

On Monday, September 14, 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 8:05

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

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, Calvin Griswold, Marie Roundy, Suzanne Freeman, Rick Fritz, Bill Luety, John Steger, and Bernie Thoma of Thoma Development.

Bernie Thoma presented a slide presentation of the **Housing Rehabilitation Program** and answered any questions presented to him.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Jim Doring

RESOLUTION #60: To accept the August 10, 2009 regular meeting minutes and the Special Meeting regarding Audit of Justice Records minutes on August 20, 2009 as submitted

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: -0 dog picked up and sheltered
-0 dog not claimed or adopted
-1 dog euthanized
-0 dog advertised
-9 dog complaints (including licensing calls)
-105 miles driven for the Town

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$10,220. submitted to the Town of Preble for August.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Roads:
-Cleared brush off the East Clark Rd. Bridge
-Started at the County line clearing brush on Saulsbury Road
-Paved McBride Drive, Little York Park Road, Reynolds Drive. Plan to pave the hill at Tully Trailer Park.
-Reset or replaced over 30 signs
-Grader patched Maple Ridge Road

Equipment:
-The F-450 has been prepped for sale
-New truck should be in mid October.
-The replacement for the Ford is supposed to be built next week.

Shop:

Personnel:

Other:

RECREATION: -N/A

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: -Legislature is working on the County budget
-The State is late with CHIPS money
-Pat Snyder is drafting a local law for Cortland County to protect local roads from damage incurred by heavy trucks involved in natural gas drilling and the construction of wind farms. He is currently working with Homer, Scott and Virgil.
-The County received \$300,000, grant money, for damaged culverts and highways.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Rick Fritz reported that there are new applications available for building permits. He has met with the Planning Board regarding current subdivisions. Reported that the Fisher's on Little York Lake want to demolish their current residence and build a new home.

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

HISTORIAN -Anne is absent.

TOWN CLERK: -\$670.00 - fees collected in August. Disbursed \$13.57 to CC Treasurer; \$431.20 to NYS DEC. and \$225.23 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

DON ARMSTRONG: -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Garage - Jeff met with the Engineer again regarding the estimates for the new DPW garage:

Option A - Wood Post Frame Construction \$631,620.00
Option B - Steel Frame Construction \$653,400.00

Replace 2001 Ford - Truck being built Tuesday, September 15th

Rename Thomas Albert Drive - Tabled to October meeting

Approval from NYS - A letter received from New York State approving the extension of time until December 31st for Bestdeck LLC to restructure its operation and continue to meet the grant goals.

NEW BUSINESS

Post Office rent check received - \$512.50

Fee Schedule for Building Permits - Tabled to October meeting. Don will confirm the process of change.

Brian Kolb - People's Convention to reform New York - Mr. Kolb is requesting the Town's support for convening a non-partisan, grassroots "People's Convention to reform New York". He has introduced bi-partisan legislation that would empower voters to decide whether we should convene a People's Convention to reform New York in 2011, as opposed to waiting until 2017.

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Tom Fox

RESOLUTION #61: To support and sign the People's Convention to Reform New York -

Whereas, tough economic times and New York State's tremendously high tax burden are causing families and businesses to struggle, while state government has been paralyzed by questions of gubernatorial succession, leadership fighting and political dysfunction; and

Whereas, our State Constitution was originally meant to be a vibrant, living and breathing document, reflective of the times in which we live that holds up to other political dynamic of the day; and

Whereas, our current state Constitution was adopted 115 years ago in 1894 and modified at a constitutional convention in 1938 and at various other times by legislative action; and

Whereas, our state, our nation and the world have changed dramatically in the past forty-two years as the information age has transformed communications, business and government in ways that could not even have been imagined when our state constitution was adopted; and

Whereas, Recent events in state government involving gubernatorial succession, legislative stalemates and appointments to statewide elected offices have exposed flaws and weaknesses in our current constitution on these issues; and

Whereas, families and businesses have been forced to cut back, while New York State government continues to spend beyond its means and force unfunded mandates on already overburdened local government and taxpayers; and

Whereas, in the face of the most challenging economic environment since the Great Depression, the people of New York have little confidence that the state government, as currently structured, is responsive to their wants, needs, or principal concerns; and

Whereas, the people of New York have expressed their desire to hold a "People's Convention" to reform state government, as evidenced by recent Quinnipiac University and Siena College Research polls, showing more than 60 percent of voters supporting a People's Convention to Reform New York; and

Whereas, the people must act now to thwart the dysfunction in Albany, and convene a People's Convention to take New York State government back; and

Whereas, members of the state Legislature have introduced "The People's Convention to Reform New York Act", which grants the people the opportunity to hold a constitutional convention, establishes a procedure for the non-partisan election of delegates, restricts political parties, campaign committees and special interests' influence over delegates, and requires state or local elected officials and officers or party officials to vacate their post upon being elected delegate.

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

Housing Rehabilitation Program - There was discussion on the housing program and the Board agreed to start the initial steps.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #62: To start the initial steps of the Housing Rehabilitation Program with the Thoma Development Consultants
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

NYS Highway Work Permit - Jeff mentioned that he would be meeting with the superintendents from all the municipalities in Cortland County; therefore the matter is tabled until October.

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation - Regarding the new National Flood Insurance Program Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Cortland County, the Division of Water is asking for an approved local law stating the required regulations to be received for review by February 2, 2010. Don will take responsibility for putting this together.

OCMBOCES - A letter received from Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES stating grants are available for municipalities and school districts/BOCES through the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program. They are extending the offer to write for one of the efficiency grants to fund a comprehensive study of the feasibility of a regional transportation facility for Cortland County. After discussion, the Board decided they are not interested in the project.

Letter from Weiss - gas drilling - Tabled; to check whether a resolution has already been made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Luety suggested that a bulletin be put out to local students to write an essay for a new name for Thomas Albert Drive. The winner would receive \$50.00, which he would give.

John Steger stated he would meet with Amanda Barber regarding the letter about the debris around Tioughnioga River.

Suzanne Freeman from the East Homer-Baltimore Road reported that the Cortland County Highway Department has dug a 6 foot ditch in her front lawn. She has contacted the CC Highway Dept. and is not satisfied with their remarks. She feels like she is being harassed. John Steger will contact the County Highway Dept. Betty Ann has been up to look at the site; she suggests the rest of the Board go look.

Budget workshop is scheduled for October 6th @7:30.

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Peter Knapp
RESOLUTION #63: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 9, Nos. 195 to 214, totaling \$6,055.86
Jim Doring (aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Jim Doring, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #64: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 9, Nos. 84 to 98, totaling \$44,887.93
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 9/14/2009
Official 10/12/2009

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk