

On Monday, August 10, 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 8:00

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

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, Calvin Griswold, and John Steger

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox
RESOLUTION #54: To accept the July 13, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted
Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: -1 dog picked up and sheltered
-1 dog not claimed or adopted from May
-1 dog advertised
-8 dog complaints (including licensing calls)
-125 miles driven for the Town

JUSTICE REPORT: -\$15,705. submitted to the Town of Preble for July. New York State has asked for an audit of the Justice's books which will be completed and sent to the State.

HIGHWAY REPORT: **Roads:**
-Bad Spots on the Foley Road have been graveled
-Brush cutting continues as weather and time allows
-The City of Cortland's spray patch machine was used for 8 days touching up bad spots
-Installed a riser in the DI on the corner of Corl Drive
-Jeff has given Don Armstrong a copy of the deed to Saulsbury Road to review the drainage easement.
Equipment:
-Everything is running well at this time.
-The replacement for the Ford is supposed to be built next week.
Shop:
-Jeff met with the Engineer at the site again. Jeff dug the three test holes showing the average depth of the original grade. He can now produce a current top-o map and then overlaying it with a desired map.
Personnel:
Other:
-The repeater is operating. The reception is very good.
-Betty Ann and Jeff attended the consolidation meeting in Homer on July 15th. Many good points were brought up. The biggest one is: this cannot be done overnight. A lot of research needs to be done to answer all questions..

RECREATION: -N/A

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: -John remarked that the Code Enforcement Officer on the DMV project has stated that the project is on schedule and should be operational in November.
-The bid for painting the pavilion at Dwyer Park is \$78,000. There is only \$69,000 in the budget; there will be a rebid.
-The Sales Tax revenue is behind last year's

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:- A letter was received from Lou Anne Randall regarding the closing of Life Safety Consultants on July 31, 2009.

PLANNING BOARD: -Meeting August 27th @7:00.

HISTORIAN -Anne is absent.

TOWN CLERK: -\$395.00 - fees collected in July. Disbursed \$17.62 to CC Treasurer; \$45.00 to NYS Health Dept., \$49.45 to NYS DEC. and \$282.93 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

DON ARMSTRONG: -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Garage - Jeff met with the Engineer again. Don has also spoken with Paul Sheneman regarding which type of building is wanted - wood or steel. The Board discussed the matter and decided they would like a ballpark figure of the difference between a steel building and a wood building.

Farmland Protection -The Consulting Contract with the Town of Homer (First Principal) and American Farmland Trust (Consultant) has been corrected and approved for Betty Ann's signature.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Jim Doring

RESOLUTION #55: To authorize Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor, to sign the Consulting Contract with the Town of Homer (First Principal), Town of Preble (Second Principal) and American Farmland Trust (Consultant) as corrected. This contract shall commence on July 1, 2009 and terminate on June 30, 2010, unless extended in writing or earlier termination.

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

Replace 2001 Ford - Replacement should be ready next Thursday (August 20)

Code Officer Appointment - Following the interview session for Code Enforcement Officer with Bruce Weber and Rick Fritz, the Board has chosen Rick Fritz to fill the vacancy of Doug Staley for the balance of the year.

Motion made by Dave Morse, Seconded by Jim Doring

RESOLUTION #56: To appoint Rick Fritz to fill the position of Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Preble for the balance of 2009.

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

Consolidation Meeting 7/15/2009 - Betty Ann and Jeff attended the meeting. Betty Ann remarked that there is a lot of work to be done and many Scott residents are against the consolidation.

Time Warner Cable - Betty Ann contacted Time Warner regarding the St. Charles Bay residents' request for cable.. She was informed that each individual who wants cable should call and give their physical address. This information was conveyed to Tom Billard.

Nancy McBride - Regarding the regulations for trailers being moved into the Mobile Home Park, there is a state law that tie downs or slabs are required. Tom Williams contacted Nancy with the information.

Gas Meeting 7/14/2009 - Betty Ann attended. Items discussed: making roads as good as when first starting the drilling and the noise.

NEW BUSINESS

Post Office rent check received - \$512.50

2nd Quarter Sales Tax - Check received from Cortland County Treasurer for \$92,799.84.

Letter received from Cortland Soil & Water - The 2009 River Clean-up will be held Saturday, September 26th. They are looking for volunteers to help clean the waterways. Information will be posted on the bulletin board in the front hall.

A letter was received from the Cortland County Department of Fire and Emergency Management announcing the appointment of Fred Bachner as consultant for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for 2009. The designated contact person from the Town of Preble is Betty Ann.

Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #57: To appoint Betty Ann Pitman to continue as contact person for NIMS.

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

Thomas Albert Drive - Subject has been tabled to the September meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Steger mentioned that Carl Ochs may be interested in the Barden property.

APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Tom Fox

RESOLUTION #58: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 8, Nos. 174 to 194, totaling \$14,932.06

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

Motion made by Jim Doring, seconded by Peter Knapp

RESOLUTION #59: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 8, Nos. 72 to 83, totaling \$14,291.09

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 Dave, seconded by Tom; meeting adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 8/10/2009
Official

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk