

On Monday, April 12, 2010, the Preble Town Board held its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, James Doring, with the salute to the flag at 8:00.

Board members present: Debra Brock, Tom Fox, Peter Knapp, and, Dave Morse , Councilmen..

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold,, William Luety. Calvin Griswold, Ken Brock, John Steger, Anthony George, Paul Burhans, Bill & Dawn Lewis, Anne Henderson, Susan Kenyon, Don Bickelhaupt, Matt Swayze, Linda Riehlman, Dan O'Shea, Babe Carroll, Tim and Linnea Coyne. Tiffany Nesbitt and Kraig Pritts from Tully School District were also present.

The floor was given to Kraig Pritts,, Superintendent of Tully Schools, regarding this year's school budget which has increased \$119,460 or 0.66%; Tax Levy increase of 1.96% or an increase of approximately \$.34/\$1,000, staffing adjustments due to declining enrollment and financial challenges, loss of some elective coursework, use of reserves to offset state aid reductions and other lost revenues and maintenance of most student programs and opportunities. He stated that there are reserve funds which will be used. Tiffany Nesbitt, School Business Administrator, also spoke on the budget.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #34: To accept the March 8, 2010 meeting minutes as submitted
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye)Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: -6 dog complaints
-60 miles traveled for the town

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$9,081. submitted to the Town of Preble for March

HIGHWAY REPORT: **Roads:**
-Jeff has heard nothing regarding the "Road Preservation Law"
-Because of the weather, the highway department is ahead of schedule. All the roads have been swept. Most Yoke raking is done.
-The 284U form needs to be signed
-Jeff has completed the National Grid questionnaire on upcoming road work
Equipment:
-Replaced the windshield on truck #2
-All equipment is working at this time
Shop:
-Jeff is meeting with Paul Sheneman Tuesday (4/13) to discuss the highway garage project.
-The schedule is getting tight if the Board wishes to finish construction this year.
Personnel:
-Advocacy Day in Albany went as expected. Knowledge of the funding will not be known until the State budget passes. (They have held the funding at last years' numbers - \$47,880.00 for Preble)
-The men are working 4 10-hour days for the summer
-Jeff would like permission to attend Highway School this year at Ithaca College
Other:
-All PESH required changes have been made at the Town Hall. Jeff is working on the workplace violence policy with the Fire Dept. The inspector was here again on 3/26.
-Jeff is working on a policy that everyone is to leave the building in case of fire. No employees are to fight the fire.
-Town clean-up will be Friday, April 30th, from 11 - 7, and Saturday, May 1st, from 7 - 3:30.

RECREATION: -Babe Carroll of the Recreation Committee was present. She gave a rundown of what would be done at the park by volunteers prior to opening; cleaning the kitchen utilities and washing down the tables. The water at the park will be sent to the lab for testing. Hank Carroll will be taking care of the ballfield. There will be girls' softball team this year with Jill & Bill Sears as coaches. Both churches have men's softball teams along with the Preble Hotel and Denny's.
-There will be a community garage sale on June 5th.
-Due to the economy, there will be no arts and crafts this year.

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: -Tentative Amnesty Days have been set for May 3rd through May 7th
-The Legislature is still looking for a County Administrator
-John feels that monies from Sales Tax will be less this year.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

March Report

- 2 building permits issued
- 64 miles traveled for the Town
- 4 Building inspections
- 14 hours worked
- 1 Fire inspections
- 2 Complaint follow-ups
- 18 telephone inquiries

PLANNING BOARD: -Meeting April 22nd @7:00
ZBA -Meeting May 6th @7:30

HISTORIAN -Anne Henderson showed the Board an 1876 Atlas of Cortland County which was given by Dick and Jean Martin. Anne will write a letter of thanks to the Martin's. The Board has approved having the book refurbished.
-Anne has held 2 meetings for the public regarding the history of Preble; the milk plant and early industry and businesses. Both were well attended.

TOWN CLERK: -\$572.00 - fees collected in March. Disbursed \$28.20 to CC Treasurer; \$9.00 to Ag & Markets, \$54.80 to the DEC and \$480.00 to James Doring, Supervisor.

DON ARMSTRONG: -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Keyholing - Local Law No. 3 for 2010 -Attorney Armstrong stated that everything is ready to move ahead and this should be referred to the Cortland County Planning Board and to schedule a public hearing for May 10th @7:45 pm.

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Peter Knapp

RESOLUTION #35: To refer Local Law No. 3 for 2010 amending the Town of Preble Zoning Ordinance to include provisions regulating Keyhole Development to the Cortland County Planning Board for recommendations.

Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Debra Brock, seconded by Tom Fox

RESOLUTION #36: To schedule a public hearing regarding Local Law No. 3 for 2010 for May 10th at 7:45.

Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Highway Garage -Attorney Armstrong has talked with Jeff Griswold and Paul Sheneman and has reviewed the necessary procedures. A public hearing will be held on Monday, April 26th at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Tom Fox

RESOLUTION #37: To schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 26th at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall regarding the proposed construction of a town highway garage at the Town of Preble property on Route 281 in the Town of Preble, together with the proposed transfer of funds from the Town Building Reserve Fund and issuance of a statutory installment bond to meet the cost of said construction

Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Newsletter - The Newsletter should be out in May. Debra Brock stated she would like some input from residents. The Newsletter will include the Historian's programs, the watershed, Kettle Lakes and an editorial from the Town Supervisor.

Website -Bill Luety stated that he would like noteworthy news; proposed Keyhole Legislation and various forms including the Building Permit form.

Town Fees -The Board has reviewed the new fees schedule and have agreed on the changes.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #38: To approve the Town of Preble Fee Schedule as corrected.

Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Memorial Day Parade - Planning is in progress. Volunteers are needed to drive in the parade.

NEW BUSINESS

Post Office Check received - \$512.50

NYMIR check - \$68.00 (Return premium for policy activity for period ending 4/1/2010)

Appointments: Residents have been found for the ZBA and Planning Boards.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox

**RESOLUTION #39: To appoint Linda Riehlman to replace Bill Underwood (2014) on the ZBA Board; Dawn Lewis to replace Jennifer George(2012) on the Planning Board; Jim Harris(2013) as Chairman of the Planning Board and Matt Swayze(2010) to replace Tom VanPatten
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox (aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

Cleaning of Building -Carolyn Vossler has been contacted by Supervisor Doring to be more prompt in cleaning the Town Hall.

Route 11 Property - Della Clark -The County wants to wrap this item up; the property is in foreclosure and will be put up for auction.

New Flood Zone Map - (FEMA) - This subject is a big issue to the homeowners of the Tully Lake area which have recently been placed in the Floodplain area. The homeowners have received notices from their mortgage holders that flood insurance must be carried on their property. The homeowners are questioning the values of their homes and their assessments. Tim Coyne of the Friendly Lane/Friendly Shores area held a meeting today with some of the residents of Tully Lake. He also had the news media from Channel 9 from Syracuse come to the meeting for TV. Mr. Coyne stated that he had been contacted by the Bank of America that he has to purchase his own flood insurance of the bank will install a payment system. The residents are asking the Board for some help. Supervisor Doring stated that there is nothing the town can do at this time. Preble's legislator, John Steger, stated that this is a result of Katrina and the other floods in the U. S. and the government is running out of money.

Extension of time collecting taxes to May 31st - The Board agrees for extension of time in collecting property taxes.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse

**RESOLUTION #40: To extend the time for collecting property taxes to May 31st, 2010
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox (aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

Resolution needed for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Debra Brock

**RESOLUTION #41: To accept the following resolution:
That the Town of Preble is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Community Renewal under the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000; to authorize the Supervisor of the Town of Preble to sign said application on behalf of the Town; and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Town of Preble.
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

-John Steger made the comment regarding the flood map that the island on Song Lake is not in the floodplain.

-Anne Henderson asking about the demolition charges of an old house on her property. She was told to talk with Rick Fritz

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Debra Brock, seconded by Dave Morse

**RESOLUTION #42: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 4, Nos. 64 to 90, totaling \$25,395.83
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Peter Knapp

**RESOLUTION #43: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 4, Nos. 27 to 42, totaling \$5,147.23
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

There being no further business, Jim asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Tom, seconded by Dave, meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 4/12 /2010
Official

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk