

On Monday, May 9, 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 7:03.

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

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, Jay Currie. Nancy Baldwin, Vern Kennedy, Betty Ann Pitman, Dave Smith, Ed West, Annabeth Hayes, Nancy Dalley, Nick Casterline, Martin Sweeney, Nancy Ruscio, Robert Hughes, Brad Corbin, and Tyrone Heppard from the Cortland Standard.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made Linda Riehlman, seconded by Don Fisher

RESOLUTION #40: To accept the April 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes as submitted

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

Preble Fire Department – Matt Neuman, an attorney with Riehlman, Shafer & Shafer, spoke on behalf of the fire department regarding the consideration of filing paperwork with the Department of State to make the fire department a nonprofit entity. The State representative suggested they receive approval from the Town Board first. Matt would like to file for a Certificate of Corporation tax exempt Internal Revenue code.

Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #41: RESOLVED, The Preble Town Board has no opposition to the proposal of filing for a Certificate of Corporation tax exempt Internal Revenue code.

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

Tully Schools - Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools, presented their preliminary budget of \$19.8 million for 2016-2017 which is a 0.7% increase. Annabeth Hayes spoke on the Tully Library; their budget increase is 5% for 2016-17.

Homer Schools – Nancy Ruscio, Superintendent of Schools, presented the 2016-17 proposed budget of \$41.9 million, an increase of 5.9%. She did state that the tax levy of \$15.9 million will remain the same.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOG CONTROL: -1 complaint of dogs running at large on Song Lake Crossing Road

JUSTICE REPORT -\$13,271.00 submitted to the Town for April

HIGHWAY REPORT !

Roads:

- The crew is working the gravel roads until the Town Clean-up
- Cortlandville did a day of vacu-sweeping for us around the hamlet.

Equipment:

- The new truck is at Viking (Plow Manufacture). It will go to Tracey Road Equipment to be finished.
- The replacement pickup is here. The radios were installed this morning. The 2011 pickup is selling at the Palmyra auction May 14

Shop:

- No word from Essex Steel on budget numbers

Shop Fuel Spill:

- GeoLogic hopes to pull the eastern well after the next test.

Personnel:

- The annual PESH Training is done
- Steve Ryan started May 2nd for the summer

Other:

- Town cleanup will be May 13th & 14th. (8:00 – 4:00 both days)
- Jeff has a meeting in Albany Thursday with the State DOT. It’s the first meeting aimed at improving communications between the DOT and Local Highway Departments.
- The New Baseball field is looking good. The dugouts have been painted. The lower wall is up. The team has been using it for practice.
- The Cemetery Association is having a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, May 15.

RECREATION: -Renee Compton presented the Board with the activities that the Preble Park Youth Program will be doing this summer from July 12 to August 18.

COUNTY LEGISLATURE: - Mr. Boyden explained that the reason he voted against the Jail project was because it was not budgeted for in the current budget.

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- April Report
- 2 Building Permits Issued
- 78 Miles traveled for the Town
- 11 Building Inspections
- 21 Hours worked
- 1 Fire Inspection
- 4 Complaint follow-ups
- 17 Telephone inquiries

PLANNING BOARD – Meeting – May 25th - @7:00 (Wednesday)

ZBA - Meeting – June 2nd -@7:30 (Thursday)

HISTORIAN -

TOWN CLERK: -\$262.00 collected in April; disbursed \$250.00 to the Town of Preble and \$12.00 to NYS Ag & Markets

TAX COLLECTOR: \$19,630.07 collected in April

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Homer Baseball –Supervisor Doring stated that an amazing amount of work has gone into the ballfield project. The contract will be signed next week for 5 seasons.

Post Office boxes - Supervisor Doring said many questions have risen regarding where to place the post office boxes. If the boxes are placed at the Town Hall, Jeff is questioning what the care will be? What service will be needed keeping it open on Saturdays and Sundays. Doring also mentioned the plot of land to build the housing unit for the boxes; charge rent? Maintenance issue? A paved strip? Possibly relocating to the front of the Town Hall? Doring will contact Maureen Hohl . Attorney Armstrong said there should be more communication between the town and the Post Office.

Highway – Jeff is working with Complete Concrete Construction and Essex Steel for budget numbers.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony - Supervisor Doring asked for help getting ready for the parade. Linda volunteered to do the signs for the cars and Jeff will put the flag on the flagpole at the boulder. Veteran, Jamie Snow will be the speaker at the cemetery.

Monies received: \$538.17 – USPS
 \$8,627.70 – Cortland County Snow Removal
 \$6,432.34 – Cortland County Mortgage Tax
 \$102,192.05 – First quarter Sales Tax

The Congregational Church asked if they could put an ad on the town's website; the Board agreed that it would not be a good idea.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nancy Baldwin – checking on whether Dee Whiteman will be invited to the Memorial Day festivities. Supervisor Doring said he would contact him.

Jeff Griswold – mentioned anyone interested in history should visit the Brockway Living History in Homer. Displays have been changed. Jeff also attended the 70th anniversary luncheon of the Cortland County Soil & Water at the Grange Building on May 1st.

APPROVE GENERAL & HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Dave Morse

RESOLUTION #42: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract #5, Nos. 105 to 132 totaling \$22,182.45

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

Motion made by Al Socha, seconded by Linda Riehlman

RESOLUTION #43: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract #5, Nos. 35 to,45 totaling \$45,431.08

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

There being no further business, Jim asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Don Fisher, seconded by Dave Morse; meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 05/09/2016
Official

Jane W. Davenport
Town Clerk

Prior to the monthly meeting, there was a presentation on health insurance made by Don Barber of the Great Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium.

Present: Don Barber, Tompkins Health Cas.; Steve Locey, Locey & Cahill, LLC.; Gary Hatfield, Town of Moravia; Victoria Price, Town of Moravia; Andy Rindfleisch, Town of Springport; Bud Shattuck, Village of Union Springs; Kevin Williams, Town of Homer, Gary Mutchler, Town of Scipio, Tyrone Heppard, Cortland Standard, Jeff Griswold and Jay Currie.

