

On Monday, July 13, 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. Dave Scrano, Tom Billard, Bill Luety, Nancy McBride, and Steve McMahon, Supervisor from the Town of Scott.

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

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #47: To accept the June 8, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**Steve McMahon** - Supervisor from the Town of Scott and the Consolidation Committee Chairman for the Towns of Homer and Scott spoke regarding their consolidation study that is currently underway and invited the Town of Preble to join in. There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DOG CONTROL:**

- 1 dog picked up and sheltered
- 1 dog not claimed or adopted from May
- 1 dog euthanized per owner's request
- 1 dog advertised
- 10 dog complaints (including licensing calls)
- 115 miles driven for the Town
- 1 pick up fee/adoption fee

**JUSTICE REPORT:** -\$21,216. submitted to the Town of Preble for June

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**

**Roads:**

- The roadsides have been mowed
- The bad spots on Wright Rd., Vormwald Rd., Preble Hill and E. Hill Roads have been graveled.
- Brush cutting continues as weather and time allows.

**Equipment:**

- Everything is running well at this time.

**Shop:**

- Jeff met with the Engineer at the site. Relocated three property pins. In the next few days, he will be doing a current top-o-map, and then overlaying it with a desired map.
- Cleaned up behind shop and took 4 loads of scrap to Contento's.

**Personnel:**

- Jeff would like permission to go to the fall Highway Superintendent's Conference

**Other:**

- The antennas have been installed on the tower. All equipment has been installed down stairs. This Friday, they will be in to do final tuning of the repeater.

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse**  
**RESOLUTION #48: To grant Jeff Griswold permission to attend the fall Highway Superintendent's Conference.**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**RECREATION:** -N/A

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE:** -John is out of town..

**ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Due to Doug Staley's death, Betty Ann, along with Tom Williams will be filling in the vacancy until someone is hired for the position. Tom has done inspections on the Knapp residence on Cummings Point and will be available if needed.

**PLANNING BOARD:** -Meeting July 23<sup>rd</sup> @7:00.

**HISTORIAN** -Anne is absent.

**TOWN CLERK:** -\$169.00 - fees collected in June. Disbursed \$17.62 to CC Treasurer; \$9.00 to Ag & Markets, \$22.50 to NYS Health Dept., and \$119.88 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

<b>TAX COLLECTOR:</b>	Tax roll has been returned to the County Treasurer		
	Taxes collected:	\$1,324,210.21	
	Penalties:	4,641.47	
	Interest	468.93	Total \$1,329,321.61
	Paid to County Treasurer	\$1,123,177.21	
	Town of Preble-Budget	201,000.00	
	Town of Preble -		
	Interest & Penalties	5,144.40	Total \$1,329,321.61

-33 parcels were returned unpaid - \$124,218.10

**DON ARMSTRONG:** -

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Highway Garage** - Jeff met with the Engineer

**Farmland Protection -**

-The Municipal Agricultural & Farmland Protection Planning Grant contract has been signed and John Brennan of the Department of Ag & Markets, e-mailed a standard voucher to Betty Ann to submit for the Town for a 25% advance.  
 -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) Board members were given a copy of a letter from Patrick M. Snyder, Attorney, with his comments on the draft consulting contract with AFT.

**Replace 2001 Ford** - Jeff stated that last report, a date of July 27<sup>th</sup> was given.

**Bestdeck** -The Board has agreed to defer any declaration of default for one year, but the State has not, therefore the Town is to submit a letter to the State. Bestdeck has not filed their final report. It was mentioned that the plant is currently hiring.

**NYS Real Property Service** - Don Armstrong reviewed a letter from the Office of Real Property Services for the State of New York with the Board. The Board has agreed to continue with the assessment plan we are currently using and will authorize Betty Ann to sign the necessary papers.

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse**  
**RESOLUTION #49: To authorize Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor, to sign the necessary paperwork to continue with the assessment plan of the Office of Real Property Services of the State of New York.**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

Peter Knapp suggested that the Board think about changing the name of Thomas Albert Drive, the road leading to the former Barden Home facility.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Received \$290.10** cash for scrap metal.

**Check from County - Mortgage Tax** - \$8,103.04

**Painting the Town Hall hallway** - A discussion was held on painting the entrance hallway to the Town Hall. The Board was in agreement that the entry should be painted and Betty Ann was given permission to go ahead with the project.

**Household Hazardous Waste Recycling** - Any resident interested in participating in this program must call 607-756-8077 between the hours of 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM, and 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM to schedule an appointment prior to July 17<sup>th</sup>. This program will be held at the Cortland County Recycling Center in Cortland July 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Permit for Cortland Antique Car Show - September 20, 2009 - A request for a permit for September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Peter Knapp**  
**RESOLUTION #50: To grant a permit to the Cortland Antique Car Show for activities to be held September 20, 2009 at Little York Park.**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Dave Scrano** - Asking about the consolidation with Homer and Scott. Betty Ann responded that tonight was the first that Preble was asked to join in the consolidation and it would probably be a year before any decision will be made..

**Tom Billard** - Inquiring about the Time Warner Cable surveys that were previously taken. Betty Ann replied that there were no surveys returned to the Town; she will contact Mr. Doheny of Time Warner regarding this matter.

**Carl Staley** - presented his certificates for Code Enforcement Officer.

A workshop will be held for interviewing for the Code Enforcement Officer position on Monday night, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. The Board to be present and also a representative from the ZBA and Planning Boards. In the meantime, until someone is hired, Betty Ann will be appointed as Code Enforcement Office with Tom Williams' assistance.

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #51: To appoint Elizabeth Pitman as Code Enforcement Officer until a replacement is hired, with Tom Williams as consultant.**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**Nancy McBride** -Asking about regulations for mobile homes. Betty Ann will contact Tom Williams regarding this matter.

**APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS**

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Jim Doring**  
**RESOLUTION #52: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 7, Nos. 150 to 173, totaling \$5,859.26**  
**Jim Doring (aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**Motion made by Jim Doring, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #53: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 7, Nos. 56 to 71, totaling \$5,986.59**  
**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 8:50..

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 7/13/2009  
Official

Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk