

On Monday, March 10, 2008, the Preble Town Board held its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, Betty Ann Pitman, with the salute to the flag at 8:05

Board members present: Jim Doring, Tom Fox, and Peter Knapp, Councilmen..

Others present: Fran Casullo, Jeff Griswold, Dan O'Shea., John Steger. Debra & Ken Brock, William Luety and Mike McMahon , Chairman of the Farmland Protection Project in Homer.

### **CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #16: To accept the February 11, 2008 meeting minutes as submitted**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Tom Fox(aye)**

The floor was given to **Mike McMahon** of Homer who is Chairman of the Farmland Protection Project in the Homer area working with the Town of Homer and, possibly, the Towns of Scott and Preble. He spoke on the Municipal Grant Program for Agricultural Economic Development. The purpose of the program is to provide municipalities the opportunity to craft a specific strategy to keep their farm community viable amidst the demands of worldwide markets, decreasing workforce and increasing regulations.. Grants of \$25,000 would be given to each municipality. and a maximum of \$50,000 for 3 municipalities..

**Debra Brock** was present and presented the Board with suggestions for the landscape in the front of the Town Hall. She has met with Jackie Crane of Little York Plantation and was given a figure of \$3600. The Board agreed that it was too much as there is nothing in the budget for this expense. It was suggested that maybe donations and volunteer labor might be something to look at. William Luety suggested maybe the Boy Scouts would be interested in doing some work for their Eagle degree. Betty Ann also suggested that Paul Bunyan might donate the mulch for the project. Debra is looking to have this project started in April so that it would be complete for the Bicentennial. She will be back at the April meeting to report to the Board who will be working with her.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DOG CONTROL:** -No report received

**JUSTICE REPORT:** -\$13,988. submitted to the Town of Preble for February

#### **HIGHWAY REPORT:**

##### **Roads:**

-6 Superintendents from Cortland County attended the New York State DOT forums in Syracuse on February 25<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 until 6:30. They discussed the plans to be submitted to the Federal DOT for the next 10-year plan.

-5 Town Superintendents, 2 County Legislators and the County Superintendent attended Advocacy Day on March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Our CHIPS money is in the Governor's budget but at a lower amount than last year. We lobbied to get a 32 million dollar increase for the next 2 years.

-Jeff sent a letter to Senator Seward's office requesting assistance in funding for a new highway garage.

-Jeff received the Bridge report but hasn't had a chance to print it out.

##### **Equipment:**

-The Ford was taken in for repairs. As of right now, it needs all brakes, front rotors, RF wheel bearing and front u-joints

-The new truck is complete. Jeff was not happy with the quality of paint on the plow frame so it is in a body shop getting painted.

##### **Shop:**

-The quote for the Highway Garage has been handed out. Tom Kile expects to be contacted by the insurance company to negotiate a final price.

-Jeff thanked the Board for taking the time to tour the Town of Scott and Cortlandville's buildings.

##### **Other:**

-Jeff would like the Board to consider leasing Ron Master's gravel bed for 1-2 more years until the new site is prepped for further use

-Jeff passed the requirements of the Board regarding the Tower out back to Bob Duell.

-The Governor has proposed putting a 1/2% on any purchases thru the OGS (Including State agencies)

**RECREATION:** -N/A

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE:** -John spoke regarding CHIPS funds. 5964 meals were delivered to Seniors this past year through the Meals on Wheels program. March 18<sup>th</sup>, Meals on Wheels

is inviting Supervisors to ride the routes; March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Legislatures will be riding the routes.

**ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

**February Report**

- 2 building permit
- Construction Value \$3500.
- Fees assessed: \$95.00
- 1 permit pending
- 2 pending in court
- 22 telephone inquiries

**PLANNING BOARD:** -Meeting March 27th @7:00.

**HISTORIAN** -Anne is absent

**TOWN CLERK:** -\$1,160.78 - fees collected in February. Disbursed \$17.62 to CC Treasurer; \$3.00 to Ag & Markets, and \$1140.16 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

**DON ARMSTRONG:** -

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Zoning** - Fran Casullo read through the SEQR form for the amended Zoning Ordinance. The Board verified that the form was correct.

**Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Jim Doring**

**RESOLUTION #17:** To declare that the proposed amended Zoning Ordinance will not have a significant environmental impact, therefore a Negative Declaration will be prepared and filed.

**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye)**

**Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Jim Doring**

**RESOLUTION #18:** To accept the amended version of the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning map. **RESOLVED**, that the amended “Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Preble and amended “Zoning Map of the Town of Preble” are hereby adopted; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the amended “Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Preble” be entered into the minutes hereof as of March 10, 2008, and that a copy of the amended “Zoning Map of the Town of Preble” be filed with the Preble Town Clerk.

**Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Betty Ann Pitman(aye)**

**Gas Company (Elexco Land Service, Inc.)** - There has been no correspondence received.

**Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan** - Following Mike McMahon’s presentation of the Municipal Grant Program for Agricultural Economic Development, the Board was in agreement to support the project.

**Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Peter Knapp**

**RESOLUTION #19:** To support the Municipal Grant Program for the towns of Homer and Scott  
**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye)**

**Highway Garage** -The Board toured buildings in the Town of Scott, Cortlandville and Homer. Jeff will contact an architect for design and have the information available for the April meeting.

**Dog Control** -.Betty Ann did hear from the SPCA regarding their contract. They stated they would leave the contract at \$4600. a year; 5 days a week; daytime only. She also contacted Paul Burhans who gave her a price of \$445.00 a month, 24/7; plus mileage (gas or money).

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Post Office rent check received** - \$512.50

**NYMIR check for repair of truck - \$345.00**

**New York State Real Property - The new Residential Assessment Ratio is 81.32%**

**Cortland County Treasurer Office - Gas & Diesel Fuel - Tax information only**

**Time Warner - New rates going up 2 - 2.6%**

**Cortland County Bicentennial Parade - Parade will be held September 13, 2008 with a Dairy theme.**

Discussion of what account the money for the new truck, \$131, 524.91, will come from. It was decided to take it from the Highway Savings.

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Jim Doring**  
**RESOLUTION #20: To use funds from the Highway Savings Account to pay for the new truck**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye)**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS**

**Motion made by Jim Doring, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #21 To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 3, Nos. 47to 69, omitting**  
**numbers 48 and 50, totaling \$16,616.84**  
**Jim Doring (aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye)**

**Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Peter Knapp**  
**RESOLUTION #22: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 3, Nos. 18 to 27, totaling**  
**\$135,549.18**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye)**

There being no further business, Betty Ann asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Tom, seconded by Peter; meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 3/10/2008  
Official 4/14/2008

Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk

