

Regular Meeting

The Regular meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM August 11, 2010 at the Ephratah Town Hall.

Roll call found the following people present:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt
Councilman	Ivan Duesler
Councilman	George Cosselman
Councilman	Thomas Miles
Councilman	Andy Chorlton
Clerk	Eleanor Smith
Superintendent of Hwys	James Berry
Attorney	Michael Albanese

The meeting was opened with the Salute to the flag led by Supervisor Todd Bradt.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from July 14, 2010. 2nd Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 8, Claim # 109 thru # 120 for the amount of \$5,086.83. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 8, Claim # 132 thru #148 for the amount of \$ 108,819.26. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communications: Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed September 6, 2010 for Labor Day holiday and will reopen on Tuesday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sherri L Hayes has applied to renew her liquor license for Brookside Tavern in Ephratah..

Public Input:

Rachel Lettow inquired about something being done regarding a burnt house near her residence on County Hwy 119. Dave Rackmyre, Jr has sent a letter to the owner and has 10 days to respond.

Dennis Sweeney inquired about the structure being erected on Hart Road, and also about all the rumors regarding what is going to happen there. At present, the information available is that they were issued a stop work order until they apply for a building permit and one is issued.

Joyce Taggert also spoke on the happenings on the Hart Road property.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer: Report submitted for review.

Planning Board: Report submitted for review.

Highway Superintendent: Jim received a response to the Lexington letter regarding Wohlgemuth Road intersection. The Lexington drivers are instructed to go right out of the driveway and go Woods Road.

In the pit, they are only working. They will be crushing stone in about a month. Jim has been finding a lot of garbage along the roads. One local and 3 from Johnstown and Gloversville have dumped on the highway. Jim found names in the bags, called them up and gave them an ultimatum. They either pick up their garbage before the day ended or he would call the sheriff. They picked up the garbage. He also found tires in the creek and he called the sheriff.

The highway crew are working on the roads, Fical is almost done .

Jim also asked the board for permission to go out to bid for a trailer to haul and move equipment.

Resolution 60

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 60 giving Jim Berry permission to go for bids for a 15 Ton Heavy Duty Deckover Tilt Trailer with air brakes. Bids must be submitted to the Clerk no later than Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 8 p.m. All sealed bids must state "Tilt Trailer" on the outside of the envelope. Bids will be opened Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Youth: August 21, 2010 is the closing of softball season with trophy awards.

Alan Cretser has prices for walking track. The three prices are as follows:

- \$8,500 plus blacktop
- \$10,000 plus blacktop
- \$12,000 including blacktop

First option is to get blacktop through town rates.

Second option is to do only half of the track this year.

Mike Albanese will look into the bid option.

Assessor: Report submitted for review.

Supervisor: Report submitted for review.

Historian: June has had many inquiries regarding genealogy. She has received the history of the Charles Hough & Charles Brooks Dance Hall building.

New Business:

Camper Trailers Ordinance – no information.

Resolution 61

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 61 authorizing the Board to sign the contract for Ice & Snow Removal with the County for 7.70 total miles, \$5,000 per mile for a total of \$38,500.00. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

The Johnstown Library has requested a donation of \$26,110.00 for the residents of the town to use the library.

Thomas Miles made a motion to decline payment of \$26,110.00 in donations to the Johnstown Library. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

Jim Berry presented to the Board a portion of the Highway Law 327 concerning 'discontinuing of lighting of any road, highway or bridge or portion thereof'.

The update of Smoking in Town Buildings will be tabled until next month.

The resolution for Mike Albanese's NYS Retirement – Standard Work Day form will be tabled until next month.

Resolution 62

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 62 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to contact the electric company and have 20 lights, listed by the planning board, to be “red capped”. 2nd by Todd Bradt. Roll Call vote was as follows:

Ivan Duesler	Aye
Todd Bradt	Aye
George Cosselman	Nay
Andy Chorlton	Nay
Thomas Miles	Nay

Vote totaled 2 Aye; 3 Nay Resolution 62 – defeated.

Resolution 63

George Cosselman offered Resolution 63 authorizing no streetlights in the Town of Ephratah to be turned off. 2nd by Thomas Miles. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ivan Duesler	Nay
Todd Bradt	Nay
George Cosselman	Aye
Andy Chorlton	Aye
Thomas Miles	Aye

Vote totaled: 2 Nay; 3 Aye Resolution 63 Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to go into Executive Session for potential litigation. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time: 7:11 p.m.

George Cosselman made a motion to return to Regular Session. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time: 7:38 p.m.

Andy Chorlton made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time: 7:40 p.m.

Eleanor Smith
Clerk