

On Monday, May 13, 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, Dave Morse and Linda Riehlman, Councilmen

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, Calvin Griswold, Ken Brock, Jay Currie, Tony George, Dan O'Shea, Joe Heath, Al Socha, Rose Socha, Linda Battia. Martin Sweeney, Jack DuRocher, Deb Putman, Dan Twentyman, Ellen Pettit; Nancy Ruscio, Bill Pedrick and Bernie Zolla(Homer CSD), Tiffany Nesbitt(Tully CSD) Linda Wright arrived late

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

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Debra Brock**  
**RESOLUTION #29: To accept the April 8th, 2013 meeting minutes as submitted**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)**

**Nancy Ruscio**, Superintendent of the Homer Central School District, was given the floor. The proposed budget for 2013-2014 is \$38,739,604, \$339,604 over last year's budget or less than a 1% increase. The monies which were lost from the State are being taken from their savings. Voting will be held at the Homer High School Music Building, May 21, 2013, 7 AM - 9:00 PM

**Tiffany Nesbitt**, Business Manager of the Tully Central School District was given the floor. The proposed budget for 2013-2014 is \$18,058.02, \$332,015 over last year's budget, an increase of 1.87%.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DOG CONTROL:** -**April Report**  
- 1 dog picked up; 1 returned to owner  
- 1 adoption

**JUSTICE REPORT:** -\$8,435.00 submitted to the Town for April

**HIGHWAY REPORT: Roads:**  
-Currie Rd. "No Parking": Sue Wright sent Jeff all the "No Parking" laws she could find.(Some back to 1978) Jeff is asking 'Would it make sense to consolidate those laws into a new one to keep better track and post them?  
-Don Armstrong & County Attorney Purser are going to hammer out the "legalese". The Board can change the "numbers" if they wish.  
-Are hauling in "free" grindings from the City of Cortland  
**Equipment:**  
-Jeff has forwarded a comprehensive Equipment list to the insurance company. It includes Make, Model, Serial number, Purchase date, Purchase price, current value and replacement cost. Current purchase price on all our equipment is \$726,928.00; current value of \$496,953.; replacement cost of \$1,449,027.00.  
**Personnel:**  
-Annual PESH training is done  
-Jeff will attend Highway School, June 3rd-5th.  
-Have hired Jason Stevens and Richard Gunn for the summer  
**Other:**  
-Town Hall: All the contractors that were given RFP's, are booked thru the summer; still waiting for 2 more.  
-Amnesty Day facts: 279 individual loads were taken in; 110 on Friday, 169 on Saturday. 17 dump truck loads, 8 dually loads of mattresses and 3 40 yard dumpsters went to the landfill.  
-12 pallets of electronics were hauled away by "eWaste"  
-CCTVS Meeting May 21<sup>st</sup>, Topics: Civil Service Rules and Regulations & Youth Programing

**RECREATION:** - Absent

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE** - Absent

### **ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

**April Report**  
- 2 building permits issued  
-68 miles traveled for the Town  
- 9 Building inspections  
-23 hours worked  
- 1 Fire inspection  
- 2 Complaint follow-ups  
-14 telephone inquiries

**PLANNING BOARD:** -Meeting May 22nd (Wednesday) @7:00  
**ZBA** -Meeting June 6th (Thursday) @7:30

**HISTORIAN:** -Anne is absent

**TOWN CLERK:** -\$242.50 - fees collected in April. Disbursed \$242.50 to the Town of Preble, \$27.40 to NYS DEC, and \$14.00 to NYS Ag & Markets

**TAX COLLECTOR:** March collections - \$49,015.05  
March Interest - \$1,427.63

**North East Transformers Block Grant** - Request for payment of \$4018.96 to Thomas Development for Administration and Program Delivery

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse**  
**RESOLUTION #30: To authorize the Town Clerk to process the necessary paper work for payment of \$4018.96 to Thoma Development for Administration and Program Delivery expenses.**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)**

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** -Tentative Roll has been completed and filed with the Preble Town Clerk  
-Notice of Completion of Tentative Roll filed with the Cortland Standard  
-Change of Assessment Notices mailed  
-Grievance Day is May 29, 2013 Time: 5:30-9:30  
-Local Law for changing Grievance Day rescinding Local Law #1-1997

**NYS Real Property Tax Law states that the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of May is the mandated NYS Grievance Day, unless an assessor is in more than one municipality. If an alternate Grievance Day is necessary due to the assessor being in mor than one municipality, then the Grievance Day cannot be before the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of May or after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of June.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Life Safety Inspections** -Attorney Armstrong will be making changes to Section 308 of the Zoning Ordinance for a proposed Local Law to be discussed at the June meeting.

**County Highway Snowplowing Contract** - Attorney Armstrong will be contacting the County Attorney Ed Purser regarding the contract.

**Town Hall Renovations** - Jeff reported that all the RFP's are booked up for the summer. There were drafts from the front windows; Comfort was contacted and the windows were fixed.

**Nate Shirley's Account Balance** - Attorney Armstrong contacted Nate's lawyer, Jan Kublick. Mr. Kublick said he would take care of the matter.

**Records Management:** A meeting of the committee is set up for June

**Post Office Handicap Accessibility** - Supervisor Doring received a lengthy letter from the Postal Service with regards to making the building handicap accessible. This would be in the \$20,000. range. As there is only 2 years left on their current contract and not knowing if they will renew their contract, the Board believes that the repairs would be too high without help from the Postal Department. Following some discussion, it was decided to have Attorney Armstrong contact Ken Teeter.

**Dave Law Variance** -The variance is before the ZBA. It has been decided that he will need a Use Variance and an Area Variance. There will be a public hearing.

**North East Transformers** - The firm has been corresponding with Thoma and would like to draw money from the Black Grant. No funds will be released until requirements are met.

**I-81 Bridge** - Supervisor Doring has received a letter from the NYS DOT regarding the detouring of traffic when the work on the northbound bridge of I81 begins. The letter states : Based on the comments received from all of the outreach sessions and taking Governor Cuomo's "Drivers First" program into account, a decision has been made to change the work plan to avoid detouring the Interstate traffic onto Route 281. The work will now use a median crossover and provide a single lane in each direction on the existing southbound bridge for the 10-14 day period. Once the northbound bridge is replaced, normal traffic operations will resume and remain in place over the winter of 2013/2014. In the spring of 2014 the southbound bridge will be replaced using staged construction with pre-cast components, resulting in one lane of southbound traffic for two separate 10-14 day periods while the new superstructure is put into place. While the one lane traffic operation may cause slight delays to motorists, the traffic will remain on I81 and not be detoured onto Route 281, avoiding significant impacts to area schools, businesses and residents.

**Grievance Day, Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>; 5:30 - 9:30**

**Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27 @11:00**

**Preble Yarn Sale will be held June 8<sup>th</sup>, 8 - 3.**

**Gas Drilling Moratorium** - Supervisor Doring announced that we would be using the services of Joseph Heath. A public hearing will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 at the Town Hall to consider enactment of a local law providing for a one-year moratorium and Prohibition within the Town of Preble on Natural Gas and Petroleum Exploration Activities, Underground Storage of Natural Gas, and Disposal of Natural Gas or Petroleum Extraction, Exploration, and Production Waste. Attorney Armstrong will take care of contacting the County Planning and Legal Notices. Mr. Heath reminded the Board of the Lease Workshop at Tully May 21st.

**Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Debra Brock**  
**RESOLUTION #31: To accept the Moratorium presented, refer same to the County Planning Board and hold a public hearing June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @7:45**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Monies Received -** \$112,071.80 Cortland County Sales Tax for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter  
\$538.17 from Post Office

**Received a resignation letter from Tina Goddard, Court Clerk;** effective May 1<sup>st</sup>; Donna is looking for a replacement.

Donation of \$100.00 received from MYTOWNPICNIC, Inc. to be used by the Recreation Dept.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ellen Pettit thanked the Board for going forward with the Moratorium.  
Jeff spoke on Amnesty Day; Pete complimented the highway crew on a job well done.

**APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS**

**Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Peter Knapp**  
**RESOLUTION #32: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 5, Nos. 73 to 105, totaling \$13,637.22**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)**

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Debra Brock**  
**RESOLUTION #33: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 5, Nos. 26 to 35, totaling \$14,139.75**  
**Debra Brock(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)**

There being no further business, Jim asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Deb, seconded by Linda, meeting adjourned at 9:39.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 05/13//2013  
Official

Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk