

On Monday, February 14, 2011, the Preble Town Board held its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, Jim 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, Calvin Griswold, Ken Brock, and Bill Luety

### CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Debra Brock**  
**RESOLUTION #12: To accept the January 10, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**DOG CONTROL:**

- 2 dogs picked up and sheltered
- 1 dog adopted
- 1 dog not claimed or adopted by the end of the month
- 1 dog euthanized from November
- 3 dogs advertised
- 8 dog complaints
- 110 miles traveled for the Town
- 1 adoption fee \$10.00

**JUSTICE REPORT:** -\$5,710.00 submitted to the Town for January

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**

- Roads:**
  - Have been busy plowing snow, sanding and moving snow
  - Don is checking into the "Private Railroad Crossing" signs on East Clerk Road
- Equipment:**
  - An O2 and an anti-lock brake sensor was replaced on the pickup
- Shop:**
  - There was 8 inches of water that had to be scooped out of the first bay earlier today
  - Cortland Pump replaced the nozzle, hose and installed a filter on the diesel fuel tank at the shop
- Personnel:**
  - Dale had a furnace fire last weekend; he just had a new furnace installed
  - Jeff will be going to Albany on March 9<sup>th</sup> to advocate for highway issues. If anyone is interested, there may be room on the bus.
- Other:**
  - Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, the County Legislature will be voting on a new radio system

**RECREATION:** -

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE** -John is absent

### **ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

**January Report**

- 0 building permits issued
- 80 miles traveled for the Town
- 5 Building inspections
- 16 hours worked
- 1 Fire inspection
- 2 Complaint follow-ups
- 31 telephone inquiries

**PLANNING BOARD:** -Meeting February 24<sup>th</sup> @7:00  
**ZBA** -Meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup> @7:30

**HISTORIAN:** -Anne is absent

**TOWN CLERK:** -\$222.00 - fees collected in January. Disbursed \$201.00 to the Town of Preble; \$21.00 to be held until the County Clerk and Town Clerk's decide on the Animal Population Control money

**DON ARMSTRONG:**

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Garage - Land Survey - The properties have been surveyed and the Board was given a copy of the survey.

The Board has decided that Attorney Armstrong should start proceedings on getting ownership of the property.

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #13: To authorized Attorney Armstrong to proceed with the necessary steps to Obtain ownership and a clear title to the property which now houses the Highway Garage, for the Town of Preble**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**Speed Limit - Draft Letters** - We have received correspondence from the State of New York DOT dated February 9, 2011 regarding our requests for lower speed limits on the Steger Road, Preble Road and Route 281 from the Song Lake Road to McBride Drive. The following responses were contained in their letter.

**Regarding the Steger Road between Preble Road and Route 281** - The existing roadside development and highway characteristics (geometry) justify retaining the existing speed limit between Route 281 and the start of the 35 MPH speed zone. Based on these findings, a reduction of the existing 55 MPH State speed limit would not be appropriate at this time.

**Regarding Preble Road between the railroad crossing and Otisco Valley Road** - This section is currently posted for a 35 MPH speed limit, and prevailing traffic speeds indicate this is the appropriate speed limit. Based on this, the NYS DOT has determined that a further reduction to 30 MPH would not be appropriate at this time.

**Regarding Route 281** - The existing roadside development and highway characteristics (geometry) justify retaining the existing speed limit between McBride Drive and the start of the 45 MPH speed zone. Based on these findings, NYS DOT has determined that extending the 45 MPH speed zone south to McBride Drive would not be appropriate at this time. Based on the same criteria, extending the 45 MPH speed zone north to Son Lake Road is warranted and would be appropriate. NYS DOT's maintenance forces will install the signing necessary for the speed zone extension.

Following some discussion, the Board is still not satisfied with the response and has asked Attorney Armstrong to correspond with Diana Graser, Regional Traffic Engineer.

**Hiring Nedra Griswold for Assessor** - By contract, Nedra will be hired as an employee of Preble for a 6-year period. As of this meeting, the contract has not been signed. Supervisor Doring will be given authority to sign the contract once it is completed.

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Peter Knapp**  
**RESOLUTION #14: To authorize Supervisor Doring to sign the contract between Assessor, Nedra Griswold, and the Town of Preble.**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**Updating Website** - Sue Scott has been working on updating the website. The Board would like Bill Luety to get involved, which he has agreed to do.

**Memorial Site Plaques** - Tom Fox and Bill Fitch have been working on this project and will continue to do so.

Tom is asking about the Church Sign: Attorney Armstrong stated that he's still waiting for the decision.

## NEW BUSINESS

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

**Sales Tax Check received** - \$33,696.60

**Insurance Renewal with NYMIR** - A meeting with Karen Buckley will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 10:30 at the Town Hall.

**Extension of Tax Collection** - The Board is in agreement that the collection of taxes should be extended to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #15: To extend the collection of property taxes to June 1st.**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**Code of Ethics** - Councilperson Brock is suggesting a new Code of Ethics for the Town. Attorney Armstrong will look into what the Association of Towns and other towns have for this.

There will be a meeting with NYSERDA & Ag & Markets on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, noon to 1 pm. This meeting is in regards to the grant for Climate Innovation. Brian Pinchelli will make a presentation to the farmers. Brochures will be sent to the farmers and there will be help in filling out their paperwork. In April, there will be a meeting for the Town businesses.

**Budget Amendments to close 2010 books:**

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #16: To approve all items to amend the budget as needed as of December 31<sup>st</sup>,  
2010 in both the General Fund and Highway Fund**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**GENERAL FUND**

Debit(increase) A510 Est. Revenues		<b>\$63,046.00</b>
(Subsidiary A1120 Sales Tax)	<b>\$61,006.00</b>	
(" - A3040 State Aid, Assessment)	<b>2,040.00</b>	
Debit(decrease) A960 Est. Appropriations		<b>\$12,500.00</b>
(Subsidiary - A1410.2 Clerk, equip.)	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	
(" - A1620.2 Bldgs. Equip.)	<b>5,000.00</b>	
(" - A1990.4 Contingent)	<b>6,000.00</b>	
Credit(increase) A960 Est. Appropriations		<b>\$75,546/00</b>
(Subsidiary - A1010.4 Town Bd. Cont.)	<b>\$1,157.00</b>	
(" - A1110-4 Justice Cont.)	<b>680.00</b>	
(" - A1110.41 Justice, data entry)	<b>975.00</b>	
(" - A1355.41 Assessor, contract)	<b>2,040.00</b>	
(" - A1410.4 Clerk, Contr.)	<b>938.00</b>	
(" - A1420.4 Attorney, contr.)	<b>7,786.00</b>	
(" - A1620.1 Bldgs, Wages)	<b>100.00</b>	
(" - A1620.4 Bldgs. Contr.)	<b>150.00</b>	
(" - A5010.4 Hwy.Supt. Contr.)	<b>487.00</b>	
(" - A5132.2R Garage, Constr.)	<b>37,605.00</b>	
(" -A5132.4 Garage, contr)	<b>5,484.00</b>	
(" - A7550-4 Celebrations, contr)	<b>35.00</b>	
(" - A8030.4 Research, contr)	<b>4,526.00</b>	
(" - A8030.41 Research, Farm Trust)	<b>12,783.00</b>	
(" - A9010.8 Retirement)	<b>800.00</b>	

This amendment is using surplus revenues and unexpected appropriations to balance accounts.

**HIGHWAY FUND**

Debit(INCREASE) DA510 Est. Revenues		<b>\$4,857.00</b>
(Subsidiary - DA1120 Sales Tax)		
Credit(increase) DA960 Est. Appropriations		<b>\$4,857.00</b>
(Subsidiary - DA5120.4 Machinery, contr.)	<b>\$3,627.00</b>	
(" -DA9010.8 Retirement)	<b>1,230.00</b>	

This amendment uses surplus revenues to balance accounts.

**Direct deposit for Highway employees and others if interested** - Bookkeeper, Gina Nourse, said that she does direct deposit for another towns, therefore she could do it for Preble.

East Clark Rd. Railroad Crossing Signs - Jeff is concerned about the new signs that have appeared on the East Clark Road. Attorney Armstrong will write a letter asking for information.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS**

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Peter Knapp**  
**RESOLUTION #17: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 2, Nos. 23 to 48, totaling  
\$21,105.48**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**Motion made by Debra Brock, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #18: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 2, Nos. 9 to 18, totaling  
\$6,622.40**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

The Board will move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

**Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse**  
**RESOLUTION #19: To move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 8:52.**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse**  
**RESOLUTION #20: To exit Executive Session at 9:28**  
**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 Peter, seconded by Debra, meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 02/14/2011  
Official 3/14/2011

Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk