

On Monday, October 10, 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, Calvin Griswold, Laura Doring, Ken Brock, Dan O'Shea, Jeff Griswold, John Steger, Steve Hughes of the Cortland Standard, Mark Helms of the Cortland County Sheriff's Dept., and Samuel Gordon and Brian Pincelli from the CNY Planning & Development Board

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #71: To accept the September 12, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #72" To accept the August 22, Special Meeting minutes and the September 12 Public Hearing minutes as submitted.
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: August Report
-3 dogs picked up; still at shelter
-95 miles traveled for the Town
September Report
-2 dogs picked up (second offense); returned to owners
-1 adoption
-90 miles traveled for the Town
-\$110.00 received for adoption fee and second offenses

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$14,380.00 submitted to the Town for September

HIGHWAY REPORT:

- Roads:**
 - Williams Road has been Micro Paved
 - Mt. Toppin Road has had 450' of 6' drain tile placed each side
 - Started working on the Masters Road Spur
 - Currie Road, between Rt. 281 and Route 11, will be closed this Wednesday and Thursday. CSX is going to replace the crossing.
 - Have started hauling sand to Truxton per agreement
 - The Shared Service Agreements should be renewed prior to January 1st
- Equipment:**
 - Starting fall maintenance as time permits
- Shop:**
 - Took scrap to Contento's. The money has been given to the Supervisor
- Personnel:**
- Other:**
 - Jeff has done a temporary repair on the back door of the Town Hall. The new door should be installed in 4 - 6 weeks
 - Jeff installed a timer for the display case in the Town Hall
 - The money for the grant for the highway garage has been sitting in limbo. Jeff is hoping for approval to use it for renovations in the Town Hall.

RECREATION: - The park is closed for the season

COUNTY LEGISLATURE : John reported that the County has started reviewing the budget requests. The Treasurer's Office is going well. Sales Tax figure is up \$618,000.

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT -

- 4 Building Permit issued
- 140 miles traveled for the Town
- 7 Building inspections
- 27 hours worked
- 1 Fire Inspection
- 23 complaint follow-ups
- 35 telephone inquiries

PLANNING BOARD -Meeting -October 26th @7:00 (Wednesday)
ZBA -Meeting - November 3rd @7:30 (Thursday)

HISTORIAN - -Anne is absent.

TOWN CLERK: -Fees collected \$546.00; disbursed \$195.41 to the Town of Preble; \$324.09 to NYS DEC, \$22.50 to the NYS Health Dept., and \$4.00 to be held until the County Clerk and Town Clerk's decide on the Animal Population Control money.

Need approval of CDBG grant payments
Reome Electric(Wm. Finn) \$200.00
Thomas Development \$8,090.35

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Peter Knapp, to approve the payment of the above vouchers from the CDBG grant monies.

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

There is a balance in the grant monies of \$310,707.

DON ARMSTRONG :

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Repair of Town Hall back door - Jeff reported that the back door for the Town Hall has been ordered and will be installed within 4 - 6 weeks; Jeff left the meeting for a fire call.

NEW BUSINESS

Captain Mark Helms, Cortland County Sheriff's Dept. - Capt. Mark Helms gave an overview of the ramifications to the road patrol and to the public's safety regarding the \$325,000 budget cut to his department. He is looking at possibly losing personnel. A large percentage of their time is spent in Cortlandville and will be depriving the small towns of their service. He is asking for the Town's support by contacting our County Legislator during this financial crisis.

Emergency Communications Systems - A new Emergency Communication System will construct a new tower on East Hill Road. Attorney Armstrong explained that a letter received from Patrick Snyder, Attorney at Law, states that communication towns, and private companies using those towers, are exempt from local building permits

Lynn Webb - Lynn Webb will be leaving his position as Justice on October 31st. Gary Shiffer, Homer Justice, will fill the vacancy until December 31st. Lynn remarked that he had enjoyed the last 8 years.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Debra Brock
RESOLUTION #73: To authorize Homer Justice Gary Shiffer to complete the term of Preble Justice Lynn Webb, November 1st to December 31st, 2011
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

CNY Regional Planning & Development Board - re: Town Hall building grant - Lynn Webb was given the floor stating that a committee had been set up known as the Town of Preble Advisory Committee for Climate Change Innovation. Members of the committee: Lynn Webb, Chairman; Jim Doring, Deb Brock, Tom Fox, Dave Morse, Mike Compton, John Steger, Jay Currie and Jim Seamon. Meetings were held at least once a month since December 2010. This committee has been assisted by Sam Gordon of the CNY Regional Planning & Development Board and Brian Pincelli for NYSERDA Business & Farm Outreach. The Climate Change Innovation grant is a \$30,000 government grant the town would receive if the Town would spend \$60,000 towards energy efficiencies. The grant covers a 3-year implementation schedule. The first year, which has been almost been completed, consists of the renovation of the Town Hall for energy efficiency. Year 2 will accomplish the greenhouse inventory and climate action plan with the help of interns. Community outreach will be planned reaching individual homeowners. In November, individual packets will be sent to each homeowner in the town. Year 3 will schedule planning and land use reaching out to all the area farmers, with energy grants available to them. As year 1 is being completed, there has been an energy audit and an air flow change per hour done on the Town Hall. The energy audit was done by L. S. Energy Service from Clifton Park. The air flow change was done by TAG Mechanical Company from Syracuse. In any energy efficient building, there should be 3 air changes per hour. The test from TAG showed that there was 12 air changes per hour, which shows why it cost so much to heat the Town Hall. Lynn turned the presentation over to Sam Gordon and Brian Pincelli.

Sam Gordon explained various options to the Board regarding insulation, lighting, windows, and energy projects. At this time, the Board feels it is a large undertaking but will ask Senator Seward about the \$25,000 grant which originally was to be given to the town for the DPW but would like to have it changed for use in the Energy Project. A letter will be written to Senator Seward regarding the change.

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Peter Knapp
RESOLUTION #74: To authorize Supervisor Doring to write a letter to Senator Seward asking to have the \$25,000 grant reappropriated for the Energy Project.
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

The Board discussed the upgrading of the lighting in the Town Hall and decided that National Grid should be notified to begin the project. This service is provided by National Grid.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #75: To notify National Grid that the Town is interested in upgrading the lighting system at the Town Hall and they can proceed with the project.
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Brian Pincelli remarked that businesses and farms are eligible for free energy audits.

The board thanked Lynn Webb for being the Chairman of the committee.

State Aid Check - received \$16,509.00

Post Office check received - \$512.50

Fall Newsletter - The Fall Newsletter will be ready by the middle of November. If any resident has an article that they would like to include in this issue, please contact Supervisor Doring.

Church Sign -The case of Sarat vs. The Congregational Church is in the Appellate Div. A Letter of Response will be sent out on Tuesday or Wednesday and then will wait for a response.

Meeting with Kevin Fitch, Supervisor of Scott, regarding Nedra Griswold - It seems that the Town of Scott is having the same problems as we are. Nedra has a new phone number, **607-423-1408**, which is a dedicated line for residents to call. Scott and Preble will share the expense.

Nate Shirley - Aquifer Protection Permit - Have not received a finalized map from Nate.

Thoma - New applications for CDBG grant - Supervisor Doring presented the Board with 3 new applicants who have applied for the CDBG grant. Following some discussion, the Board approved the 3 applicants. The current available monies for the grant is at \$310,707.

Motion made by Debra Brock, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #76: To accept the three approved applicants for the Community Development Grant Fund.
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Budget Meeting set for Thursday Night, October 13th at 7:30.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Steger remarked that many assessors are building Assessor Empires.

APPROVE GENERAL & HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Debra Brock
RESOLUTION #77: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 10, Nos. 230 to 251 totaling \$8,397.92
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Debra Brock, seconded by Peter Knapp
RESOLUTION #78: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 10, Nos. 115 to 133, totaling \$33,962.17
Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye)

There being no further business, Jim asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Dave, seconded by Tom; meeting adjourned at 9:13.

Respectfully submitted.

Unofficial 10/10/2011
Official 11/14/2011

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk