

On Monday, March 13, 2017, 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, Councilmen  
Al Socha(via Video Conferencing)

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, Betty Ann Pitman, Bonnie Pitman, Dave Pitman, Nancy Baldwin, Amy Bertini, Rene Compton, David Alexander, Derek Green, Regina Reinschmidt, , Dan O'Shea, Donnell Boyden, Paul Sheneman; Tarki Heath, Meredith Perreault, and Kristen Hychka of CO-FOKLA

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

**Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Don Fisher**  
**RESOLUTION #17: To accept the February 13th, 2017 regular meeting minutes**  
**as submitted**

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

**DAVID ALEXANDER** - Mr. Alexander is running for the position of County Court Judge. He gave a short resume of his history in the legal field and why he is running for the position. The current judge is William Ames who will be retiring.

**CO-FOKLA** – Meredith Perreault, with the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center, made a presentation of the study of Storm Water Pollution in the four lakes in the Town of Preble: Crooked Lake, Little York Lake, Song Lake & Tully Lake. Some of the common watershed concerns are: threats from a growing number of aquatic invasive species; climate changes; overabundant growth of plants and/or algae, the proliferation of harmful algal blooms, storm and agricultural runoff carrying pollutants into the lakes, need for education and practical implementation of “Best Management Practices”, development and keyholing, where multiple properties use one access point causing overburden, water quality issues having to do with dissolved oxygen, nutrients and/or water clarity, and development of undesirable infrastructure, such as gas pipelines or propane storage facilities. There will be a public meeting in the fall and everyone is invited.

**DEREK GREEN, Cortland County Health Department** – Mr. Green is here to speak about **Radon Gas** in homes. Radon Gas is an invisible gas. He stated that Cortland County is #1 in the state for having radon gas. Radon gas is a major cause of Lung Cancer. The County has Radon Tests kits available to anyone in Cortland County at no charge. He does have some kits with him tonight. He also spoke that winter is the best time to test. He presented a demonstration of a Radon House having Radon entering the home and how a Radon Mitigation System works to remove it.

### **COMMITTEE REPPORTS:**

**DOG CONTROL:** -2 dogs adopted  
-110 miles traveled for the town

**JUSTICE REPORT** -\$20,308.50 submitted to the Town for February

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

-There was a hole over a culvert on Currie Road; a temporary repair has been made.

#### **Equipment:**

-#5 had an emission sensor replaced under warranty

-#2 had a wheel seal replaced under warranty.

#### **Shop:**

-The roof in bay #2 has a slight leak.(Will fix when weather improves)

#### **New Shop:**

-Bob from Barber & DeLine looked at the well at the site. He believes we can modify and reuse it. (Will save about \$6000.)

-Jeff thanked Councilman Don Fisher for his help on the Highway Garage project

**Other:**

- The last turbine to use this route left Preble this morning (3/13)
- The DOT wants us to sign a slightly different Shared Services Agreement
- Jeff attended an NJPA (National Joint Purchasing Alliance) workshop last week. Explained how we can buy on national contracts.
- Jeff will be attending a training on required paperwork for prevailing wage.
- Jeff attended Advocacy Day in Albany last Wednesday. They are hoping for another \$50 Million in CHIPS.

A letter has been received by the Supervisor from NYS Senator James Seward stating he has reserved \$175,000 in capital funding for Preble’s garage project, pending the result of the referendum

**RECREATION:**

-Renee reported that a recreation meeting was held in January. There are plans for cleaning up the park and working on their bottle drive. Some things need to be done to update the park – small playground and the roof replacement. There is some funding available through the Cortland Youth Bureau. The youth program for the summer is all set.

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE:**

-Donnell Boyden brought the Board up to date regarding the new CC jail which has a cost of \$48Million. They will be meeting with consultants on March 16<sup>th</sup> to look at options and reasonable costs. Also, plans to meet with State Corrections and find out what requirements are needed to be in compliance.

**ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

- February Report
- 0 Building Permits Issued
- 107 Miles traveled for the Town
- 19 Building Inspections
- 34 Hours worked
- 2 Fire Inspections
- 5 Complaint follow-ups
- 28 Telephone inquiries

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

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

**HISTORIAN** - Absent

**TOWN CLERK:** -\$146.00 collected in January; disbursed \$116.50 to the Town of Preble, \$7.00 to NYS Ag & Markets and \$22.50 to NYS Dept. of Health

**TAX COLLECTOR:** Taxes collected to date: \$1,524,856.04

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**-Highway Garage/Permissive Referendum** – Notices of special election have been posted in the Town Hall and the Preble Fire Station and will also be posted on the Website. Attorney Armstrong met with Bob Howe of the Board of Elections to ratify the special election. The date of the special election is April 4; balloting hours are 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Preble Fire Station

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

**RESOLUTION #18: To ratify the date of April 4, 2017, between the hours of two o’clock p.m. (2:00 p.m.) and eight o’clock p.m. (8:00 p.m.) to vote upon the following propositions:**

**PROPOSITION #1**

Shall the resolution of the Preble Town Board dated January 9, 2017, authorizing the Town of Preble to withdraw up to \$649,428.00 from the Building Reserve Fund to apply towards the cost of constructing the Town Highway Garage be approved?

**PROPOSITION #2**

Shall the resolution of the Preble Town Board date January 9, 2017, authorizing the bonding of up to a maximum of \$450,000.00 to apply towards the cost of constructing the Town highway garage be approved?

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

-Deed for the Town Hall land – Attorney Armstrong stated that the last deed found the property to be deeded to School District #6 through Homer Central School. The best solution would be to file an ‘Action to Quiet Title’. Research will be necessary. There has been correspondence with the Homer School Attorneys but have had no response.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Little York Lake – Don Fisher stated that there has been a group of citizens who have created a Lake Management Team. They are working on a plan which they will present to the Board. Their final goal is to raise money to dredge the lake.

**Extension of Collection of Taxes to June 1st.**

Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Don Fisher

**RESOLUTION #19: To approve the extension of the collection of property taxes from April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 1st, 2017**

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

**Recommended Transfers to close 2016 books & Final 2016 Budget Amendments**

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Linda Riehlman

**RESOLUTION #20: To approve the recommended transfers to close 2016 books and final 2016 Budget Amendments**

General Fund: To Building Reserve \$5000.

Highway Fund: To Bridge Reserve \$2000.

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

**TOWN OF PREBLE  
FINAL 2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**GENERAL FUND(A)**

Debit (Increase) Est. Revenues (A510)		\$ 50,114.00
Subsidiary – A1120 Sales Tax	\$ 50,114.00	
Debit(decrease)Est. Appropriations(A960)		\$ 6,000.00
Subsidiary – A1990.4 Contingent	\$ 6,000.00	
Credit(increase) Est. Appropriations (A960)		\$ 56,114.00
Subsidiary –A1010.4 – Town Board contr.	\$ 3,506.00	
“ –A1010.41 – Town Board contd. Newsletter	\$ 571.00	
“ – A1110.4 – Justice court cont.	\$ 1,181.00	
“ – A1620.12 –Buildings, groundskeeper	\$ 273.00	
“ – A1650.4 -Phones, contr.	\$ 142.00	
“ – A1680.41 –Web Site, contr.	\$ 540.00	
“ – A1920.4 - Municipal Assn Dues	\$ 98.00	
“ – A3510.42 - Dog Control, contr.	\$ 608.00	
“ – A5132.4 - Garage, contr.	\$43,680.00	
“ - A5182.4 - Street lights, contr.	\$ 1,709.00	
“ - A7110.1 - Park, wages	\$ 547.00	
“ - A8010.41 – Zoning, cont.	\$ 2,562.00	
“ - A8160.41 – Refuse, contr-Amnesty day	\$ 630.00	
“ - A9030.8 - Social Security	\$ 67.00	

To amend budget by using contingent money and surplus

revenues to balance accounts.

Debit(increase) Est. Revenues(A510)		\$ 3,000.00
Subsidiary – A3389 State Aid, public safety	\$ 3,000.00	
Debit (increase) Est. Appropriations(A960)		\$ 3,000.00
Subsidiary – A1110.42 Justice contr.-grant		

To amend budget to use unbudgeted revenue to cover related expenses.

**HIGHWAY FUND (DA)**

Debit(increase) Appropriated Fund Balance		\$111,742.00
Debit(decrease) Reserve for Capital Improvements(DA870)		\$ 26,316.27
Debit(increase) Appropriated Reserves (DA511)		\$ 89,214.00
Debit(increase) Est. Revenues (DA510)		\$ 41,707.00
Subsidiary – DA3501 State Aid – Capital improvement	\$ 41,707.00	
Credit(increase) Est. Appropriations (DA960)		\$ 268,979.27
“ -DA5112.2 Capital improvements	\$ 50,580.27	
“ -DA5130.2 Machinery, equipment purchase	\$218,399.00	

To amend budget by using appropriated fund balance Reserves, and surplus revenues to balance accounts.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Dan O’Shea** asked about the petitions challenging the new highway garage; he was informed of the informational meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> and the voting on April 4<sup>th</sup>

**Nancy Baldwin** inquired about the email notification.

**APPROVE GENERAL & HIGHWAY BILLS**

Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Don Fisher

**RESOLUTION #21: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract #3, Nos. 44 to 67 totaling \$34,352.70**

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

Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Don Fisher

**RESOLUTION #22: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract #3, Nos.20 to 26, totaling \$5,461.61**

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

There being no further business, Jim asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Don Fisher, seconded by Dave Morse; meeting adjourned at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 03/13/2017  
Official

Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk