

On Monday, May 11, 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 8:15

Board members present: Jim Doring, Peter Knapp, and, Dave Morse , Councilmen..

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, Dan O'Shea., William Luety, Calvin Griswold. Roberta Harris, James Harris, Robert McCabe, Jack DuRocher, James Millis, Linda Metz, Bill Luety, Doug Lane, Dale Frier, Barb Frier, Mary Ann McCloskey, Carol Levine, Peter Tague, Howard Wells, Rhea Jezer and Daniel Jezer.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Peter Knapp
RESOLUTION #38: To accept the April 13, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted
Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: -5 dog complaints (including licensing calls)
-68 miles driven for the Town

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$13,890. submitted to the Town of Preble for April

HIGHWAY REPORT: **Roads:**
-Suit Kote started slurry sealing Thomas Albert Drive, Friendly Shores, Friendly Lane, Palmer and Fulmer roads. They should finish Tuesday.
Equipment:
-Jeff has a production date of July 27 for a truck which would get it here in mid August. The current truck could either be sold at the Lansing auction or on the municipal online auction.
Shop:
Personnel:
-Clinton Dalley started on 5/6/09 for the summer
Other:
-Amnesty Days: Friday - 162 loads were brought to the site; Saturday, there were 189 loads brought in for a total of 351 loads.

RECREATION: -N/A

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: -John was absent

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

April Report
-1 Building Permit granted
-1 Renewal
-Construction Value \$2000.
-Fees assessed \$210.00
-20 complaints investigated
-4 pending in court

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

HISTORIAN -Anne is absent.

TOWN CLERK: -\$316.00 - fees collected in April. Disbursed \$16.45 to CC Treasurer; \$3.00 to NYS Ag & Markets, \$35.90 to NYS DEC, and \$260.65 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

DON ARMSTRONG: -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Garage - The contract has been received from PLS on the new highway garage project.

Farmland Protection -

-Betty Ann has received the contract, No. T800728, from the Department of Agriculture & Markets for the Municipal Agricultural and Farmland Protection Planning Grant for the amount of \$25,000 for the period August 15, 2009 to August 14, 2010.

-The Consulting Contract between the Town of Homer and Town of Preble and American Farmland Trust was approved by the Board and Betty Ann will be authorized to sign same.

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Jim Doring
RESOLUTION #39: To authorize Elizabeth Pitman as Supervisor, to sign the consulting contract between the Towns of Homer and Preble and the American Farmland Trust for the Farmland Protection Program
Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Campbell Road - On hold

Low Volume Roads -On Hold

Replace 2001 Ford - Still on State bid

SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry - The Board has reviewed literature given to them regarding the wind towers at April's meeting and they believe they should be more involved. Betty Ann requested Don to write a letter.

Letter from Flooding & Storm Water Management - The Board has reviewed the material given to them in April and they believe we should let it ride for now.

NEW BUSINESS

Post Office rent check received - \$512.50

Check from County Treasurer - First quarter Sales Tax - \$93,509.08

Preble Hotel - A letter received from Edgar Fish stating that the Annual Frog Pull will be held June 20th.

National Gas Exploration - The Board believes we should be involved in this project. There is a meeting May 14th, 4-6. Betty Ann will attend.

Assessment - The new assessments have been mailed to property owners. The assessment on the property which is the municipal park was raised by \$8000.

A letter received for NYMIR stating the vehicle fees will increase \$5 to \$10 per vehicle.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rhea Jezer, representing the Song Lake Association, spoke on behalf of the homeowners regarding the new assessments.. She stated that the taxes have increased over 20% over the last 2 years. She also stated that there is at least 5 houses on the lake for sale; 2 have been on the market for over a year. The homeowners are asking if the Board would consider putting off the assessment increase for now, possibly for a year. Don explained that the assessments are based on previous sales. Discussion followed. Don will check to see if there is anything that can be done regarding the increase in assessments.

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Jim Doring
RESOLUTION #40 To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 5, Nos. 95 to 122, totaling \$6,423.66
Jim Doring (aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

Motion made by Jim Doring, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #41: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 5, Nos. 36 to 43, totaling \$7,074.88
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 Jim; meeting adjourned at 9:08.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 5/11/2009
Official

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk