

On Monday, November 10, 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, Calvin Griswold., John Steger, Dan O'Shea, Bill Luety, Anthony George, Jerome Kleisath, Nathan and Ann McLyman, Emmett and Karen Lang., Joseph and Tarki Heath, Don and Shirley Lansdowne, Margaret Campbell and Rick Carney

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

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Jim Doring**  
**RESOLUTION #65: To accept the October 13, 2008 meeting minutes and November 3, 2008 Public Hearing minutes as submitted**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DOG CONTROL:** No report received

**JUSTICE REPORT:** -\$18,640. submitted to the Town of Preble for October

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**

**Roads:**

- Jeff met with Ken & Debi Brock regarding the Song Lake sign. They will be moving it out of the right-of-way. Also working on the sign on the north end.
- Jeff attended a meeting in Albany on 10/21. They stated that CHIPS was on the table to be cut, but, also there was talk of the Federal Government injecting money into "Public Works" type of projects.
- Sand is all mixed and stacked in the building
- Have ½ the sand (350 tons) hauled in for Truxton
- Highway was ready for the October snow. The biggest problem was the heavy snow breaking limbs and uprooting trees.
- Have set 4 large blocks on Campbell Road at the culvert.

**Equipment:**

- Most pieces running ok at this time. The grader has developed a coolant leak (Beck's estimate approx. \$1,500.00 to fix it) The Ford's transmission is getting sluggish.
- The new sander arrived on the 5th

**Shop:**

- The opening mechanism for the 2<sup>nd</sup> bay door has been rebuilt, spring tightened and safety cables installed.
- If the Board wishes to building in the Spring, now would be a good time to get at least the site plan done

**Other:**

- Jeff attended the "local Government Shared Services Grant Writing" seminar on 10/23. The only thing Jeff thought that may save us money is cooperatively doing a health care plan among the Towns to get a better rate. Equipment grants are the most difficult to come by.
- The dry hydrant is installed at Little York Crossing. Thus will help many of the residents on the south end of Town.
- The County may be looking to improve the room down cellar that will house the radio repeater.

**RECREATION:** -The Annual Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station from 2:00 to 6:00.

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE:**

- All bids received for the new County Department of Motor Vehicles project have been rejected
- The Legislature has not been given the preliminary budget for 2009 as of this meeting.
- John presented a copy of a letter from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission to the Town of Scott regarding the daily consumption use of 20 million gallons of water. This project is for natural gas well development. As of this date, the Town of Preble has not received such notification.

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

**October Report**

- 2 building permits
- Construction Value \$88,000.
- Fees assessed: \$329.
- 1 permit pending
- 1 Certificate of Occupancy issued

-2 30-day violation notices issued  
-2 pending in court  
-21 telephone inquiries

**PLANNING BOARD:** -Meeting November 20<sup>th</sup> @7:00.

**HISTORIAN** -Absent

**TOWN CLERK:** -\$482.00 - fees collected in October. Disbursed \$19.97 to CC Treasurer; \$3.00 to NYS Ag & Markets, \$80.30 to NYS DEC, and \$378.73 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

**DON ARMSTRONG:** -

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Highway Garage** -Betty Ann stated she had contacted 2 engineers to do the paperwork and it would cost \$1200. It was decided to table the item. Betty Ann will contact the USDA representative, Christina Chamberlain.

**Farmland Protection** - There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Time Warner** - The new contract has been reviewed by the Board members and they are authorizing Betty Ann to sign the 10-year contract

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #66: To authorize Betty Ann Pitman, Supervisor, to sign the 10-year contract for Time Warner.**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**St. Charles Bay Road** -There are 9 homes interested in having Time Warner Cable hooked up. A figure of \$5900. to be split between the 9 residents was given as a cost of bringing Time Warner to that area. Item put on hold.

**Campbell Road** -Margaret Campbell and Rick Carney were present regarding the abandonment of the road. Rick stated that the pins and stakes were removed from the property line a month after the survey. It was mentioned that other property owners in that area do not want the road abandoned. Peter suggested that they put up large signs stating the legal description of the road. Rick Carney will again check the distant of the road property.

**Low Volume Roads** - Minimum maintenance roadways. Little discussion. Don will look further.

**Dog Control Contract** - Betty Ann urged the Board members to review the 2 dog contracts for the December meeting.

**Della Clark Clean-up** -Della Clark is in a nursing home. Don's letter which was sent to Della was returned. The Health Department has written a letter to her son, Doug Eaton.

**Tower** - The County have looked over the Town Hall basement where they will be putting their equipment for the Cortland County Fire & Emergency Management. The contract with the County has not been signed. Don is waiting for ADA Liz Burns to write up contract, currently on hold.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Sales Tax** - Check received from the County Treasurer for \$89,191.81

**Budget Approval** - Residents, Jerome Kleisath, Joe Heath and William Luety were attendance asking to have the budget looked at again. Peter explained that the budget was taken line by line and the Board could not reduce it any further. This year's budget is down \$.02 per thousand from last year.

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Peter Knapp**  
**RESOLUTION #67: To accept the 2009 Town Budget for the Town of Preble as presented at the Public Hearing**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**Bank Proposal - First Niagara** -A copy of a bank proposal received from First Niagara was given to each Board member to review before December's meeting. One of the features is interest on the checking account.

Seminar regarding **Safety during snow and ice removal operation** to be held November 20 in Oswego.

Septic workshop at the Town Hall, Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

Letter regarding wind towers was given to Don.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Rick Carney inquired about wind towers.**

Betty Ann stated that the Board would go into Executive Session for possible litigation.

**Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse**

**RESOLUTION #68: To enter Executive Session for possible litigation at 9:17  
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

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

**RESOLUTION #69: To exit Executive Session at 9:35  
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

**APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS**

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Jim Doring**

**RESOLUTION #70: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 11, Nos. 239 to 264,  
totaling \$13,869.78  
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)**

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

**RESOLUTION #71: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 11, Nos. 123 to 141,  
totaling \$21,361.40  
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 9:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 11/10/2008  
Official

Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk