

On Monday, March 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, John Steger, Sue Wright, Kevin Baldwin, Anthony George, Anne Henderson, Dan O'Shea, and Bernie Thoma from Thoma Development

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #19: To accept the February 14, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: -1 dog picked up and sheltered
-1 dog not claimed or adopted by the end of the month
-1 dog euthanized from January
-2 dogs advertised
-9 dog complaints
-105 miles traveled for the Town

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$7,690.00 submitted to the Town for February

HIGHWAY REPORT: **-Roads:**
-Busy plowing snow
-Marybelle Rd. and Saulsbury Rd. flooded twice (3/6 and 3/11)
-A spring perked up under Parcels Drive; It was dug up and tiled off.
-East Clark Rd. railroad crossing: Don's office is sending information to the DOT to see if they will change the designation from private to public
-Town Supervisors and Highway Superintendents were invited to a meeting in Summerhill on March 3rd. They had a Supervisor there from the Town of Preston in Chenango County to discuss what they have learned about the impact of gas companies on Town roads.
-Equipment
-Minor equipment problems: wiper motor on truck #2, cutting edges and shoes
-The V-plow was put on the grader for the 3/7 storm. (Williams and Masters Roads were plugged with over 4' of snow)
-Personnel: Nine superintendents and one County Legislator went to Albany on March 9th. The Governor has put oil and stone in his budget as an accepted method of surfacing a road. (DOT's bond counsel wanted it removed because of the question of how long it lasts)

RECREATION: -

COUNTY LEGISLATURE : John reported that the County Directories will be issued soon.
A special meeting will be held Tuesday regarding leasing of the landfill
Amnesty Day will be 2 weeks after Mother's Day

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT -
-0 Building Permits issued
-60 miles traveled for the Town
-7 Building inspections
-32 hours worked
-4 Fire Inspections
-7 complaint follow-ups
-14 telephone inquiries

PLANNING BOARD - -Meeting - March 23rd @7:00 (Wednesday)
ZBA - -Meeting - April 7th @7:30

HISTORIAN - -Anne is hosting a "Cabin Fever" luncheon at the fire station at noon on Tuesday for anyone who would like to come and bring a dish to pass.

TOWN CLERK: -Fees collected \$116.00; \$103.00 disbursed to the Town of Preble; \$13.00 to be held until the County Clerk and Town Clerk's decide on the Animal Population Control money

DON ARMSTRONG :

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New Website - Sue Wright gave the following report:

A few weeks ago Deb Brock, Bill Luety and I met with Sue Scott regarding improvements to the website and there was much discussion on adding new links and tabs and, especially, making the site user friendly and easy to navigate. After much work and effort, I think this has been accomplished. For example, under the section that lists the businesses in town, Sue has categorized them so that the food establishments are listed under one heading, and construction/carpentry/contractors under another heading, and so on. The new calendar format depicts town and government meetings in one shaded color while community events are a different color.

We are trying to have people post pictures taken within Preble on the website with the hopes that there will be enough interest so that there can be a contest with one picture being chosen each month by a judge or panel of judges. Specifically, we are looking for seasonal type pictures if possible.

There is a new genealogy section and at this point there is information on the website to guide people to resources in our area, but the long-range goal is to have a genealogy program downloaded on our website so people can post their family genealogy. We also will be compiling a list of everyone buried at Elmwood Cemetery and will begin working on that soon.

The most significant local laws have been posted for reference, along with the fee schedule. Special projects is also a new section which includes the Farmland Trust, Climate Change Innovation Grant and Grant for Renovating Owner Occupied Housing is also a new section

Sue Scott is looking to update once a week and her organizational skills are appreciated, as well as the attention to detail by Debbie Brock.

So far I have been able to recruit two resource people - Anne Henderson and Babe Carroll. I know that this is suppose to be a "committee" but, basically, we need people who are already involved actively within the town and can let us know when an event has been planned so we can post these on the website. I also hope to recruit someone within the Congregational Church and Fire Department.

If anyone feels there is a way to improve the website, we are open for suggestions.

Code of Ethics - The Board will review the proposed Local Law and a Public Hearing will be held April 11, 2011.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #20: To hold a public hearing regarding the proposed Local Law on the Code of Ethics, April 11, 2011 at 7:45 pm

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

NEW BUSINESS

Post Office check received - \$512.50

Thoma Development Update - Bernie Thoma presented the Board with two recommendations for approval for the Block Grant and there are two more being considered but more information is needed. A new ad will be placed in the newspaper and also on the website for residents to apply for this grant as there are funds available. Debbie is questioning the energy audit charges from Thoma. It was her understanding that the audits would be free. Mr. Thoma will check with NYSERDA. Tom asked about any unused money; Mr. Thoma states "if not used, will lose".

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Debra Brock

RESOLUTION #21: To approve the two proposed individuals presented by Bernie Thoma for the Block Grant money.

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

Dawn Lewis Resignation from Planning Board -The Board accepts Dawn's resignation.

Motion made by Debra Brock, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #22: To accept Dawn Lewis's resignation from the Planning Board, dated February 16, 2011

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

The Board would like to have an interview session workshop with potential replacements.

Memorial Day Parade -Supervisor Doring announced that Assemblyman Brian Kolb will be the guest speaker at the Memorial Day Parade. He is also looking for volunteers.

Energy Symposium - Rhea Jezer sponsors this event at the Links @ Erie Village at a cost of \$40.00 per person. Jim Doring and Lynn Webb will be attending.

Permit for Fireworks -Tabled. Attorney Armstrong will contact the NYS Department of Labor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board will move into Executive Session regarding a personnel issue.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #23: To enter Executive Session at 8:43
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Debra Brock
RESOLUTION #24: To exit Executive Session at 9:04
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

APPROVE GENERAL & HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Debra Brock
RESOLUTION #25: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 3, Nos. 49 too 74, totaling
\$20,784.97
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Debra Brock, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #26: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 3, Nos. 19 to 15, totaling
\$6,165.73
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 Dave, seconded by Tom; meeting adjourned at 9:06.

Respectfully submitted.

Unofficial 3/14/2011
Official

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk