

On Monday, August 11, 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 8:05

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

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, , Calvin Griswold., John Steger, Dan O'Shea

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #50: To accept the July 14, 2008 meeting minutes as submitted
Peter Knapp(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: No report received

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$18,670. submitted to the Town of Preble for July

HIGHWAY REPORT: Roads:
-Have finished drainage, fabric and base reconstruction on over 300' of East Hill Road
-Removed cable from Campbell Road
-Paperwork has been sent for \$28,891.31 in CHIP'S reimbursements
-Graveled Foley Road and the lower section of Vormwald Road
-Plan to start spray patching Tuesday, followed by grader patching next week
Equipment:
-The Ford is in the shop again (Turbo and injection pump)
-Replaced alternator on the Chevy
Shop:
-Jeff, Betty Ann and Don met with 2 engineers regarding new garage
Personnel:
-Jeff is asking permission to attend the Fall Superintend
Other:
-Pat Reidy from the Soil and Water Conservation District contacted Jeff. He said there might be a need for a truck to haul away weeds they will be harvesting from Little York Lake.

RECREATION: -No report

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: -The Legislature is reviewing the possibility of removing the sales tax from heating oil.
-Through the second quarter, the sales tax is up \$600,000 from 2007

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

July Report
-11 building permits
-Construction Value \$196,300.
-Fees assessed: \$1069.
-1 pending
-2 Certificate of Occupancy issued
-2 30-day violation notdices issued
-2 pending in court
-24 telephone inquiries

PLANNING BOARD: -Meeting August 28th @7:00.

HISTORIAN -Anne is absent. Betty Ann reported that the committee is working on the float for the county parade. There is a meeting Wednesday night.

TOWN CLERK: -\$996.00 - fees collected in July. Disbursed \$26.67 to CC Treasurer; \$9.00 to Ag & Markets, and \$960.33 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

DON ARMSTRONG: -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Garage -We have received two proposals for the new highway garage. Betty Ann, Don and Jeff met with the two engineers. The Board agreed that there is not enough time to do anything this year. The matter has been tabled and the Board is to review the two proposals received.

Campbell Road - Jeff has removed the cable from the road. Betty Ann asked Don to write a letter to Mr. Campbell advising him that we should have a current survey showing the boundary lines of the property.

Time Warner -Betty Ann has called but is waiting for a return call.

Flood Map - The new flood map will be put into effect in 90 days. Betty Ann advised the Board to review the map which is the Town Clerk’s office.

St. Charles Bay - None of the St. Charles Bay residents were in attendance. Don Armstrong read from the Town Law book regarding private roads being maintained in “certain districts”. He then contacted the Association of Towns questioning this and the attorney there told him no to snow removal district on private roads. Don will write a letter to Mr. Billard explaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Check received from NYMIR - \$2041.45 for damage done to the pickup truck

Post Office rent check received - \$512.50

Second quarter Sales Tax - \$91,382.05 Sales tax received is \$19,387. over last year

Check from NYS Real Property Services - **\$432.26**; The town keeps \$19.22 and \$413.04 was sent to the county Real Property Tax Service. Betty Ann mentioned that Homer would like to join Preble and Scott in the C.A.P. group

NYS Real Property Services - The final equalization rate is 100%

Records for Justice Court Audit - The Justice books have been audited by the Board and found in order.

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #51: The Preble Town Board has audited the Preble Justice Court’s records on August 11, 2008 and were found in order.**

<u>Fine Account</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Fines Collected</u>	<u>Total Cases</u>
	August 2007	\$25,825.00	172
	September 2007	\$18,005.00	141
	October 2007	\$22,485.00	185
	November 2007	\$23,085.00	181
	December 2007	\$14,495.00	112
	January 2008	\$11,875.00	136
	February 2008	\$13,988.00	123
	March 2008	\$8,495.00	95
	April 2008	\$12,095.00	160
	May 2008	\$15,820.00	151
	June 2008	\$15,365.00	178
	July 2008	<u>\$18,670.00</u>	<u>161</u>
		\$200,203.00	1795

<u>Bail Account:</u>	Account Balance	\$790.71
	Bank Statement	\$790.71

Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Elizabeth Pitman(aye)

Letter from State Senator, James Seward, regarding gas permits when issued by Department of Environmental Conservation. He believes that local government should be able to offer insights on any drilling. The Board is in agreement with Senator Seward and a resolution is necessary.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #52: RESOLUTION, URGING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSIONER GRANNIS TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS REQUIRING THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BE DESIGNATED AS INVOLVED AGENCIES FOR STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO NATURAL GAS PERMIT APPLICATIONS; AND THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' VIEWS BE SOUGHT AND GIVEN SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT WHEN DETERMINATIONS RELATING TO NATURAL GAS PERMIT APPLICATIONS ARE MADE

WHEREAS, It is estimated that the geologic rock bed known as Marcellus Shale may contain up to several trillion cubic feet of natural gas;

WHEREAS, Dramatic increases in the price of crude oil and the corresponding need to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil have resulted in a tremendous increase in interest and activity relating to natural gas exploration and drilling;

WHEREAS, Municipalities in which natural gas drilling is proposed should be consulted regarding natural gas permit applications and the comments of municipalities should be considered and given significant weight when determinations relating to natural gas permit applications are made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Preble Town Board requests that the Department of Environmental Conservation promulgate regulations to require that local governments be designated as involved agencies for State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) proceedings relating to natural gas permit applications for proposed sites within the boundaries of the local governments and that local governments' views be solicited and given significant weight when determinations relating to natural gas permit applications are made; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to: Governor David Paterson, Charles E. Schumer, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Michael Arcuri, James L. Seward, Brian M. Kolb, and Commissioner Alexander B. Grannis, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Elizabeth Pitman(aye)

Betty Ann has spoken to Bernie Thoma regarding the Bestdeck block grant. There are fewer employees but expect to increase back up to quota next year.

We have been advised by the County Health Department that the matter of the Burke residence on Saulsbury Road of raw sewage running behind the outhouse which they have been monitoring and did find it to be true. Mr. Burke has been notified to contact the county office; there is a fine of \$1000/day for further using the current outside toilet. He has reported that he will install a commercial portable toilet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom is concerned about the town's residents with their fuel oil bills. There are two groups which people can contact for help - **The Aging Office of Cortland County** and **CAPCO**. Tom stated he would be glad to put any literature in his store.

Jeff mentioned looking into minimum maintenance for the seasonal roads for the future.

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #53: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 8, Nos. 171 to 190,
totaling \$4,191.15
Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Peter Knapp
RESOLUTION #54: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 8, Nos. 76 to 94, totaling
\$19,832.16
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 Dave, seconded by Tom; meeting adjourned at 9:04.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 8/11/2008
Official

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk