

On Monday, May 12, 2008, the Preble Town Board held its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, Betty Ann Pitman, with the salute to the flag at 8:00

Board members present: Jim Doring, Tom Fox, Peter Knapp, and Dave Morse, Councilmen..

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, Dan O'Shea, John Steger, Debra & Ken Brock, William Luety, Anne Henderson, Calvin Griswold. Jim Millis, John Helgren(CC Health Dept.), Mike Tomanocy, representing Manley's Mighty Mart, and Jim Emerick from Napierlala Consulting(for Manley's Mighty Mart)

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

**Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Jim Doring**  
**RESOLUTION #30: To accept the April 14, 2008 meeting minutes as submitted**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **DOG CONTROL:**

**-2007 Yearly Report**  
-5 dogs impounded  
-24 complaints  
-12 dogs at large  
-1 Barking dog  
-1 dog bite  
-1 Unleashed dog at park  
-1 sick/injured cat  
-10 cruelties - 2 neglect of cat; 7 neglect of dogs; 1 abandonment  
-1 ticket issued

**2008 Year to date**  
-1 cat impounded  
-6 complaints  
-3 dogs at large  
-3 cruelties - 2 neglect of dogs; 1 abandonment

**JUSTICE REPORT:** -\$12,095. submitted to the Town of Preble for April

#### **HIGHWAY REPORT:**

**Roads:**  
-The Town cleanup went well. About the same amount of trash as last year. Not as much scrap or tires. Over 260 loads brought in. Should be done hauling around noon on Tuesday.

**Equipment:**  
-The F-450 is getting the body work done (from the building getting hit)  
-Jeff is installing exterior tool boxes on the Ford and both newer trucks to get the chains, chocks and straps out of the cab. (Recommended at safety training)

**Shop:**  
-Tom Kile finished the repairs to the shop today..

**Personnel:**  
-Mike Compton has been hired for the summer. He replaces John VanDenburg who did not wish to return  
-The men completed the annual PESH refresher training

**Other:**  
-Jeff has attended three meetings regarding Manley's Mighty Mart in the last month.

**RECREATION:** -No report

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE:** -John stated the date for **recycling hazardous waste** has been set for **Saturday, August 16th.**  
-Reported that the Sales Tax is up \$457,000 from 2007  
-Loan has gone through for the Industrial Park in Cortlandville

**ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

**April Report**

- 5 building permits
- Construction Value \$88,260.
- Fees assessed: \$475.
- 1 pending
- 2 Certificates of Occupancy issued
- 2 violations pending in court
- 25 telephone inquiries

**PLANNING BOARD:** -Meeting May 22nd @7:00. with the ZBA

**HISTORIAN**

-Anne stated that she has been working with a good committee. There will be a float in the Memorial Day Parade and following the parade, a picture will be taken at the park for the time capsule. The July 5<sup>th</sup> celebration will start at 10:00 a.m. with the time capsule; from 10:30 until 11:15, Chuck Goodwin will give a presentation on the history of Baltimore. A barbeque will be held at the park. There will be games for the children, possibly a ball game and music. At 1:30, there will be a sauerkraut cake contest.

**TOWN CLERK:**

-\$707.00 - fees collected in April. Disbursed \$29.02 to CC Treasurer; \$6.00 to Ag & Markets, \$17.95 to NYS DEC and \$654.03 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

**DON ARMSTRONG:** -

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**John Helgren, Cortland County Health Dept.** - John stated that they have reviewed the septic system, water supply and petroleum bulk storage at the former gas station site on Route 281, which Manley's Might Mart is looking at. These items do meet the codes and are acceptable. He also mentioned that the department is willing to look at variances of pre-existing lots less than 2.4 acres.

**Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan** - No meetings yet

**Highway Garage** - Betty Ann has contacted Bernie Thoma regarding a grant.

**Landscaping for walkway** - Betty Ann has received notification from Assemblyman Kolb that the town will receive a grant for \$5000. for Town Hall environmental improvements. The paperwork will be coming..

**Time Warner** - Nothing to report

**Tower** - Betty Ann met with Bob Duell regarding the tower. A contract will be drawn up with the County giving them full responsibility. Dave made a motion for Betty Ann to sign the contract but withdrew. Subject will be discussed at the June meeting.

**NYS Retirement System** -Forms offering the option of enrolling in the NYS Retirement System were given to Jim Doring, Dave Morse and Tom Fox not to join the Retirement System.

**ZBA & Planning Board** - K. Teter has requested a contract be signed regarding his work on Manley's Mighty Mart project. All charges will be reimbursed to the Town by Manley's Mighty Mart.

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

**RESOLUTION #31: To authorize Betty Ann Pitman, Supervisor, to sign the contract with K. Teter Consulting for services as specified by the contract with an amendment that either party may terminate within 72 hours.**

**Jim Doring (aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**Flood Plan Study** - The National Flood Insurance Rate Maps are available for review by the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Check from NYMIR** - \$915.50 (for truck)

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Sales Tax** - Check for \$90,112.07

**National Grid** - Comparison of 2007-2008 street lights passed out to Board

**Campbell Road** - Von Campbell, who owns property at the end of Campbell Road is requesting an abandonment for part of the road in Preble. Item tabled until June meeting.

**Letter from County Treasurer's Office** - A letter received from Patrick O'Mara, CC Treasurer, summarizing what was learned at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual County Finance School. One item being the change in payment of dog license fees.

**Assessment of Highway Garage** \$11,100. **Assessment of Park** \$25,000.

An **Accounting statement** received from **NYMIR** shows we have a \$394.00 operating reserve.

**Memorial Day -5/26/2008**- The parade will begin at the boulder at 11 o'clock and proceed to the cemetery. Everyone is to meet prior to that time. Mr. Pritz from the Tully Central School District will be the speaker. Following the ceremony, the parade will proceed to the park for a picture.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Millis approached the Board with concerns to the new assessments., stating that sales of homes have dropped off in the first quarter of 2008.

### **APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS**

**Motion made by Jim Doring, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #32: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 5, Nos. 92 to 118, totaling \$20,746.68**

**Jim Doring (aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Jim Doring**  
**RESOLUTION #33: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 5, Nos. 43 to 54, totaling \$7,430,29**

**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

A resolution is necessary to make the Planning Board the lead agency of the Manley's Mighty Mart SEQR review

**Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse**  
**RESOLUTION #34: To appoint the Planning Board as the Lead Agency of the Manley's Mighty Mart SEQR review.**

**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

There being no further business, Betty Ann asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Tom, seconded by Dave; meeting adjourned at 8:57.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 5/12/2008  
Official

Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk