

On Monday, January 9, 2017, the Preble Town Board held its organizational meeting and first regular meeting of 2017. 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/VC)

Others present: Don Armstrong, Jeff Griswold, and Dan O'Shea

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

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

**RESOLUTION #1: To accept the December 12th, 2016 regular meeting minutes and the  
December 27th year-end meeting minutes as submitted**

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

### **COMMITTEE REPPORTS:**

**DOG CONTROL:** -1 dog adopted  
-95 miles traveled for the town

**JUSTICE REPORT** -\$10,823.00 submitted to the Town for December

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

- The Guide Rail on East Hill Rd. was installed last week (1/3-1/4)
- The Highway Dept. is half way through the sand pile and three quarters through the salt request for the winter.
- A copy of the 2017's 284U agreement has been given to each Board member and a resolution is needed to accept it.

#### **Equipment:**

- The replacement loader is here and the radio has been installed
- Jeff should have the insurance run sheet done tomorrow

#### **Shop:**

#### **Shop Fuel Spill:**

- The December test came back negative. Forrest will be taking a sample this week from 1775 Preble Road. If it comes back negative, the DEC had agreed to close the spill out.

#### **Personnel:**

#### **Other:**

- The support closest to the building for the railing in front of the Town Hall has rusted through.

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

**RESOLUTION #2: To authorize the Supervisor and Board Members to  
sign the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway  
Moneys Section 284U of the Highway Law.**

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

**RECREATION:** -Absent

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE:** -Absent

### **ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

#### **December Report**

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

**PLANNING BOARD** – Meeting – January 25th - @7:00 (Wednesday)  
**ZBA** - Meeting – February 2nd -@7:30 (Thursday)

**HISTORIAN** - Absent

**TOWN CLERK:** -\$311.00 collected in December; disbursed \$287.00 to the Town of Preble and \$24.00 to NYS Ag & Markets

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**-P. O. Boxes – Land Title:** The Postal Department has contacted Attorney Armstrong for a verification of ownership of the property at 1968 Preble Road. In checking for this information, it was found that the parcel is listed under the name of Homer Central School. The Board was in agreement that the problem should be researched to see if the town has ownership of the property.

**Motion made by Don Fisher, seconded by Linda Riehlman**  
**RESOLUTION #3: To have a Title Search of the property housing the Post Office and the Town Hall.**  
**Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye) Al Socha (Via VC)(aye)**

**-Highway Garage** – Paul Sheneman was given the floor. He stated that the Highway Garage project is moving along and has made some changes to the plans. A new well is needed and Jeff will oversee this portion of the project. There was discussion of funding for the well. Mr. Sheneman said that the documents are 75% ready and will be out for bid the beginning of February; bids to be received by March 8<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Sheneman will give his recommendation to the Board at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Sheneman gave an approximate cost of \$1,000,000.00, including engineering costs, for the garage. Notice of Permissive Referendum for the withdrawal of up to \$649,428 from the Building Reserve Fund and Bonding up to a maximum of \$450,000 to apply towards the cost of construction of the garage is necessary.

**Motion made by Linda Riehlman, seconded by Don Fisher**  
**RESOLUTION #4: To initiate Permissive Referendum to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$649,428. from the Building Reserve Fund to apply towards the cost of constructing the Town Highway Garage.**  
**Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye) Al Socha (Via VC)(aye)**

**Motion made by Linda, Riehlman, seconded by Don Fisher**  
**RESOLUTION #5: To initiate Permissive Referendum to authorize the bonding of up to a maximum of \$450,000 to apply towards the cost of constructing the Town highway garage.**  
**Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye) Al Socha (Via VC)(aye)**

The legal notices will be sent to the Cortland Standard for publication to alert the Preble residents. Within a 30-day period from the published date, should any town's person object and collect enough signatures against the permissive referendums, the project would force a special election.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Internal Revenue Service** – Gina is working on getting the information together.

**James Seamon - Resignation from Planning Board** –

**Motion made by Don Fisher, seconded by Dave Morse**  
**RESOLUTION #6: To accept James Seamon's resignation from the Planning Board with thanks for his service**  
**Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye)**  
**Al Socha(Via VC)(aye)**

**Supervisor Doring noted that the Planning Board is down to 3 people; we need 2 people. If anyone is interested in being on the Planning Board, Please contact the supervisor.**

**List of Criteria & Appointments for 2017**

**Town Board Meetings** will be held throughout the year of 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in the Town Hall of the Town of Preble.

**Official Newspaper** – Cortland Standard

**Official Bank** – NBT Bank

**Attorney’s** – the firm of Pomeroy, Armstrong, Casullo and Monty. Don Armstrong with the Town Board, ZBA and Planning Boards.

**Utility Bills** will be paid in advance as necessary when the due date is before the Town Board regular meeting.

**Salaries** – Town Officials and Contracts as stated in the budget of 2017 will be paid monthly, semi-monthly, quarterly or annually.

**Mileage** – (For Town business, outside of Town) \$.50 per mile

**Review** – Investment & Procurement Policy to remain the same

**Town Superintendent of Highways** is authorized to purchase equipment, tools and implements during the year without prior approval of the Town Board; the amount of \$2500.

**Appointments:**

Code Enforcement Officer – Rick Fritz

Deputy Supervisor – Linda Riehlman

Deputy Highway – Dale Mosher

Deputy Town Clerk – Elizabeth Pitman

Historian – Anne Henderson

Budget Officer – James Doring

Registrar of Vital Statistics – Jane Davenport

Justice Clerk – Haily (Doody) Mertz

Assessor – William Bearup

Dog Control – Country Acres Animal Shelter (Paul Burhans & Lindsay Anderson)

Secretary of ZBA/Planning Boards – Deborah Putman

Planning Board –

ZBA – Maureen Knapp

Recreation Advisory Committee –

Renee Compton

Nancy Dalley

Dave Siels

Kevin Krueger

Rick Burt

Tammy Foti

James Doring

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jeff reported that the oil spill at the garage has tested negative.

Behind the Town Hall where the Post Office boxes have been placed has become a ‘muddy mess’. Jeff is using small stones to take care of some of the mess.

The rail in front of the Town Hall is deteriorating.

**APPROVE GENERAL & HIGHWAY BILLS**

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

**RESOLUTION #7: To pay the General Fund Vouchers, Abstract #1, Nos. 1 to 13 totaling \$7,129.23**

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

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

**RESOLUTION #8: To pay the Highway Fund Vouchers, Abstract #1, Nos.1 to 5, totaling \$5,708.47**

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

There being no further business, Jim asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Dave Morse, seconded by Linda Riehlman; meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 01/09/2017  
Official

Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk

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**Resolution passed at the Preble Town Board's January 11, 2016 meeting:**

**Resolution to allow NBT Bank to switch public deposits from M&T Bank to Bank of New York Mellon -**

**Motion made by Don Fisher, seconded by Linda Riehlman  
RESOLUTION #8: To allow NBT Bank to switch deposits from M&T Bank to Bank of  
New York Mellon as per said resolution  
Don Fisher(aye) Dave Morse(aye) Linda Riehlman(aye) Al Socha(aye)**

**RESOLUTION TO SECURE PUBLIC DEPOSITS THAT EXCEED FDIC COVERAGE:**

WHEREAS the Town of Preble wishes to comply with NYS General Municipal Law regarding the security of public deposits that it has on deposit at any bank, and

WHEREAS the Town of Preble's designated depository, NBT Bank, N.A., to provide the best method of securing public deposits, has agreed to pledge eligible collateral to secure the Town of Preble's deposits at NBT Bank that exceed FDIC coverage. NBT Bank further agrees to hold the pledged collateral in an independent third party custodian, The Bank of New York Mellon, and

WHEREAS the Town of Preble authorizes NBT Bank to utilize eligible collateral consisting of Eligible Securities and Eligible Letters of Credit to secure those deposits that exceed FDIC coverage, and

WHEREAS on any day that the Town of Preble's public deposits exceed FDIC coverage, the Town of Preble requires that the custodian hold the pledged collateral in an account solely for the Town of Preble and provide reports to the Town of Preble for any period during which its deposits exceed FDIC, it is then

RESOLVED that the Chief Fiscal Officer is authorized to execute a Third-Party Custodian Agreement with NBT Bank and The Bank of New York Mellon to pledge and hold collateral consisting of eligible securities and eligible letters of credit to secure those public deposits of the Town of Preble that exceed FDIC coverage.