

On Monday, January 14, 2008, the Preble Town Board held its organizational 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, and Peter Knapp, Councilmen..  
Absent: Dave Morse

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

### CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Peter Knapp**  
**RESOLUTION #1: To accept the December 26, 2007 year end meeting minutes as submitted**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Peter Knapp(aye) Tom Fox(aye)**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**DOG CONTROL:** -No report received

**JUSTICE REPORT:** -\$14,495.. submitted to the Town of Preble for December

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** **Roads:**  
-Have been using the 10-wheeler during the storms to shorten tip times  
-The roads listed on the 284U agreement may need to be changed after spring reveals other damage  
-Looks like road oil will be over \$1.50 a gallon this year  
-Cost on diesel just went over \$3.00  
-Advocacy Day is on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

#### **NYSAOTSOH Commissions 20 year Needs Study of Local Roads and Bridges Local Infrastructure has \$45.7 Billion Need**

**For the first time NYSAOTSOH has done a needs study of New York's local highways owned by over 1600 towns, villages, cities and counties. This massive system consists of 97,000 centerline miles and over 8600 highway bridges. Approximately 48 percent of total travel vehicle miles in New York occurs on local highways. This means that over 67 billion vehicle miles are traveled annually on local roads and this travel is increasing at a rate of almost 2.5 percent per year placing even more stress on our pavement and bridge infrastructure.**

**Equipment:**  
-Broken wing cable, bent wing arm, blown brake canister and a front u-joint  
-New chassis should arrive this week

**Shop:**  
-Modified the 3<sup>rd</sup> bay so the 10-wheeler will fit inside with a sander on it

Jeff passed out his inventory sheet, agreement for the expenditure of highway moneys section 284 of the Highway Law and preliminary plans for the highway department for 2008.

Regarding the erection of a Highway building on Route 281, it was agreed to have Jeff draw some plans up and present them to the board for consideration.

**RECREATION:** -

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE:** -John stated that he had been appointed to the Agriculture, Health and Highway committees.  
-The new site for the County Motor Vehicle Bureau will be located on River Street in Cortland.  
-There will be 12 new hangars at the airport  
- County checking on wind power at the landfill site.

**ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:**  
**December Report**  
-1 building permit granted  
-Construction Value \$58,500  
-Fees assessed: \$230.00  
-1 permit pending

- 2 Certificates of Occupancy issued
- 1 30-day violation notice issued
- 3 pending in court

**PLANNING BOARD:** -Meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> @7:00. Tom VanPatten is out of the hospital after his second knee operation.

**HISTORIAN** -Anne stated there is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 16 at 7 o'clock regarding the Bicentennial. There will be a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Plans for a float for Memorial Day. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, bells will ring all over the County; church bells and school bells. The County parade will be September 19<sup>th</sup> and plan to have a float. She also mentioned that there is a book being put together.

**TOWN CLERK:** -\$303.00 - fees collected in December. Disbursed \$5.87 to CC Treasurer; \$3.00 to Ag & Markets, and \$294.13 to Elizabeth Pitman, Supervisor.

**DON ARMSTRONG:** -

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Zoning** - The latest comments from the County Planning Board after meeting with the County Health Dept. and Soil & Water were not delivered to Don Armstrong until today so he did not get to look over the changes. He suggested that the matter be tabled so that he can complete a comparison of the two. The Board agreed.

**Health Dept.** - There was no meeting.

**Gas Company (Elexco Land Service, Inc.)** - There has been no correspondence received.

**Doug Staley Contract** - The Board has reviewed Doug's contract and has some changes.

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Tom Fox**  
**RESOLUTION #2: To accept Doug Staley's contract with changes**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye)**

**Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan** -A meeting will be held on January 15. Preble would be able to submit 3 farms. It was decided to put a hold on the resolution until we get more information.

**Office for Small Cities** -A letter has been received asking for A Federal Assistance Expenditure Form for the grant funds expended by the Town. This form will be completed by Thomas Development Consultants. This is regarding the grant to Bestdeck.

### NEW BUSINESS

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

**Sales Tax for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter**- check received \$57,887.13

**Letter from County Treasurer** - The County Treasurer is asking for a resolution to extend collection of property taxes until May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Peter Knapp**  
**RESOLUTION #3: To extend the collection time for property taxes to May 31<sup>st</sup>.**  
**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye)**

**First Transit** - Cortland County has been granted monies from NYS Dept. of Transportation to complete a County wide transportation study and is asking for community participation.

**First meeting of year appointments** -

**Town Board meetings** will be held throughout the year of 2008 8:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in the Town Hall of the Town of Preble.,

**Official newspaper** - Cortland Standard

**Official Bank** - Alliance Bank

**Attorney's** - the firm of Pomeroy, Armstrong & Casullo; Don Armstrong with Town Board and Fran Casullo with ZBA and Planning Board

**Utility bills** will be paid in advance as necessary when the due date is before the Town Board regular meeting.

**Salaries** -Town Officials and Contracts as stated in the budget of 2008 will be paid monthly, semi-monthly, quarterly or annually.

**Mileage** -(For Town business, outside of Town) \$.45 per mile.

**Review** - Investment & Procurement Policy to remain the same.

**Town Superintendent of Highways** is authorized to purchase equipment, tools and implements during the year without prior approval of the Town Board; the amount is \$1000.00.

**Appointments:**

Code Enforcement Officer & Services - Doug Staley  
Deputy Supervisor - Peter Knapp  
Deputy Highway - Dale Mosher  
Deputy Town Clerk - Sharon Flint  
Bookkeeper - Gina Nourse  
Historian - Anne Henderson  
Budget Officer - Elizabeth Pitman  
Registrar of Vital Statistics - Jane Davenport  
Justice Clerk - Phyllis Adams  
Assessor - Per contract with Cortland County  
Dog Control -- SPCA

Secretary of ZBA/Planning Boards - Sharon Flint  
Planning Board - Tom VanPatten, Chairman(2010)

Barbara Albro(2009)

James Harris(2008)

**Jennifer George(2012)**

Beth Brill(2011)\*\*

Zoning Board - **Dan O'Shea, Chairman(2012)**

William Underwood(2009)

Kay Vossler(2008)

Robert Lieber(2011)\*\*

Rudy Kobelia(2010)

Assessment Review - David Griswold, Chairman(2011)\*\*

Jerome Kleisath(2009)

Thomas VanPatten(2010)

**William Underwood(2012)**

Brenda Brooks(2008)

**Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Jim Doring**

**RESOLUTION #4: To approve the slate of appointments as listed by Supervisor, including the reappointments of Jennifer George, Dan O'Shea and William Underwood under subsequent terms.**

**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye)**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Steger commented that the County is paying 50-1/2 cents for mileage.

**APPROVE GENERAL AND HIGHWAY BILLS**

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

**RESOLUTION #5 To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 1, Nos. 1to20, totaling \$19,051.59**

**Jim Doring (aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye)**

**Motion made by Tom Fox, seconded by Jim Doring**

**RESOLUTION #6: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract No. 1, Nos. 1 to 10, totaling \$2,945.09**

**Jim Doring(aye) Tom Fox(aye) Peter Knapp(aye)**

There being no further business, Betty Ann asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Tom, seconded by Jim; meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 1/14/2008  
Official

Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk