

On Monday, October 8, 2012, 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, Peter Knapp, and Linda Riehlman, Councilmen

Others present: Don Armstrong, Ken Brock, Jeff Griswold, Calvin Griswold, Tony George, Evelyn Petit, Laurie Bearup, Bill Bearup, Linda Wright and Kevin Baldwin

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Peter Knapp
RESOLUTION #93: To accept the September 10, 2012 meeting minutes as submitted
Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: -1 dog adopted
-1 dog advertised
-6 dog complaints
-85 miles traveled for the Town
-1 pick up fee - \$30.00

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$5,942.50 submitted to the Town for September

HIGHWAY REPORT: Roads:

-The crew has been cleaning up from recent projects.
-The tree and stump have been removed from Preble Road and the shoulder is finished.
-The end of W. Clark Road has been dug out and Fish's driveway repaired
-More spray patching is being done as weather permits
-The update for DOT mileage report has been sent. They would like a letter from the Town Board stating the road name has been changed from Thomas Albert Drive to Patriot Drive.

Equipment:

-Trucks will be going for inspection this month

Shop:

-Scrap has been taken to Contento's

Personnel:

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Other:

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Town Hall -

-The new back door needs to be painted
-The basement has been cleaned and reorganized
-The rusted railing at the Post Office loading dock has been repaired by Home Iron Works

Park

-The small swing set has new chains and seats along with pea stone underneath per the insurance company
-Jeff has given Babe a new copy of the Public Playground Safety Handbook

RECREATION:

-Report written by Babe Carroll
-The park has closed for the season
-The park was cleaned up by volunteers:
-The ground was rolled by volunteer, Tom Pitman; the roller donated by Beck Equipment
-The kitchen cleaned by volunteers, Nancy Baldwin, Jill & Bill Sears, Jane, Babe and Barb Bregard
-There were 1370 people that used the park for weddings, reunions, picnics and birthdays
-The local businesses used the ball fields as well as the people having parties
-Bill & Jill Sears again volunteered to run the volleyball games on Tuesday nights
-Fire Chief, Mike Compton, and fireman volunteered to run the "Community Night"; there was a fair turnout. Music was provided by Jeremy Benedict
-Hank has winterized the bathrooms; put antifreeze in the pipe lines, etc; tractor has been winterized. All locked up and posted signs will be put up soon..
Plans for 2013: (1) Painting by volunteer, John Morgan, (2) "Playground" repair
- Babe & Jane are calling companies; (3) Mower needs new blades -Connie Griswold has estimates of \$200-\$300; and (4) need new drive belt

COUNTY LEGISLATURE

-Mr. Boyden is absent

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

September report

- 4 building permits issued
- 80 miles traveled for the Town
- 11 Building inspections
- 34 hours worked
- 2 Fire inspections
- 4 Complaint follow-ups
- 14 telephone inquiries

PLANNING BOARD: -Meeting October 24th @7:00 (Wednesday)
ZBA -Meeting November 1st @7:30 (Thursday)

HISTORIAN: -Anne is absent

TOWN CLERK: -\$1439.00 - fees collected in September. Disbursed \$885.85 to the Town of Preble, \$546.15 to NYS DEC, and \$7.00 to Ag & Markets

DON ARMSTRONG:

Keith Dayton was given the floor. Mr. Dayton is running for Cortland County District Attorney. His resume was presented to the Board members. He thanked the Board for their time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Town Hall Renovation - Update -The project has been completed and the ribbon cutting was held October 3rd. Senator James Seward was among the speakers. Supervisor Doring gave a tour of the building. Next year, the plans are to raise the ceiling and refinish the floor inside the building, and repair the Belfry.

Nate Shirley - A recent meeting with Nate Shirley, Jan Kublick, Paul Sheneman and the Cortland County Health Dept. shows that Nate is making an additional effort on his primary subdivision. A new map has been presented with modifications but there are still questions. The Boards are waiting for a final opinion from the County Engineer. Paul Sheneman was hired by the Town to engineer the project with funds to be provided by Nate Shirley.

Karl Ochs/Best Deck - Moved to Executive Session

Local Law for Dilapidated Properties - Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Evelyn Petit - Gas Drilling - Evelyn, who lives on the East Homer-Baltimore Road, was given the floor and she presented her research on hydrofracking.. She would like to see a moratorium in the Town. There is information available on fracking in the Town Clerk's Office.

Letter of resignation received from Nedra Griswold - Nedra's resignation as Town Assessor was received October 3rd. The Board will interview 2 candidates, Linda Wright and Bill Bearup.

-**Bill Bearup** - Has lived in this area most of his life. He attended Cortland State; lived 2 years in Hawaii. He has been in the contracting business for years. He has been assessor for the Town of Truxton for 35 years. Two years ago, he became the assessor for the Town of Cuyler. He knows how the County works.

-**Linda Wright** - lives in Savannah. She was in Real Estate for 12 years and 20 years as an assessor and also worked part time for other towns. She carries her cell phone with her at all times and always answers. She also likes e-mail addresses for residents. She has reviewed Nedra's schedule and believes she could set up a schedule of 2 days a month. She has been employed by Summerhill for 2 years.. She enjoys Data Collection and is good with public relations. She noted that the appointment for this position would expire in September 2013; thereafter appointments would be for a six-year period.

State Comptroller Review - Reviews held on Tuesday, September 25th, 2012 with Supervisor Doring; Bookkeeper Gina Nourse; Town Clerk Jane Davenport; Justice Donna Doody and Superintendent of Highways, Jeff Griswold. The conclusion being that an audit would not be necessary.

Monies received \$16,509.00 State Aid
 \$538.17 Post Office

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Knapp commenting on the I- 81 bridge - The NYS DOT will be holding a public information meeting on October 24, 2012 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the fire house

The bridge on the Preble Road over the Tioughnioga River opened today.

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Debra Brock, seconded by Linda Riehlman
RESOLUTION #94: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 10, Nos. 228 to 255, totaling \$34,616.61
Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)

Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Debra Brock
RESOLUTION #95: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 10, Nos. 105 to 114, totaling \$11,984.28
Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)

Executive Session:

Motion made by Debra Brock, seconded by Peter Knapp to enter Executive Session at 9:20 regarding an issue of litigation regarding Best Deck.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Linda Riehlman to exit Executive Session at 9:32.

The decision of the Board is to have Attorney Armstrong pursue the lawsuit against Best Deck and Karl Ochs.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Linda Riehlman
RESOLUTION #96: Authorizing Attorney Armstrong to proceed with an action in Supreme Court of a lawsuit against Best Deck and Karl Ochs, based upon a breach of a grant agreement between the Town of Preble and Best Deck & Karl Ochs
Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)

There being no further business, Jim asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Debra, seconded by Peter, meeting adjourned at 9:36.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 10/08/2012
Official 11/12/2012

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk