

Regular meeting called to order by chairperson Ed Weber at 7:49 p.m.

2009-3 - FINKENBERG SUBDIVISION/BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT:

Sandra Haigh gave the Board a completed Boundary Line Adjustment Form, a copy of the deed descriptions for the original parcels as well as for the new parcels and a survey map. The Board noted that the Special Districts (school, fire and ag) were not shown on the maps. Roberts said that the form doesn't say that there even needs to be a map. The Board has always required the same maps that they do for subdivisions. Roberts wanted to see some past BLA's. Several them were brought out and they all had the special districts shown on them. Roberts wrote the districts on the maps. The Board signed the revised BLA maps.

2009-68 - Motion to approve the Boundary Line Adjustment as presented was moved by Ingvordsen and seconded by Bonné. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

West and East Branch of the Delaware River Stream Corridor Management Plan

Mike Jastremski and Gale Neale talked to the Town Board about the plan. The Town Board held a Public Hearing and are waiting for a recommendation from the Planning Board. The agreement can be terminated by either side, with 30-days notice, at anytime. The program is driven by the committees. The program is an asset for grant writing, especially for Environmental grants. It seems to be a win-win situation. The plan covers all streams and their tributaries in the Town. Chuck McIntosh stated that strong people are needed from Bovina to represent the Town on the committee. How the money is distributed has not been finalized, but there will be a grant application process. There may be a cap on projects and the cap would be the same for municipal projects as it is for individual projects. These projects will support local contractors and engineers. All of the \$500,000 in current grant money will go out for the projects. Administration costs come out of a different contract. Ed Weber said that he hasn't had a lot of time to look over the information and wants to study it more. The Board tabled the matter until January.

MINUTES:

2009-69 - Motion to accept the November 2009 minutes as written was moved by Ingvordsen and seconded by Bonné. All in favor, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

The Clerk confirmed that the Board had all received a copy of the resignation letter from Lynne Resch. A copy is on file.

Outdoor Furnaces

A community member expressed concern about outdoor furnaces and the potential need for regulations. The Board has looked at this before and was waiting until the State finalized their regulations to see if more are needed. There would need to be a set of regulations for the Rural District and one for the Hamlet District. Some furnaces burn all year long because people use them to heat their hot water, pools, etc. Kent Manuel is on the notification list for updates from the State on this matter. Some other Towns have regulated smokestack heights and setbacks. There could be a site plan review for siting them. There would be a bigger problem in the hamlet than in the rural district due to the close proximity of houses to each other. Topography would play a part also. Houses that are at a lower elevation would have an issue with the smokestack height being at the same elevation as the first floor of a house across the street or next door. What is burned in them should also be regulated. How would you prove what people are burning? Regulation is tough, who is going to enforce it? Indoor furnaces are not regulated, so people can enclose their furnaces to avoid regulations.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Hewitt Choquette,
Planning Board Clerk