

On Monday, December 12, 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, Ken Brock, Dan O'Shea, Jeff Griswold, Tony George, Al Socha, Tim Coyne, John Steger, Donnell Boyden, Anne Henderson, Donna Doody, Joe Heath and Jim Harris.

#### **CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Debra Brock**  
**RESOLUTION #87: To accept the November 14, 2011 monthly meeting minutes and the November 29, 2011 special Meeting for reviewing Specifications for Town Hall Renovations minutes as submitted**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DOG CONTROL: October Report**  
-No Report received

**JUSTICE REPORT:** -\$12,565.00 will be submitted to the Town for November

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**

- Roads:**  
-Jeff hasn't heard from Truxton or Tully regarding the Shared Service Agreement
- Equipment:**  
-Jeff is reprogramming the transmission on truck #3. The new programming should help the truck get better mileage.
- Fuel is running \$3.56 for Diesel and \$3.45 for gas
- Shop:**  
-The National Grid contractor was in and changed all the fluorescent lights to T-8's. Many fixtures had not worked in years.. (The Fire Stations's are being changed nest)
- Replaced the buried extension cords from the pole to the salt shed.
- Personnel:**
- Other:**  
-38 children attended the arrival of Santa Claus at the Christmas Party .
- The swings and chains were taken off the swing sets.
- The Town Hall Renovation Committee has met multiple times to better define the scope of work to be done.

**RECREATION:** -

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE :** -John commented that the Landfill Law is coming up again. He is considering . changing his vote to get the ball rolling.  
-Supervisor Doring honored John for his 10 years of service as Legislator.  
-Donnell Boyden from Scott will be replacing John.

#### **ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT -**

- 3 Building Permit issued
- 98 miles traveled for the Town
- 79 Building inspections
- 41 hours worked
- 2 Fire Inspections
- 5 complaint follow-ups
- 19 telephone inquiries

**PLANNING BOARD** -Meeting -December 28th @7:00 (Wednesday)  
**ZBA** -Meeting - January 5th @7:30 (Thursday)

**HISTORIAN -**  
-Anne has ordered a Historical Marker for East Hill. She will be placing a new grant for a replacement marker for Slab City  
-Anne is concerned about the belfry on the Town Hall which is in need of repair.

**TOWN CLERK:** -Fees collected \$591.00; disbursed \$491.18 to the Town of Preble; \$88.82 to NYS DEC, and \$11.00 to be held until the County Clerk and Town Clerk's decide on the Animal Population Control money.

Approval from the Board to authorize the Town Clerk to submit the Animal Population Control money to the County Clerk is needed.

**Motion made by Deb Brock, seconded by Dave Morse**  
**RESOLUTION #88: To authorize the Town Clerk to submit the monies collected for the Animal Population Control to the County Clerk.**

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

Approval is needed to pay CDBG grant payments:  
\$500.00 to John Reome  
\$2,000.00 to John Morgan

**Motion made by Debra Brock, seconded by Peter Knapp**  
**RESOLUTION #89: To approve payment to the above vendors from the CDBG grant monies.**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(abstain)**

There is a balance of \$284,741 in the CDBG grant monies.

**DON ARMSTRONG :**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Accept Donna Doody's resignation from the Planning Board

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #90: To accept Donna Doody's resignation from the Planning Board**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

Appoint Donna Doody as Town Justice

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Debra Brock**  
**RESOLUTION #91: To appoint Donna Doody as interim Town Justice effect immediately.**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Debra Brock**  
**RESOLUTION #92: The Town Justice's pay for the remainder of 2011 will be prorated for the two month period of the budget figure.**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**Planning Board candidates to present themselves:** Tim Coyne and Al Socha

-**Tim Coyne** has lived on Friendly Lane for 11 years. He was involved with the flood map problems and believes he will be able to work with the Town Boards.

-**Al Socha** has lived on Song Lake for 9 years. and is involved with the Song Lake Association, attends meetings and works with the neighbors. He would like to get more involved with the Town.

A \$25,000 grant has been received from Senator Seward for renovations of the Town Hall.

**Aquifer Protection** - The application was completed 3 months ago and are working with the Health Dept. The Soil & Water should send someone out to look at the situation. Supervisor Doring would like to invite Pat Reidy and Amanda Barber back for another visit.

**Town Hall Renovation** - Motion to hire Paul Sheneman for \$5,000.

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #93: To hire Paul Sheneman to review the necessities of the project of renovation of the Town Hall Building for \$5,000.**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

Councilman Brock spoke briefly on what has been done so far and thanked Anne for her interest and input in the project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Amicus Brief for Town of Middlefield** - Correspondence received from the Town of Middlefield stating that their town has passed zoning laws to protect residents from heavy industrialization and Hydrofracking. Middlefield and the Town of Dryden are being sued to test whether their zoning laws can be enforced against the Oil and Gas Industry; stating that the outcome of this case will affect all municipalities in upstate New York. Peggy Leon of Middlefield is asking municipalities in our county to garner support in the upcoming fight for home rule. Should Preble join in? Councilman, Peter Knapp, believes that the whole Town should be included in whether we join, not just 5 Board members. Joe Heath, who is much involved in Hydrofracking, also spoke. Tabled to the January meeting.

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

**Received \$14,201.08** from Ag & Markets; reimbursement from the State

The **year-end meeting** will be held December 22, 2011 at 2:00.

**Brown & Brown as Insurance Agent of record for Excellus** - Following some discussion, it was decided to have Supervisor Doring pursue Brown & Brown as the Insurance Agent to handle the health insurance for the Town of Preble employees.

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox**

**RESOLUTION #94: To give Supervisor Doring the authority to pursue the change of insurance agents for Excellus from Fingerlakes to Brown & Brown.**

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

**Appointment of David Griswold to Board of Assessment & Review for 5 years** - Supervisor Doring was unable to contact Dave; subject tabled to the January meeting.

**Thoma - New application for CDBG grant** - Supervisor Doring presented the Board with 1 new applicant who has applied for the CDBG grant. Following some discussion, the Board approved the applicant. The current available monies for the grant is at \$284,741.

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Debra Brock**

**RESOLUTION #95: To accept the applicant, Marie Roundy, for the Community Development Grant Fund.**

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

Councilman, Dave Morse, thanked Anne Henderson, Jeff and Stacey Griswold, and Debbie Brock for making the Annual Christmas Party a success.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeff spoke regarding the renovation of the windows of the Town Hall, stating they will be put back to their original size of 9 feet.

### **APPROVE GENERAL & HIGHWAY BILLS**

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Debra Brock**

**RESOLUTION #96: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 12, Nos. 281 to 296; 298 to 304 totaling \$20,738.58  
To pay the Capital Projects - Hall Renovations, Voucher No. 297 in the amount of \$675.00**

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

**Motion made by Debra Brock, seconded by Peter Knapp**

**RESOLUTION #97: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 12, Nos. 148 to 162, totaling \$26,701.08**

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

Motion made Dave Morse, seconded by Debra Brock to go into **Executive Session** to discuss a personnel issue at 8:58.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox to exit Executive Session at 9:14.

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox**

**RESOLUTION #98: To appoint Tim Coyne to the Planning Board to fill the vacancy of Donna Doody which expires December 2012.**

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

The second seat will be considered at the January meeting.

There being no further business, Jim asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Deb, seconded by Dave; meeting adjourned at 9:46.

Respectfully submitted.

Unofficial 11/14/2011  
Official 12/12/2011

Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk