

On Monday, October 12, 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, Calvin Griswold, Suzanne Freeman, Rick Fritz, John Steger, Dan O'Shea and Anne Henderson

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Jim Doring
RESOLUTION #65: To accept the September 14, 2009 regular meeting minutes as submitted
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: -9 dog complaints (including licensing calls)
-90 miles driven for the Town

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$10,321. submitted to the Town of Preble for September.

HIGHWAY REPORT: **Roads:**
-Jeff has been talking to the DEC in regards to the entrance to Tully Lake culvert on Saulsbury Road. They may talk to the DOT to figure out a permanent solution to the gravel bars/sediment.
-Jess would like to know the Board's feeling on changing the "No Parking on Town Roads" to "No Parking on any roads in the Town" for the winter months
-There is a meeting scheduled for October 27th for the "Road Preservation" Committee. (To do with damage ro roads by gas drillers)
-The Town's sand is put up. They are hauling sand for Truxton in accordance with our winter road contract.
-The drop-inlets have been cleaned and flushed with the help of the Village of Homer's Vac Truck.
Equipment:
-Jeff would like permission to send the F-450 to Onondaga County's auction at the end of the month. Also would like permission to dispose of the 1983 Autocar by the means getting us the best return.
Other:
The Governor has rejected the DOT's 5-year plan. Leaves CHIPS in limbo.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Jim Doring
RESOLUTION #66: To give Jeff Griswold permission to take the F-450 and 1983 Autocar to the Onondaga County auction.
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #67: To give Jeff Griswold permission to bid up to \$26,000 on the 2000 Autocar from Niagara County, out of current funds.
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

RECREATION: -N/A

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: -Legislature is still working on the County budget
-It has been suggested to increase the County Sales Tax; Board members not in favor.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Rick Fritz reported that there are some permits out. He also had a meeting with one of the residents to clean up their yard. The Congregational Church is replacing their sign..

PLANNING BOARD: -Meeting October 22nd @7:00.

HISTORIAN -Anne spoke about the upcoming celebration for the VanPatten family farm - 200 years. It is the oldest operating family farm in the Town of Preble. There will be a celebration at the Preble Fire Station on Sunday, October 18th at 1:30. There will be a representative from the DEC, the Cortland County Dairy Princess and many members of the VanPatten family present to speak..

TOWN CLERK: -\$1727.50 - fees collected in September. Disbursed \$25.45 to CC Treasurer; \$3.00 to Ag & Markets, \$1468.68 to NYS DEC. and \$230.37 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

DON ARMSTRONG: -Don has drawn up a floodplain proposal and sent it to NYS to review; he believes he should have a response in the next week or two. After he has heard from the State and everything is in order, there will be a SEQR review and a public hearing will be scheduled. This new Local Law would restrict people building in the floodplain. The purpose of this law is so that people can obtain flood insurance. If everything goes well, Don will have for the first meeting in 2010.
-The Board agreed that they are not concerned about the time involved in the Farmland Trust/Farmland Protection Plan as long as it is completed in a timely manner. Don stated that Pat Snyder is comfortable with the original agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Garage - There was much discussion of the construction of the new Highway Garage. It was agreed to go with the complete Steel Frame Construction; the estimated cost of \$654,000.00.

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #68: To authorize Paul Sheneman of PLS Engineering to proceed with the necessary specs to get the construction out for bid.
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Replace 2001 Ford - Truck will be here Monday, October 19th

Rename Thomas Albert Drive - Letters have been sent to both Tully & Homer Schools. No response to date.

Thoma Development Consultants - A written proposal regarding the 2010 Small Cities CDBG Single Purpose Housing was received from Thoma. Thoma's fee is \$5300 which includes necessary predevelopment work, survey work, preparation of program guidelines, and preparation of a final application. Thoma will also assist in meeting all the NYS Office of Community Renewal requirements. Application submission will meet the deadline imposed by OCR. The deadline is expected to be in April of 2010. In the event the application does not proceed to its expected completion, the Town will be billed for the hours that Thoma has worked not-to-exceed the amount of \$5300. For the survey work the fee will not exceed \$1750.00

Fees Schedule for Building Permits: There was a discussion of changing the Building Permit fees. A copy of Cortlandville's list was given to each Board member to review. For the time being, they have agreed on \$25.00 for first \$5000, plus \$1.00 for each additional \$1000. Rick Fritz suggested making an affordable fee of \$15.00 for oil/gas, wood burners, or heating conversion of appliances.

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #69: To adopt new building permit fees for residential properties:
\$25.00 for the first \$5000.
\$1.00 for each additional \$1000.
\$15.00 flat fee for oil/gas/wood burners or heating conversion of Appliances
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

NYS Highway work permit - Jeff attended a meeting with 18 municipalities regarding the work permits and none have responded. The State is requesting this resolution for mowing and snow plowing. Matter tabled to November meeting.

Gas Drilling - Tabled from the September meeting, a resolution had not been made.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #70: To support the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Conservation with regards to gas drilling and be notified of any gas drilling permits in our area.

RESOLUTION, URGING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSIONER GRANNIS TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS REQUIRING THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BE DESIGNATED AS INVOLVED AGENCIES FOR STATE GAS PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSED SITES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AND THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' VIEWS BE SOUGHT AND GIVEN SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT WHEN DETERMINATIONS RELATING TO NATURAL GAS PERMIT APPLICATIONS ARE MADE

WHEREAS, It is estimated that the geologic rock bed known as Marcellus Shale may contain up to several trillion cubic feet of natural gas;

WHEREAS, Dramatic increases in the price of crude oil and the corresponding need to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil have resulted in a tremendous increase in interest and activity relating to natural gas exploration and drilling;

WHEREAS, Municipalities in which natural gas drilling is proposed should be consulted regarding natural gas permit applications and the comments of municipalities should be considered and given significant weight when determinations relating to natural gas permit applications are made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Preble Town Board requests that the Department of Environmental Conservation promulgate regulations to require that local governments be designated as involved agencies for State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) proceedings relating to natural gas permit applications for proposed sites within the boundaries of the local governments and that local governments' views be solicited and given significant weight when determinations relating to natural gas permit applications are made; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to: Governor David Paterson, Brian M. Kolb, James L. Seward, and Commissioner Alexander B. Grannis, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Post Office rent check received - \$512.50

New York State Children Services - Check received \$485.98

New York State CHIPS - Check received \$7,054.50

New York State General Aid - Check received \$17,930.00

Date for Budget Public Hearing - November 4th @7:30 at the Town Hall

Post Office Lease - Current lease expires 2011; copies distributed to the Board. Tabled to November meeting.

Information: AARP Driving Course; November 28 & 29 at the Fire Station
Workers' Compensation Rate is up by \$750.10
No more burn barrels after Wednesday, October 14th

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff questioned Don on the No Parking on any road during the winter months.

Suzanne Freeman says she is not going to give up regarding the mess the County made of her lawn.

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Jim Doring
RESOLUTION #71: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 10, Nos. 215 to 236,
totaling \$12,474.99

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

Motion made by Jim Doring, seconded by Peter Knapp
RESOLUTION #72: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 10, Nos. 100 to 112,
totaling \$21,805.19

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 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 10/12/2009
Official 11/09/2009

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk