

On Monday, August 14, 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 and Al Socha, Councilmen

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, John Steger, Rene Compton, Dan O'Shea, Sue Wright, Don Boyden and Richard Andino, Attorney from Costello, Cooney & Fearon. Glen Craig and Glenn Craig, Jr. arrived late.

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

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Don Fisher**  
**RESOLUTION #42: To accept the July 10th, 2017 regular meeting minutes**  
**Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse (aye) Linda Riehlman(aye) Al Socha(aye)**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DOG CONTROL:** -3 dogs running at large; 1 licensed, 2 unlicensed

**JUSTICE REPORT:** -\$22,402. submitted to the Town for July

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

-Jeff hopes to have the roads repaired to pre-spring condition by Friday.  
(Have placed 2 loads of heavy stone, 2-3 more should take care of it.)

#### **Equipment:**

-#3 has had the front shocks and 3 air tanks replaced (rust)  
-#5 has had the DEF Tank replaced under warranty  
-Replaced the main bearings and idler pulley on the roadside mower  
-The machine we rent from Beck's has had some mechanical issues

#### **New Shop:**

-The contractor laid out the building on July 24<sup>th</sup> & started digging on the 26<sup>th</sup>.  
-They plan on setting the trusses tomorrow (8/15).

#### **Personnel:**

-Jeff brought on Ron Anderson (retired from County) to help us get caught up (4-5 weeks +/-)  
-Jeff plans on attending the Fall Highway Conference (Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>)

#### **Other:**

-Jeff has received complaints on Song Lake Rd. because of the dust. He has forwarded the contact information for the County to them. Jeff believes the County sprayed salt brine on it today.

**RECREATION:** -Rene brought the Board up to date on her projects

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE:** Mr. Boyden stated that he is working on the 2018 budget and will be discussing the Sales Tax monies. The County still shows a deficit of \$40Million and is looking where they can make cuts. The jail is still on hold; the recycling center is losing money and the Landfill is breaking even. Mr. Boyden is up for re-election this year and is asking for everyone's vote.

The County Legislators are currently elected for a 2-year term; Dave Morse is asking how to change to a 4-year term and alternate every two years. To do this, there would have to be a public referendum. It was recommended that a letter be written to the Cortland County Legislators and also a letter to the editor of the Cortland Standard.

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Linda Riehlman**  
**RESOLUTION #43: To authorize the Supervisor to compose a letter to be sent to the Cortland County Legislators and the Editor of the Cortland Standard regarding changing the status of the Legislators' terms of office from 2 years to 4 years.**  
**Don Fisher(aye)Dave Morse(aye)Linda Riehlman(aye)Al Socha(aye)**

**ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

**July Report**

3 Building Permits Issued  
97 Miles traveled for the Town  
18 Building Inspections  
43 Hours worked  
2 Fire Inspections  
14 Complaint follow-ups  
32 Telephone inquiries

**PLANNING BOARD** – Meeting – August 23rd - @7:00 (Wednesday)

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

**HISTORIAN** - Anne is absent.

**TOWN CLERK:** -\$605.00 collected in July; disbursed \$587.00 to the Town of Preble,  
and \$18.00 to NYS Ag & Markets,

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Highway Garage** – The trusses for the new highway garage have been delivered and will be up by the end of the week (ahead of schedule).

**-Deed for the Town Hall land** – Attorney Armstrong said that Homer School has approved the deed and the town should be receiving it in a couple of weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Solar Farms** –Al Socha introduced Attorney Rich Andino from Costello, Cooney & Fearon, who has been working with the Zoning Board regarding Solar Farms, Local Law A-2017. Following much discussion, Al Socha suggested that the Town go ahead with the project. Attorney Andino reviewed the SEQR and it was decided to hold a Public Hearing on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**Motion made by Al Socha, seconded by Linda Riehlman**

**RESOLUTION #44: To hold a Public Hearing on Zoning Law A-2017, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall**

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

**Motion made by Al Socha, seconded by Linda Riehlman**

**RESOLUTION #45: To adopt a resolution for purposes of SEQR for Local Law A-2017 and accept for consideration the possible ratification introducing adoption of a negative declaration and accepting the draft of the Local Law A-2017 for possible enactment and ratification of its referral to Cortland County Planning**

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

Attorney Andino will take care of submitting the necessary materials and will email to the Town Clerk.

The Town has received \$112,805.80; Sales Tax for the second quarter of 2017.

Regarding our Bookkeeper, Gina Nourse, she has informed the Supervisor that she is training her son to do payroll.

Deb Putman has given a verbal resignation from her job as Secretary to the Planning and Zoning Boards. She is currently training Sue Wright to take her position in September.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Renee Compton is questioning whether she can apply for grants. The Board has given her permission to apply for any grants and present them to the Board.

**APPROVE GENERAL & HIGHWAY BILLS**

**Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Don Fisher**

**RESOLUTION #46: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract #8, Nos. 184 to 199, Nos. 201 to 203, totaling \$7,752.63  
To pay the Capital Projects – Building Projects, Abstract #8, No. 200, totaling \$2280.00**

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

**Motion made by Al Socha, seconded by Linda Riehlman**

**RESOLUTION #47: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract #8, Nos.64 to 79, totaling \$34,283.11**

**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 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 08/14/2017  
Official 09/11/2017

Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk