

On Monday, April 11, 2016, 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 7:00.

Board members present: Don Fisher, Dave Morse, Linda Riehlman, and Al Socha, Councilmen

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, Jeff Bordwell, Nancy Baldwin, Vern Kennedy, Scott Kennedy, Michael Dannan, Betty Ann Pitman, Dave Griswold, Andy Fuller, Nancy Rittenhouse, Steve Morgan, Dave Smith, and Tyrone Heppard from the Cortland Standard.

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

**Motion made Linda Riehlman, seconded by Dave Morse**

**RESOLUTION #31: To accept the March 14, 2016 regular meeting minutes and the March 28<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting on the Highway Garage as submitted  
Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse (aye) Linda Riehlman(aye) Al Socha(aye)**

### **COMMITTEE REPPORTS:**

**DOG CONTROL:** -No report received. A memo received from Lindsay Andersen that the existing contract needs an addition regarding the \$150.00 adoption fee.

**Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Dave Morse**

**RESOLUTION #32: To amend the 2016 contract with Country Acres Animal Shelter  
2016 Dog Control and Shelter Agreement Amendment**

**This amendment being made by Country Acres Pet Services, LLC and the Town of Preble which are both parties to the original Dog Control and Shelter Agreement dated January 1, 2016. This agreement will be amended as follows:**

**Section 6(f) All of the adoption fees collected by Country Acres will be retained by Country Acres and will not be submitted to the Town. These fees collected will be used to aid the adoptability of the dog seized from the said Town including but not limited to spay/neuter, micro chipping and vaccinating.**

**Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse, Linda Riehlman(aye) Al Socha(aye)**

**JUSTICE REPORT** -\$15,000.50 submitted to the Town for March

**HIGHWAY REPORT** Jeff remarked that it had been a busy month!

**Roads:**

- There will be \$3000. - \$4,000/ more in CHIPS month this year
- The crew worked 10 hours last Sunday and over 8 hours Monday plowing. (Worst conditions this winter!)
- A heavy duty boom mower was rented from 3/23 – 3/31. Does a great job keeping the brush back; especially on the seasonal roads.

**Equipment:**

- The new truck is at Viking (Plow Manufacture). There has been a delay. It will likely be delivered in Mid May.
- The replacement pickup is in. We need to declare the 2011 pickup surplus so it can be sold at the Palmyra auction

**Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Don Fisher**

**RESOLUTION #33: To declare the 2011 pickup as surplus to make it available to sell at the Palmyra Auction.**

**Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)  
Al Socha(aye)**

**Shop:**

- Complete Construction Concepts , Essex Steel; budget numbers

**Shop Fuel Spill:**

-GeoLogic found the ground water is flowing a little more westerly than the charts showed. They installed another monitoring well April 7th.

**Personnel:**

-The annual PESH Training will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Homer

**Other:**

-Town cleanup will be May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

-The new baseball backstop, batting cage and dugouts are in. Six loads of infield mix has been used. Dugouts should be painted by the weekend and hopefully the wall will be put up next week. The team has been using it for practice. They would like a key to the bathrooms ASAP.

**RECREATION:** - No report

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

**ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

March Report

1 Building Permit Issued  
88 Miles traveled for the Town  
5 Building Inspections  
23 Hours worked  
1 Fire Inspection  
3 Complaint follow-ups  
26 Telephone inquiries

**PLANNING BOARD** – Meeting – April 27th - @7:00 (Wednesday)

**ZBA** - Meeting – May 5th -@7:30 (Thursday)

**HISTORIAN** -

**TOWN CLERK:** -\$900.56 collected in March; disbursed \$890.56 to the Town of Preble and \$10.00 to NYS Ag & Markets

**TAX COLLECTOR:** \$46,067.49 collected in March

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Email List** – A form will be placed on the website this next week for anyone who wishes to receive information regarding meetings and any other pertinent information.

**Ballfield** –The project is progressing well. The Homer baseball team is currently holding scrimmages and practices. A new backstop, batting cages and dugouts have been built and the exterior fence will be finished soon; thanks to local businesses who have donated for this project.

**Post Office boxes** - Supervisor Doring stated the post office boxes will be placed behind the Town Hall. Jeff mentioned that there should be a couple strips of pavement around the boxes because of the dirt parking lot. It should be well lit.

**Defib Machine** – Mike Compton’s suggestion of putting a defib machine in the Town Hall. It has been decided that this will be tabled and addressed at the end of the year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Monies Received:** \$538.17 from USPS

**Health Insurance** – Supervisor Doring said the Board will be considering changing the health care provider. The current carrier is Blue Cross/Blue Shield. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, a representative from the Great

Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium will hold a meeting at the Preble Town Hall at 6 PM to listen to their presentation.

**Motion made by Al Socha, seconded by Don Fisher**

**RESOLUTION #34: To change the May monthly meeting starting time to 6:00 p.m. to hold a presentation on health insurance by a representative from the Great Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium. The regular Board Meeting shall commence at :00 p.m.**

**Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye) Al Socha(aye)**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Mike Dannan** – Asking if the health insurance would be available to local businesses.

**Jeff Griswold** – The Highway Garage roof is leaking

**Supervisor Doring** – The park pavilion roof is leaking

**Dick Kennedy** – Regarding Al Socha's absence from three board meetings, Dick is disappointed about his leaving for three months and still represent the people of Preble. Al responded that he was out of town on a health-related issue but would consider resigning if that's what the residents want.

**Nancy Rittenhouse** is inquiring about the wood burning boilers. Supervisor Doring stated that the consensus is that the DEC regulations are sufficient. Al Socha mentioned reconvening with the committee and revising the local law. The reason for the law was to ensure that people have the right to be in their homes with safe conditions. One of the reasons for the law was that people were burning garbage and plastic. Jeff Bordwell suggested that everyone read the DEC regulations. After much discussion, Supervisor Doring asked Al Socha if he wanted to pursue this proposed law or scrap it; **Socha chose to drop the wood burning issue.**

**Jeff Bordwell** brought up the subject of the house across the street from the Town Hall which was purchased by the Congregation Church and no longer on the tax roll and they are renting it out. He was advised that the Board has nothing to do with this and that he should contact the Assessor.

#### **APPROVE GENERAL & HIGHWAY BILLS**

**Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Dave Morse**

**RESOLUTION #35: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract #4, Nos. 74 to 104 totaling \$44,872.50**

**Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye) Al Socha**

**Motion made by Al Socha, seconded by Don Fisher**

**RESOLUTION #36: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract #4, Nos. 25 to 34, totaling \$5,062.48**

**Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye) Al Socha**

**Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Don Fisher**

**RESOLUTION #37: To enter Executive Session to discuss possible litigation @8:10**

**Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye) Al Socha(aye)**

**Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Dave Morse**

**RESOLUTION #38: To exit Executive Session at 8:35.**

**Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye) Al Socha(aye)**

Reconvening, Jeff will contact Complete Construction Concepts for specs for a new building, wood or steel. The project will be open to competitive bidding. He did state that Paul Sheneman will not be available until fall. A package will be put together with options. Jeff also thinks that Paul is the guy for the Clerk of the Works. Jeff will have Paul look the specs over and ask if he would like to be the 'Clerk of the Works' or maybe he has a colleague that could do it. A special meeting will be held April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 o'clock at the Town Hall to discuss construction of a Town Highway Garage

**Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Dave Morse**  
**RESOLUTION #39: To hold a special meeting at the Preble Town Hall on April 25<sup>th</sup> at**  
**7:00 p.m. regarding construction of a Town Highway Garage.**  
**Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye) Al Socha(aye)**

There being no further business, Jim asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Don Fisher; meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 04/11/2016  
Official

Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk