

On Monday, April 8, 2013, 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, Jeff Griswold, Calvin Griswold, Ken Brock, Jay Currie, Donnell Boyden, Tony George, Dan O'Shea, Joe Heath, Rick Fritz, Babe Carroll, Martin Murphy(CC Administrator), Scott Steve(NETS), Patrick Kozr(NETS), and Dave Law

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Linda Riehlman
RESOLUTION #23: To accept the March 11, 2013 meeting minutes as submitted
Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: -**March Report**
- 2 dogs picked up; 1 returned to owner

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$7,940.70 submitted to the Town for March

HIGHWAY REPORT: **Roads:**
-Seasonal roads are open
-Tractor trailers parking on the south side of Currie Spur are creating deep gouges. Attorney Armstrong suggested a parking ordinance.
Equipment:
-The new CAT 938K loader has been delivered.

RECREATION: -Hank has hooked the water up. Beck Equipment will let the town use their roller to roll the field. Volleyball will be held Tuesday nights. The kitchen will be cleaned by the volunteer Recreation Committee members. The flowers will be planted as soon as the nice warm weather gets here. Donna Wheelock is in charge of the Annual Garage Sale which will be Saturday, June 8th; 8:00 - 3:00.

COUNTY LEGISLATURE -Legislator, Donnell Boyden, introduced Martin Murphy, Cortland County Administrator. Mr. Murphy will be giving a Power Point Presentation on the Cortland County Landfill.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

March Report
- 0 building permits issued
-58 miles traveled for the Town
- 4 Building inspections
-16 hours worked
- 1 Fire inspection
- 1 Complaint follow-up
-14 telephone inquiries

PLANNING BOARD: -Meeting April 24th (Wednesday) @7:00
ZBA -Meeting May 2nd (Thursday) @7:30

HISTORIAN: -Anne is absent

TOWN CLERK: -\$259.00 - fees collected in March. Disbursed \$243.00 to the Town of Preble, and \$16.00 to NYS Ag & Markets.

TAX COLLECTOR: March collections - \$67,977.14
March Interest - \$1,268.91

Dave Law, who has purchased #28.00-01.01.00 on Route 11 at auction, is here to explain to the Board what he intends to do with the property. As the property was previously used for billboards, he would reface the existing signs and cut back the overgrowth 20 feet and replant pine trees behind the signs. He presented the Board with pictures of some of his current billboards. Mr. Law will be reporting to the Planning Board.

Martin Murphy, Cortland County Administrator, gave a Power Point presentation on the Cortland County Landfill for the last 5-year period. Mr. Murphy stated that the Landfill, Recycling and Bond were originally funded by the General Fund but are currently funded by the Enterprise Fund. The Landfill and Recycling do not generate enough funds and the Landfill is too small to be profitable. Should the Landfill be operated by an outside contractor, the County would still be faced with a \$19M debt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rick Fritz - Rick is here to suggest having Life Safety Inspections. He is also suggesting that the town adopt a local law similar to Moravia's Local Law #5 of 1990 regarding rental permits. Following some discussion, Rick remarked that he just wanted to make the Board aware of issues in Preble and notify them of unsafe conditions. Deb remarked that the town should make an effort to have better living conditions. Attorney Armstrong will make up a draft for the May meeting.

Mirabito Propane Storage -The Planning Board needs a tax map of the property which is going to house the tank. Rick Fritz made the remark that Propane turns to vapor, therefore no aquifer permit is necessary. The Planning Board is still working on the project.

County Highway Snowplowing Contract - A 5-year contract has been received from the County Highway to take over snowplowing on some of the County's roads; Tully Center Road, Steger Road, Song Lake Road, Song Lake Crossing Road. Jeff believes the contract was written for the County's interest, not the Town of Preble. Don and Jeff have talked and will continue to work on this subject. It is not necessary to make a decision right away.

I-81 Bridge - Supervisor Doring attended a recent meeting regarding the I-81 bridge closure. NYSDOT Senior engineers stated that work on the bridge would commence in August. At that time, the Preble Road will be blocked at the bridge. The I81 northbound lane will be closed in October for 10-14 days and all traffic will be routed onto State Route 281. A three color traffic light will be installed at the intersection of Route 281 and Preble Road. The NYSDOT had considered building a temporary bridge or crossover during construction but opted to use the existing infrastructure of Route 281; Route 11 will be used as an alternate in case of accidents.

There will be a field station on site to manage the traffic. Truckers and motorists will be alerted to take alternate routes to reduce traffic volume during construction. Alerts will be issued up and down the I-81 corridor from Canada to Tennessee that the Preble bridge is under construction.

Preble Road will be reopened after the job is cleaned up in November. In April 2014, Preble Road will be blocked off again for construction preparation for the I81 southbound lane. The southbound lane will be closed in May of 2014 for 10-14 days and traffic diverted to Route 281. Preble Road will be reopened in early June 2014 and the three color traffic light will be changed back to a blinking light..

If anyone should have questions, please call NYSDOT Project Contact, Gene Cilento at (315)428-4351

Town Hall Renovations - Jeff stated that he has received 4 RFP proposals.

Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27 @11:00: The Speaker will be Veteran Beth Greenwood, Mayor of Tully. Anyone interested in being in the parade should contact Supervisor Doring by phone or email.

Northeast Transformers - Attorney Armstrong is asking the Board their wishes to finalize the loan agreement with Northeast Transformers. Provide a loan of \$734,000; \$183,500. to be repaid over a 10-year period @ 3%. The balance of \$555,500. would not have to be repaid if all conditions are met. The loan surety agreement would be a second mortgage on the facility.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Linda Riehlman
RESOLUTION #24: To confirm execution of a Block Grant for Northeast Transformers administered by Thomas Development and authorize Supervisor, James Doring, to sign documents necessary to complete the loan agreement.
Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)

Gas Drilling Moratorium - Item tabled to May meeting

Nate Shirley's account balance for Engineering - Attorney Armstrong has sent the figures to Nate's lawyer but has not received a response.

NEW BUSINESS

April is Fair Housing Month -Resolution is needed.

Motion made by Debra Brock, seconded by Linda Riehlman
RESOLUTION #25: To accept the following resolution for April is Fair Housing Month
WHEREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TITLE VIII Fair Housing

Policy of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and,

WHEREAS, the month of April 2013 has been designated by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity as Fair Housing Month

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Preble hereby declares and proclaims April as Fair Housing Month in the Town.
Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)**

Records Management - A resolution is needed to adopt the State's Record Retention and Disposition Schedule MU-1 for use by the Town.

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Linda Riehlman
RESOLUTION #26: To adopt New York State's Record Retention and Disposition Schedule MU-1 for the Town of Preble**

RESOLVED, By the Town Board of The Town of Preble that Records Retention and Disposition Schedule MU-1, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts & Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

(a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in Records Retention and Disposition Schedule MU-1 after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;

(b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)

Monies Received - Justice Grant - \$5624.00

The Assessor, Linda Wright, will hold **Grievance Day, Wednesday, May 29th; 5:30 to 9:30**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jay Currie spoke, supporting Rick Fritz's request for rental inspections.

Joe Heath gave dates for meetings regarding gas fracking: **April 22**, a Cornell University Professor will be at the Tully Elementary School at 7:00; **May 21st**, a lease workshop will be held at Tully Community Church at 6:30.

Anne Henderson - A chicken BBQ will be held April 14th for the Cemetery Association

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Linda Riehlman
RESOLUTION #27: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 4, Nos. 56 to 72, totaling \$6,308.86
Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)**

**Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Peter Knapp
RESOLUTION #28: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 4, Nos. 17 to 25, totaling \$107,403.49
Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)**

There being no further business, Jim asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Linda, seconded by Debra, meeting adjourned at 9:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 04/08//2013
Official

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk

