

On Monday, June 8, 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 8:00

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

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, Dan O'Shea, Calvin Griswold. James Harris, Jack DuRocher, James Millis, Jane Wallace, Kathryn Gardner, Leon Silviera, Michael Colvin, Judy Dzikowski, Jerome Miller, Joe and Tarki Heath, Tom Billard, Darryl and Shirley Haumann, and Bill Fitch. Robert Davis from SUNY-ESF was also present.
John Steger, Bill Cinquanti and Nedra Griswold from Real Property Tax Services, arrived late.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #42: To accept the May 11, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Robert Davis, SUNY-ESF - Mr. Davis briefed the Board on the Wind turbine which will be placed in Hybrid Forest for educational purposes and located next to the classroom. As this is for educational purposes, they are exempt from local zoning codes. He mentioned that he has checked with the residents in the area and they have no objection to the tower. They have issued a Negative Declaration on their SEQR. Mr. Davis stated that the project has already started; the foundations will be in place by the end this week. Don has requested a copy of the SEQR which Mr. Davis will provide.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: -1 dog picked up and sheltered
-1 dog not claimed or adopted by end of May
-1 dog advertised
-9 dog complaints (including licensing calls)
-90 miles driven for the Town

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$15,080. submitted to the Town of Preble for May

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Roads:
-Slurry sealing is completed
-The last week has been spent cutting brush
-Jeff emailed contact information to Von Campbell, Jr. but has not heard from him

Equipment:
-Everything is running well at this time.

Shop:
-Have been doing some maintenance at the shop. The roof is dried out and checked.

Personnel:

Other:
-Jeff doesn't have the totals from the County for Town cleanup. 30 truckloads and 4 40-yard dumpsters of rubbish were taken to the landfill. Also 5 small truckloads of electronics (mostly TV's) were also taken.
-Jeff attended the FEMA "kick-off" meeting with Betty Ann
-Jeff attended the DOT bridge meeting regarding the replacement of the Route 81 bridges over Preble Road. (Possibly in 2013)
-Highway school is done. Topics covered include: Invasive plants, personal protective equipment in the work zone, Pavement management & Fleet Safety Best Practices
-Jeff is asking if the Board is interested in having an energy audit done. (\$100.00 per building)

RECREATION: -N/A

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: -The project of the County DMV is progressing.
-Senator Schumer was at the Little York Lake Dam recently. There is a meeting Tuesday, June 9, to locate an engineering firm for the reconstruction of the dam.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

May Report
-2 Building Permit granted
-Construction Value \$45,250.
-Fees assessed \$240.00.
-1 permit pending
-1 Certificate of Occupancy issued

-24 complaints investigated

PLANNING BOARD: -Meeting June 25th @7:00.

HISTORIAN -Anne is absent.

TOWN CLERK: -\$380.00 - fees collected in May. Disbursed \$4.70 to CC Treasurer; \$22.50 to NYS Health Dept., and \$352.80 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

DON ARMSTRONG: -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Garage - The contract has been signed and sent in. Jeff will meet with Paul Sheneman , the engineer with PLS on the new highway garage project.

Farmland Protection -

-The Consulting Contract between the Town of Homer (which includes the Town of Scott) and the Town of Preble has not been signed as Don is working to get the wording changed stating that Preble is only liable for 1/3 of the amount due.(\$74,450.00)

Replace 2001 Ford - Jeff stated that last report, a date of July 27th was given.

NEW BUSINESS

Post Office rent check received - \$512.50

Email from State Equalization rate - 100% for 2009

Elinor Currie - Farmland Protection -Elinor did not receive the grant

DOT - overpass on Preble Road - Betty Ann and Jeff met with the NYSDOT representatives, Dave Fehringer, Andy State, Mark Centore, and Stan Birchenough, regarding the Route 81 overpass on the Preble Road. The Town concerns regarding Maintenance and Protection of Traffic during construction were presented:

No long-term closure of Preble, Road; requested that if and when either Preble Road or Little York Crossing Road requires temporary closure, that these measure do not occur simultaneously; would like to see access kept open on Preble Road for emergency vehicles; Seasonal use of overwidth agricultural equipment was noted for farmers accessing farmland and related businesses east and west of the Interstate overpass, and would appreciate the earliest notification of any anticipated project work zone traffic control plans. The project will start in 2013.

Bestdeck - A letter has been received from Robert Shafer of Riehlman, Shafer & Shafer asking the Town Board to defer any declaration of default pursuant to the loan agreement as Bestdeck, LLC continues to restructure its operation and seeks to meet the grant goals. Bestdeck has not fulfilled its agreement to date but is making an effort in improving its manufacturing process. The Board has agreed to defer any declaration of default.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Jim Doring

RESOLUTION #43: To defer any declaration of default for one year pursuant to the loan agreement as Beckdeck, LLC continues to restructure its operation and seeks to meet the grant goals.

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

Hazard mitigation plan -Betty Ann and Jeff attended the meeting. Betty Ann noted that the Town has to belong to this organization in order to get any State grants.

July 4th Fireworks - A letter has been received from the Cortland County Chamber of Commerce stating that the annual fireworks show is scheduled for Friday, July 3 at Dwyer Memorial Park on Little York Lake.(rain date of July 5)

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #44: To allow the July 4th fireworks to be held Friday, July 3 with a rain date of July 5

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

Don Armstrong made a statement regarding the reassessment, **that a tentative assessment roll can only be undone in court.**

Bill Cinquanti and Nedra Griswold of the Cortland County Real Property Tax Services were given the floor. Many questions regarding the recent assessment figures were asked by the Song Lake residents and Bill Cinquanti answered..

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Fitch is inquiring about the Preble Park, stating that he was at the park Memorial Day and the pavilion was all locked up.

Peter Knapp stated that bills amounting to \$4400. were sent in for the landscaping grant. Betty Ann has more to send in

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Jim Doring
RESOLUTION #45: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 6, Nos. 123 to 149,
totaling \$7,077.03
Jim Doring (aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Jim Doring, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #46: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 6, Nos. 45 to 55,
totaling \$24,008.58
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 9:28.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 6/08/2009
Official

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk