

On Monday, April 13, 2009, 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, Tom Fox, Peter Knapp, and, Dave Morse , Councilmen..

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

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Peter Knapp
RESOLUTION #29: To accept the March 9, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted
Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: -10 dog complaints (including licensing calls)
-125 miles driven for the Town

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$13,340.. submitted to the Town of Preble for March

HIGHWAY REPORT: **Roads:**
-All roads are swept (3 weeks ahead of last year)
-No major road blow outs.
-CHIPS money was reinstated to last years' levels. Total CHIPS County-wide is \$2,654,585.
-Salt requirement letters were released last week. Same basic contract as last year.
-It's Jeff's understanding that the County Attorney has removed the language allowing local municipalities to use the County bid to buy materials. Jeff mentioned that it could cost of \$.40 a gallon for road oil.)
Equipment:
-A spreadsheet was presented showing the difference between State bid pricing and local pricing on the replacement of the 2001 F-450 Ford.
-All equipment except the Autocar has been converted to summer use.
-The fuel tank for the Ford was removed and repaired.
Shop:
-Jeff has spoken with Paul Shenaman and it is his understanding the Mr. Shenaman would like the Town to sign a contract before he starts working on the plans.
Personnel:
-OSHA/PESH training is April 29th and 30th
Other:
-Amnesty Days will be: Friday, May 8th, from 12:00 until 8:00 and Saturday, May 9th, from 7:00 until 3:00

RECREATION: -N/A

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: -John attended a Highway Committee meeting regarding the Little York Dam. Mrs. Lang of Little York is checking the new stimulus package to see whether there is monies available to help with the project.
-The new \$2.1 million DMV project will begin as soon as approved. John mentioned that the figure is \$500,000 less than when the project originally started.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

March Report
-20 complaints investigated
-1 30-day violation notice issued
-1 15-day follow up notice
-4 pending in court

PLANNING BOARD: -Meeting April 23rd @7:00.

HISTORIAN -Anne is absent.

TOWN CLERK: -\$1670.58 - fees collected in March. Disbursed \$17.62 to CC Treasurer; \$3.00 to NYS Ag & Markets, and \$1649.96 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

DON ARMSTRONG: -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Garage -

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Jim Doring

RESOLUTION #30: To authorize the Supervisor to sign the PLS Proposal for Design Services on the new DPW Garage project, including additions and deletions, with the stipulation to stop the service at any time; and all plans produced will be the property of the Town of Preble.

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

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #31: To authorize the withdrawal of funds up to \$60,000.00 for the PLS Proposal, from the Reserve Fund, subject to Permissive Referendum

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

Farmland Protection - The Supervisor has received a copy of a letter which was sent to Elinor Currie from the New York Agricultural Land Trust stating that once the state budget is passed, Ag. And Markets will notify the farm families and the municipal sponsor, as to the grant awards.

-Betty Ann received a draft contract from the American Farmland Trust.; copies were given to the Board to review.

-Peter reported that a tri-town meeting was held and there were only 3 attendees. If there are any questions regarding the Farmland Protection for the tri-towns, please contact Peter Knapp.

Campbell Road - On hold

Low Volume Roads -Jeff is working on this project.

Employee Health Plan -The Health Plan with Excellus Blue Cross, Blue Shield went into effect on April 1st for the two highway employees. This plan will cost \$2600.00 a year per employee. It was in agreement to make quarterly payments.

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Jim Doring

RESOLUTION #32: To make quarterly payments, up to \$2600.00 per year, per person, for a Health Savings Plan at Alliance Bank.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Post Office rent check received - \$512.50

NYS Real Property Service Check - Check received in the amount of \$3,890.60; \$2334.36 for Cortland County RPTS and \$1,556.24 for the Town of Preble.

NYMIR - Check received for \$952.80 which is the Town's rebate for being a member of NYMIR.

Letter from Flooding & Storm Water Management - Material given to Board to look over; tabled to next month.

New York State Disability Insurance - Municipalities do not have to carry disability insurance on their employees but the Board was in agreement that the two highway employees should be covered. The cost of the insurance would be \$19.92 per year per employee.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #33: To apply for New York State Disability Insurance for the two highway employees.

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

Replacement for the 2001 F-450 Ford - The Board reviewed the spreadsheet presented and a resolution was made to go with the State Bid.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #34: To purchase, by State Bid, a 2009 K3500 Chevrolet Chasis to replace the 2001 F-450 Ford

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

Basement Wall - The back corner basement cement blocks of the Town Hall have deteriorated and Betty has received bids for doing the repairs: Jim VanSlyke \$9,045.00; Ed Smith \$8,000 to 10,000 (Smith would not be able to do the work until July, therefore, not considered); and Tom Kile, a bid of \$875.00 for material and labor.

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #35: To accept Tom Kile's proposal of \$875.00 for material and labor for completing the repairs on the basement
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter moved that the names of Linda Underwood, Debra Brock and Maureen Knapp be added to Dan Dineen's e-mail list; Tom seconded the motion; carried.

Betty Ann mentioned that the Census would begin shortly.

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse
RESOLUTION #36 To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 4, Nos. 68 to 94, totaling \$8,568.49
Jim Doring (aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Jim Doring, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #37: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 4, Nos. 27 to 35, totaling \$3,520.34
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 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 4/12/2009
Official

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk