

On Monday, July 14, 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, Debra Brock,, Anne Henderson, Calvin Griswold., John Steger, Sue Wright, Ken Teter, Darryl Haumann, Shirley Haumann, Tom Billard, Pam Billard and Judy Dzikowski,

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Jim Doring
RESOLUTION #43: To accept the June 9, 2008 meeting minutes as submitted
Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: No report received

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$15,365. submitted to the Town of Preble for June

HIGHWAY REPORT: **Roads:**
-On June 18, Tom Billard called Jeff regarding St. Charles Bay Road(a private road). Jeff explained some of the basics on the town taking a road over .
-Jeff talked with Von Campbell on June 24 regarding Campbell Road. Jeff explained that once a road is abandoned, it is unlikely that the town would take it back. Mr. Campbell told Jeff that there was a disputed property line and not to worry about the abandonment at this time. (Today, Jeff found out that he has put a cable across the road.)
-From June 16-26, the highway dept. has been widening the far side of Preble Hill Road
-Jeff has not heard anything more from Mark Grainer at DOT regarding the Currie Road spur
Equipment:
Shop:
-Jeff looked at the Town of Barker's (Whitney Point) building. It was built about 5 years ago. He also got a copy of Cortlandville's bid spec. Jeff dropped it off with Don Armstrong and he suggested a RFP for the project. Jeff put a call into Steve McElwain regarding writing the specs but has not heard back from him.
Personnel:
-Jeff is asking permission to attend the Fall Superintendent's Conference.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #44: To approve Jeff's request to attend the Fall Superintendent's Conference
Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

RECREATION: -No report

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: -John gave the following report:
-Site plan for DMV/Election Office/Aging has been approved
-New voting machines have been received
-Approved TC3 operating budget & faculty association (5 year) contract
-Issued bond \$11,310,000 for Cortland Landfill
-Increased person with disability and limited income tax exemption - \$16,500
-Purchased 13-15 Elm St. for \$70,000.
-Improvements to County Airport
-Sold structural steel - 309 ton - \$50,000
-Cold Brook Road - Blacktop has been completed to 281 intersection
-Increase funding for firefighter training
-Approval of Local Law No. 1 - Establish a revised Mutual Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Law
-Approval of county easement on the Peter/Michael McMahon farm
-The lawsuit is still pending
-The Democratic Election Commissioner has not been appointed yet
-Amnesty Week - About 50 ton from Preble and 268 tires.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

June Report

- 3 building permits
- Construction Value \$33,275.
- Fees assessed: \$225.
- 2 pending
- 1 Certificate of Occupancy issued
- 2 pending in court
- 22 telephone inquiries

PLANNING BOARD: -Meeting July 24th @7:00.

HISTORIAN

-Anne stated that the Bicentennial went really well, starting with the dedication of the Time Capsule by Linda Underwood, the history of "Little Baltimore" by Chuck Goodwin and the final event was the barbeque at Preble Park. A sauerkraut cake contest was held; Marian Stone, 1st place; Esther Pierce, 2nd place; and Betty Ann Pitman, 3rd place. Jeremy Benedict provided music for the festivities.. Peter commended Anne and her committee for a job well done.

TOWN CLERK:

-\$315.00 - fees collected in June. Disbursed \$13.75 to CC Treasurer; \$3.00 to Ag & Markets, and \$298.25 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

DON ARMSTRONG: -

The floor was given to **Ken Teter**, the engineer for the Manley's Mighty Mart project. Tom Fox questions whether the project is environmentally safe. Mr. Teter stated that all the safety issues have been addressed; septic system, water, existing well and the bulk storage, and found to be acceptable. The driveway will be off the Currie Road. He asked whether his services would be needed further in the project. The Board will advise him after discussion.

The floor was then given to **Tom Billard of St. Charles Bay Road**. Mr. Billard is asking the Town to assume responsibility for the maintenance of St. Charles Bay Road. Most of the properties on this road have been upgraded to year-round homes. The residents are concerned about medical emergencies that might occur and the fire service. After much discussion the road specifications were given to Mr. Billard to review. The subject will be put on the agenda for the August meeting. Mr. Billard thanked the Board for their time. They are also asking about cable for their area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan - Peter stated that the meeting of the Preble/ Scott/Homer area was held the same night of the Town Board Meeting and the town can still sponsor the next three farms.

A letter has been received with a completed draft grant application for funding for the Town of Preble Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan through the NY Department of Agriculture and Markets, from Dan Dineen of the CC Planning Dept. A resolution needs to be passed which states the Town will allocate the required \$1,667 cash match.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #45: To accept the following Town Farmland Protection Resolution

WHEREAS the Town of Preble values the important contributions of agriculture to the economy of the town and the region, and

WHEREAS, the town also appreciated the importance of agriculture and farmland to the rural character, scenic view sheds, natural resources and quality of life enjoyed by residents of our town and visitors to the town and the region, and

WHEREAS, the town is mindful of the role of farming in the history of the town, and our cultural heritage, and

WHEREAS, the town recognizes the importance of the stewardship of our valuable agricultural soils, and

THEREFORE, be it resolved,

THAT the town will develop a specific Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan for the town, will apply to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for funding of up to \$25,000. under Article 25-AAA and agrees to provide a cash match not to exceed \$1,667 out of the General Fund, along with an in-kind match of less than \$6,666, and

THAT, the town will encourage public participation in the development of this plan and will consider adding the provisions of the plan to the Comprehensive Plan of the town

**James Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Elizabeth Pitman(aye)
Peter Knapp (abstain)**

Highway Garage -Jeff has a call into Steve McElwain regarding the building plans. Don Armstrong has contacted Gary Wood regarding the cost estimate data and he has referred him to another engineer.

Landscaping for walkway -Debbie Brock stated that the packet for the grant should be here shortly. She mentioned that the two maple trees in front of the Town Hall are in trouble. She is asking for the Preble Garden Club (1)an outside water supply and (2)a budget for perennials. Peter mentioned that he did get a second quote from Watson's in LaFayette and there was only \$50.00 difference, with Little York Plantation being the lowest.

Campbell Road - Jeff stated that a cable has been placed across the road. Betty Ann asked Don to write a letter to Mr. Campbell advising him that he cannot block the road.

Time Warner -Betty Ann has not met with them yet.

Flood Map - Betty Ann stated that each town has to accept the new flood map

NEW BUSINESS

Post Office rent check received - \$512.50

Mortgage Tax check received - \$10,269.03

Elinor Currie Farmland Protection - Elinor Currie has asked for the Board's support of her application for the Farmland Protection Program. A resolution is necessary.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #46: To support Elinor Currie's request for the application of her 231.6 acres of farmland located on Route 11 to the Farmland Protection Program
James Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Annual Reassessment Program -We have received a letter from State of New York State Board of Real Property Services and at the current time, the tentative equalization rate is at 100%. Following some discussion, it was agreed to stay with program.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #47: To continue to participate in the Annual Reassessment Program
James Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Cortland County Local Law #1 - Notice of Cortland County Legislature passing Local Law #1 of 2008 was received and will be effective on the date filed with the Secretary of State. **The Local Law Restating the Establishment of a plan of Mutual Self-insurance for Workers' Compensation as authorized by Article 5 of the New York State Worker's Compensation Law; Participation; Rules and Regulations and Apportionment**

Letters were read from National Grid, Michael Arcuri and the Kiwanis Club for information only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff mentioned that there is a need for a ramp at the fire house for voting.

Peter reviewed Ken Teter's inquiry of retaining his services further on the Manley's Mighty Mart Project. There was some discussion and it was agreed to table the matter.

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Peter Knapp
RESOLUTION #48: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 7, Nos. 145 to 170, totaling \$27,697.21
Jim Doring (aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Jim Doring, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #49: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 7, Nos. 67 to 75, totaling \$12,229.84
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 Peter, seconded by Tom; meeting adjourned at 9:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 7/14/2008
Official 8/11/2008

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk