

On Monday, April 14, 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 8:10

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

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, Dan O'Shea, John Steger, Debra & Ken Brock, William Luety, Anne Henderson, Arlene Thomas and Calvin Griswold.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Jim Doring
RESOLUTION #23: To accept the March 10, 2008 meeting minutes as submitted
Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: -No report received

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$8,945. submitted to the Town of Preble for March

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Roads:
-The new State budget has a \$60 million increase in CHIP's (\$9,198.00 more for the Town of Preble)
-Senator Seward has committed \$25,000 towards a new highway garage

Equipment:
-The crew has been sweeping with the new truck as weather permits
-Cortlandville will be coming up to sweep the residential areas

Shop:
-Tom Kile will be fixing the highway garage when the weather gets better
-Jeff has talked to Steve McElwain (Engineer). The preliminary plans are at tonight's meeting.. Jeff is suggesting a workshop to go over the plans.

Personnel:
-Jeff would like permission to go to Highway School in June.

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 has heard nothing on the tower, but funding seems to be in place.
-Jeff presented the Board with a list of fuel prices from 1998 @\$\$.65/gallon to \$3.73/gallon in March 2008.

-Amnesty Days are set for May 10th and 11th

Motion made by Peter, seconded by Dave
RESOLUTION #24: To grant permission to Jeff Griswold to attend Highway School.
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

RECREATION: -Dale Morgan has been to softball meetings and will be starting softball season soon.

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: -John stated that the funding for the River Trail is lost and no one knows what the outcome will be. The funding for the Industrial Park has been reduced; this will house commercial and light industrial. There are no prospective occupants yet. The renovations at Dwyer Park have been delayed.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

March Report
-2 building permit
-Construction Value \$353,000.
-Fees assessed: \$853.50
-2 pending in court
-30 telephone inquiries

PLANNING BOARD: -Meeting April 24th @7:00.

HISTORIAN

-Anne stated that there will be a celebration on July 5th. A book is being put together of memories of people who have lived here and those who are living here now.
-Memorial Day parade will finish at the park where a group picture will be taken.
-We will have a float in the Cortland Parade on September 13
-There will be a meeting on the Bicentennial on Wednesday, April 23rd, at 7:00.

TOWN CLERK:

-\$893.50 - fees collected in March. Disbursed \$9.40 to CC Treasurer; and \$884.10 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

DON ARMSTRONG:

-Don stated that Fran Casullo is suggesting that the Planning Board retain an engineer for the Manley Mighty Mart project. Tom Fox is questioning the parcel size of 2.13 acres. Tom stated that we need answers from the Cortland County Health Department. Tom will contact John Helgren regarding this matter.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #25: To hire Ken Teeter as the engineer for the Planning Department to oversee the Manley Mighty Mart project.
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan - Discussion of the Farmland Protection Plan. It was agreed to partner with the towns of Homer and Scott to apply for a grant.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #26: WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Towns of Homer, Preble, and Scott that prime farmland should be protected; and

WHEREAS, prime farm land is an essential resource that provides not only food and agricultural products but also environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, prime farm land does not follow municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the towns of Homer, Preble and Scott wish to coordinate their efforts to preserve and protect those important prime farm lands which they share; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets is encouraging municipal cooperation and is making grant funds available in amounts up to \$50,000 for joint farm land preservation studies and preservation:

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

- 1. The Town Board of the Town of Preble hereby agrees to work with the above mentioned towns in an effort to preserve prime farm lands.**
- 2. The Town Board of the Town of Preble hereby agrees that it will be a co-applicant with the above mentioned towns and will jointly apply to the Department of Agriculture and Markets for a grant of \$50,000.00.**
- 3. If a grant is awarded, the above mentioned towns will participate jointly as partners and will share the costs of participating in such studies, and the Town Board hereby authorizes a contribution in return for such a \$50,000.00 grant, up to a maximum of \$1250.00.**

Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Highway Garage - Jeff has been working with Steve McElwain on plans for the new garage which will probably cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000. A workshop has been set up for April 21st at 8 o'clock at the Town Hall.

Dog Control -Betty Ann met with Bill Carr of the SPCA and there are some changes to the contract and have added service for cats.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Peter Knapp
RESOLUTION #27: To authorize Betty Ann Pitman, Supervisor, to sign the SPCA contract as is
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Landscaping for walkway - Debra Brock reported that she has received donations of \$400.00 toward the landscaping fund. She mentioned that Little York Plantation have lowered their price to \$3300. She did meet with the Garden Club. Arlene Thomas commented that the Garden Club was not really enthused over the project. Following discussion, it was decided to ask Assemblyman Brian Kolb on his visit to Preble on Saturday, April 19, if there are any funds available for the project.

Time Warner - Renewal of the franchise agreement expires this year. Time Warner will be contacting Betty Ann regarding the renewal; possibly a 5-year renewal. Betty Ann will inquire about the possibility of getting “ Road Runner” for the Town Hall at no charge

Tower - A letter with the resolution from the February 11th meeting has been sent to Bob Duell of the Cortland County Fire Emergency and Management. They will look the tower over before using it.

NEW BUSINESS

Post Office rent check received - \$512.50

Letter from NYMIR - Invitation to the annual meeting. The Board agreed for Betty Ann to sign the Proxy

Memo from Dan Dineen -General Municipal law referral reminder.

Retirement -There is opportunity for new officials to join the retirement fund. Betty Ann will check with the State regarding refusal forms for the employees..

Betty Ann Pitman and John Steger delivered Meals on Wheels one day last month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff mentioned that there is a 22-23% increase in the CHIPS money instead of a 9% decrease.

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Jim Doring
RESOLUTION #28: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 4, Nos. 70to 91, totaling \$6,972.66
Jim Doring (aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Jim Doring, seconded by Peter Knapp
RESOLUTION #29: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 4, Nos. 28 to 42, totaling \$27,981.88
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

There being no further business, Betty Ann asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Dave, seconded by Tom; meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 4/14/2008
Official 5/12/2008

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk

