

On Monday, July 13, 2015, the Preble Town Board held its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, James Doring, with the salute to the flag at 8:00.

Board members present: Dave Morse, Peter Knapp, Al Socha, Councilmen

Others present: Don Armstrong, Calvin Griswold, Jeff Griswold, Nancy Baldwin, David Smith, Renee Compton, Darryl Haumann, Tom Billard, Dave Smith, Brenda Morgan, Ken Morgan, and Mark Suben, District Attorney of Cortland County

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

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Dave Morse**  
**RESOLUTION #39: To accept the June 8th, 2015 regular meeting minutes as submitted.**

**Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse (aye) Al Socha(aye)**

**Mark Suben, Cortland County District Attorney** was present to bring the Board up to date on Criminal Justice in Cortland County. He stated that statistics show that crime is down, but in Cortland County, crime is up. Heroin is big in the County and cases of vehicular manslaughter are up. He mentioned that drivers will be given 5 points on their license for texting. He now oversees the Child Advocacy Program.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DOG CONTROL:** -1 unlicensed dog running at large; owner given appearance ticket  
-Dog hit by car on Rt. 281 – dog was euthanized at the Vet’s recommendation  
-190 miles traveled for the Town

**JUSTICE REPORT** -\$9,602.00 submitted to the Town for June

### **HIGHWAY REPORT: Roads:**

-The Preble Hill Project is winding down.. Jeff hopes to finish this phase by the middle of the next week.

#### **Equipment:**

-The 2000 AutoCar (Truck #3) should be moving under its own power by Wednesday. It will then go to the frame shop.

-The 2008 Volvo is at Beam Mack. It has emission issues.

-The roadside mower has had some problems. The lift mechanism was worn out (that has been replaced). The main roller bearings are bad (they are being replaced now)

-I would like permission to exchange the loader. This year the cost is \$7,206.

#### **Shop:**

#### **Other:**

-The Town clean-up cost \$2,578.20 in tipping fees.

(The highway personnel hauled 72.97 tons total. 30 tons were waived. \$60.00 was paid on the remaining 42.97 tons)

-Anne Henderson has asked Jeff to take out the old/pole foundation for the historical marker at Route 11 and East Home Baltimore Rd. As it is not in the Town’s right-of-way, Jeff would like the Board to approve this request.

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Al Socha**  
**RESOLUTION #40: To give Superintendent of Highways, Jeff Griswold, permission to exchange the loader.**  
**Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Al Socha(aye)**

**RECREATION:** Renee Compton reported that the Youth Program has started last week with 25 children enrolled. Hot lunches provided by Catholic Charities will be available for the children. This year, the children will be able to swim at Green Lake in Tully on Thursdays.

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE:** Mr. Boyden is absent

**ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

**June Report**

2 Building Permits Issued  
87 Miles traveled for the Town  
9 Building Inspections  
21 Hours worked  
2 Fire inspections  
2 Complaint Follow-ups  
33 Telephone inquiries

**PLANNING BOARD** – Meeting –July 22nd - @7:00 (Wednesday)

**ZBA** - Meeting – August 6th - @7:30 (Thursday)

**HISTORIAN** -Anne is absent

**TOWN CLERK:** -\$1474.00 collected in June; disbursed \$1441.50 to the Town of Preble, \$10.00 to NYS Ag & Markets, and \$22.50 to NYS Dept. of Health

**TAX COLLECTOR:** -Settlement has been made with the CC Treasurer’s Office  
Total taxes collected - \$1,547,961.72  
Interest received - \$5,492.91  
31 Unpaid parcels were returned to the Treasurer’s Office totaling \$80,093.89

**North East Transformers Block Grant** – NETS has requested payments, totaling \$64,151.35  
\$60,859.63 NETS  
\$3,291.72 Thoma Development Consultants

**Motion made by Peter Knapp, seconded by Al Socha**  
**RESOLUTION #41: To authorize the Town Clerk to process the necessary paperwork for payment of \$60,859.63 to NETS and \$3,291.72 to Thoma Development Consultants; a total of \$64,151.35**  
**Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Al Socha(aye)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Monies received:**       **\$12,011.55 Mortgage Tax**  
                                  **\$458.75 NE Transformers**  
                                  **2,855.00 NYMIR**  
                                  **\$262.00 NYMIR – Return of Premium**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Highway Garage** –Jeff has been in touch with Jim Drew and the engineering is coming to the end. Jeff is asking the Board to pull an invoice for PLS for \$6000.00 until we receive an itemized statement. The Civil drawings have not been stamped. Jeff has spoken with Greg Dende and the end product should be complete within the next couple weeks.

**Post Office Lease** – The current Post Office lease expires November 30, 2016. A new lease has been received which would go into effect December 1, 2016 for a 5-year period @\$7100.00 per year which would be \$591.66 per month. Peter Knapp believes the town should go ahead with the lease and the income of \$7100.00 as we don’t have to worry about the renovations. There is no termination clause in the new lease. Attorney Armstrong has spoken to Philip Doyle of the US Postal Service with regards to holding a public meeting at the discretion of the town. He will contact the USPS again.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Tom Billard** from St. Charles Bay has spoken with Rick Fritz regarding the motor home that is being parked in the area. The motor home had moved but is back today. The Zoning Code Committee will get together, starting in August through the winter. A meeting will be held August 13 @7:00. The committee members will be contacted by Al Socha.

**Dave Smith** remarked that the park is being used as a driving range.

**Ken Morgan** is asking to use the park for a ‘Cruise In’ of old cars on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon until 4. Following some discussion, the Board has okayed approval of the event. Ken will be responsible for the event. The Board’s remark-“Try it once and see what happens!”

**Jeff Griswold** took Don Boyden for a ride up Song Lake Road to show him how bad it is. Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be bring-a-dish-to-pass picnic at the park to honor the Preble Milk Coop’s 75 years in existence in Preble. Jeff is suggesting that the Board contact PESCH regarding the Post Office renovations.

**Nancy Baldwin** is inquiring as to why Dee Whiteman was not invited to the Memorial Day Parade.

**APPROVE GENERAL & HIGHWAY BILLS**

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Al Socha**  
**RESOLUTION #42: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract #7, Nos. 133 to 159**  
**totaling \$10,081.67 (#153 for \$6000.00 has been pulled)**  
**Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Al Socha(aye)**

**Motion made by Al Socha, seconded by Peter Knapp**  
**RESOLUTION #43: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract #7, Nos. 51 to 60,**  
**totaling \$20,660.39**  
**Peter Knapp(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Al Socha(aye)**

There being no further business, Jim asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Al Socha; meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 07/13/2015  
Official

Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk