

On Monday, October 13, 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: Jim Doring, Peter Knapp, and Dave Morse, Councilmen. Tom Fox is absent.

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, Calvin Griswold., John Steger, Dan O'Shea, Ken Brock, Bill Luety, Mark Suben, Chip Elwood, Tom & Pam Billard, Frieda Evans, Darryl and Shirley Haumann, and Dennis Kennedy

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Peter Knapp
RESOLUTION #59: To accept the September 8, 2008 meeting minutes as submitted
Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Mark Suben, Democrat candidate for Cortland County District Attorney, addressed the Board and residents present about the upcoming election November 4th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: No report received

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$20,801. submitted to the Town of Preble for September

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Roads:

- Finished oil and stoning and spray patching
- Jeff would like to pursue Minimum Maintenance Road designation for all seasonal roads
- Dorothy Austin called regarding the visibility around the Song Lake signs. Jeff passed it on to the County.
- Received calls on County road questions, forwarded to the County
- The hydro-seeding is done on E. Hill Rd., Preble Hill Rd. and around the tower behind the Town Hall.

Equipment:

- Replaced the transmission pan on the Ford
- The sander for the 2008 Volvo will be here in mid November
- Had the Frink one-way plow sand blasted and painted; also replaced all wear parts
- Bill Luety has donated a newer snow blower for use by the Town
- The loader has had 4 of the 6 injectors replaced

Shop:

- Have started an area to store material at the new site. Have found the old septic system and drywells.

Personnel:

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Other:

- The Song Lake Association is having a "meet the candidate" meeting at Rhea Jezer's house on Saturday, October 25th, from 3:00 - 4:30
- The Soil, Water Conservation District will be putting in a dry hydrant at the Little York Dam in the next few weeks.
- Have finished cleaning up around the tower cables.

RECREATION: -No report

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: -Bids for the new County Department of Motor Vehicles project open Friday
-The budget is in process; John stated that there is a surplus this year.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

September Report

- 4 building permits
- Construction Value \$19,400.
- Fees assessed: \$233.
- 2 permits pending
- 2 Certificate of Occupancy issued
- 2 30-day violation notices issued
- 1 15-day follow up notice
- 2 pending in court
- 27 telephone inquiries

PLANNING BOARD: -Meeting October 25th @7:00.

HISTORIAN -Anne is recuperating from surgery. There will be a tour of Preble on Saturday, October 18.

TOWN CLERK: -\$887.00 - fees collected in September. Disbursed \$9.40 to CC Treasurer; \$445.92 to NYS DEC, and \$431.68 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

DON ARMSTRONG: -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Garage -Betty Ann has scheduled a meeting with the USDA to file an application for a grant for the building of the highway garage.

Farmland Protection - Peter reported that he and Betty Ann had attended a meeting last week regarding the Preble, Scott & Homer group. There are 17 issues to be put out for hire; Dan Dineen will itemize the work.

Time Warner - A new contract for 10 years has been received. Each Board member was given a copy to read and will be on the November agenda. Betty Ann has asked for a survey for the St. Charles Bay area but had not received a return call as of tonight. Betty Ann is the contact person.

St. Charles Bay Road -Mr. Billard addressed the Board again regarding the maintenance of St Charles Bay Rd. Prior to the meeting, he had written two letters to the Supervisor; one referring to the maintenance of the road and the second regarding the possibility of getting Time Warner Cable in their area. The Board and Don Armstrong explained why is isn't possible for the Town to maintain the road. The road does not meet the Town's specs. Mr. Billard has also contacted Senator Jim Seward and Assemblyman Brian Kolb for their input on the road issue. Should Mr. Billard's effort be accomplished in getting the law changed, the Board agreed to abide by it. Don will look into Highway Law 189. Jeff will get the figures for West Hill expenses.

Mr. Billard has contacted Time Warner regarding the cable and they are going to survey the area.

Campbell Road - A letter received from Margaret Campbell postponing their appearance until the November 10 meeting.

Burt Property - This property on the Saulsbury Road has received a permit for their portable toilet.

Della Clark Clean-up - There has been no response to the letter. There was some discussion about the premises. Don is looking into who owns the property as Della is in a nursing home.

NEW BUSINESS

Post Office rent check received - \$512.50

NYS State Aid - Check received for \$17,930.00

CHIPS Money - Check received for \$28,891.31

Budget Workshop & Public Hearing - A workshop will be held at the Town Hall on Monday, October 20th at 8:00 pm. A public hearing will be held Monday, November 10th at 7:30

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #60: To hold a Public Hearing on the 2009 Budget, Monday, November 3rd at 7:30 pm.
Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Dog Control - Contracts have been received for the Cortland County SPCA and Country Acres Pet Services. A copy was given to each Board member to review.

Tower - Discussion of the donation of the tower behind the Town Hall and leasing the property to the County.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #61: To authorize the donation of the tower to Cortland County and lease the property on a 10-year renewable lease to the County with access to it for \$1.00. The Cortland County is obligated to dismantle the tower when they have no further use of it.
Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Don Armstrong will send letter as such.

Compensation Rates - The rate has been reduced to \$10,447.22

Town Clerk - Resolution - To support the NYSTCA in the Loss of Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #62: WHEREAS, the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund was established through Chapter 78 of the Laws of 1989; and

WHEREAS, this law provided for a \$5 surcharge on every document recorded in the County Clerk's Office throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, this grant program has had tremendous positive impacts in counties, towns, cities, school districts and special districts throughout NYS awarding \$168 million to 8500 local governments since its inception; and

WHEREAS, in March, 2008, a little known provision of the State Budget allowed \$500,000 of these dedicated funds to be "swept" into the State's general fund; and

WHEREAS, an additional 6% of "unexpended" funds has now been reduced from grants awarded from this dedicated fund;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NYS Town Clerks Association asks the State Legislature to recognize that these funds are local funds raised by local clerks for local government and dedicated by the Senate and Assembly for a specific valuable purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NYS Town Clerks Association requested that no further "sweeping" of other transferring of money from this valuable dedicated fund to permitted, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Patterson, and the membership of both the Senate and Assembly of New York State.

DULY ADOPTED BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEW YORK STATE TOWN CLERKS ASSOCIATION ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Luetz commented on Time Warner

Dan O'Shea stated that he had attended the Town Official Training course in Norwich

Jeff Griswold - Cortland County is dedicating their fire training center, Saturday, October 18th

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Jim Doring, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #63: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 10, Nos. 211 to 238, totaling \$7,306.22

Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Peter Knapp

RESOLUTION #64: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 10, Nos. 107 to 122, totaling \$41,192.78

Jim Doring(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 Peter; meeting adjourned at 9:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 10/13/2008
Official 11/10/2008

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk