

On Monday, February 9, 2009, 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 8:03

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

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, Dan O'Shea., William Luety. Calvin Griswold, Paul Burhans, and Lindsay Anderson

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Jim Doring
RESOLUTION #11: To accept the January 12, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted
Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: -1 dog picked up and sheltered
-1 dog not claimed or adopted by the end of the month
-1 dog advertised
-8 dog complaints
-120 miles driven for the town

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$11,390. submitted to the Town of Preble for January

HIGHWAY REPORT: **Roads:**
-The department stands to lose \$20,800.00 in CHIPS funding if the Governor's budget is not changed
-Other increased vehicle fees:
 1. increase vehicle registration fees by 25% (\$60.5 million)
 2. Increase drive license fees from \$50.00 to \$62.50
 3. Increase auto rental tax from 5% - 6% (\$8 million)
 4. Increase fees for trucking permit renewals from \$4 to \$5 (\$4.5 mil)
 5. Lift the cap on the gas tax (\$225 million @\$3. per gallon in general fund)
The Village of Homer widened Corl, Saulsbury, Friendly Shore, Friendly Lane and Fulmer Roads with their snow blower
Equipment:
-The F-450 is back from the transmission shop
-The F-450 replacement breaks down as follows:
 Chassis \$30,925.31
 Body \$10,000.00
 Plow \$ 5,000.00
 Total \$45,925.31
-The loader goes off warranty on 4/22/09. It would cost \$1,982.00 to extend the warranty until 2011.

Personnel:

-Jeff would like to go to Albany for Advocacy day on March 10th and 11th (\$142.00 for a room)
-The Board needs to pass a "Standard Work Day" resolution

Other:

-Jeff met with the County Maintenance workers today. They will start the modifications to the room downstairs next week.

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #12: To grant permission to Jeff Griswold to attend Advocacy day on March 10th and March 11th
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

RECREATION: -N/A

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: -John spoke regarding the River Trail; stating that funds are still available until October 1st for this project and cannot be used for any other project. The County would be responsible for taking care of the trail. The Board does not support this project.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

January Report

-No building permits granted
-1 Certificate of Occupancy issued
-2 30-day violation notices issued
-2 pending in court

-18 telephone inquiries

PLANNING BOARD: -Meeting February 26th @7:00.

HISTORIAN -Anne thanked the Board for the money in the budget for replacing the marker on the corner of the Currie Road.

TOWN CLERK: -\$139.00 - fees collected in January. Disbursed \$11.75 to CC Treasurer; and \$127.25 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

DON ARMSTRONG: -

John Helgren from the Cortland County Health Department spoke on the revision of minimum lot size to 2.4 acres. He mentioned that under certain circumstances there could be waivers. There is a meeting scheduled for February 17th to vote on the change. The Board is not in favor of the change

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Garage - Paul Sheneman from PLS Engineering in Tully. Due to all the paperwork that is needed for grant money with USGA, it is his suggestion to get local funding for the building of the Garage. He will modify his earlier proposal for design services to limit the scope of the work to preparing plans and specifications ready for bidding of the DPW Garage project and email to Betty Ann..

Farmland Protection - The group met and reviewed a proposal. Another meeting will be held February 24 at the Ramada Inn in Cortland. Attorney for American Trust will speak.

Campbell Road - On hold

Low Volume Roads - (Hold until March)

Dog Control Contract - Lindsay Anderson presented Don Armstrong with a new lease agreement which he will review. Paul Burhans will be appointed Dog Control Officer for the month of March.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Jim Doring

**RESOLUTION #13: To appoint Paul Burhans as Dog Control Officer for the month of March
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

Della Clark property - clean up trash Jeff Dillenbeck is still interested in the property. The Cortland County Health Department has advised that there is nothing they can do and the Town has no procedure to go ahead and clean the property up.

Bestdeck Performance Report - Fair housing, drug free workplace, Non-discrimination Policies add to handbook -

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Peter Knapp

**RESOLUTION #14: To adopt a statement of non-discrimination to the employee's handbook
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox

**RESOLUTION #15: To adopt the Fair Housing Procedure and appoint Betty Ann Pitman as Fair Housing Officer
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

Motion mad by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox

**RESOLUTION #16: To adopt Drug Free Workplace Plan
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox

**RESOLUTION #17: WHEREAS, the Town of Preble, State of New York, has made application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds from the State of New York; and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 519 of Public Law 101-144, the HUD Appropriations Act requires certain statement of assurance and certifications;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the Town of Preble being granted CDBG funds by the State, the Town of Preble Board, by administrative act, does adopt a statement of policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies with the jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

NEW BUSINESS

County Treasurer - Final Sales Tax - check \$21,594.48; total for 2008 \$353,648.36

Post Office rent check received - \$512.50

County Treasurer - Dog Surplus - Check received for \$118.69

IDA regarding Barden & Robeson - We have been advised that Barden & Robeson has fallen below its required minimum number of full time employees and therefore is being pulled from the PILOT agreement.

NYMIR proposal - New proposal for 2009-2010 insurance

Employee Health Plan - Betty Ann spoke to the Board with regards to changing the employee's Health Plan to a Health Savings Account which would save the Town about \$1500. each employee. She will set up an appointment for an insurance representative to come and address the Board.

National Grid - A letter received requesting a list of upcoming road work, water/sewer projects, or any "special" projects that are planned for 2009.

Cortland County Dept. of Fire & Emergency Management -received packet regarding the Cortland County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan . They are looking for participants to establish a Steering Committee.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #18: To appoint Tom Fox as primary Point of Contact (POC). He is responsible for attending the Kick-Off and Jurisdictional Annex Workshop meetings, and assuring that the other minimum requirements of jurisdictional participation are met

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

Central NY Regional Planning & Development Board - Regarding Census -The U. S. bureau of the Census will conduct the 2010 Census enumeration on April 1, 2010. They are looking for help from local governments, community organizations and neighborhood groups

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Jim Doring

RESOLUTION #19: To lead a Complete Count Committee in our area for the 2010 United States Census

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

Letter received from the State of New York with regards to farmland protection - They are postponing the announcement of the drawing until the budget is passed, which is in December, for all requests in the program at this time. (This includes Elinor Currie's request.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff asked the Board to consider extending the warranty on the loader until 2011.

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Jim Doring, seconded by Tom Fox

RESOLUTION #20 To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 2, Nos. 19 to 45, totaling \$10,772.23

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

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Peter Knapp

RESOLUTION #21: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 2, Nos. 9 to 17, totaling \$5,741.95

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 Tom, seconded by Dave; meeting adjourned at 9:17.

Respectfully submitted,