

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM September 8, 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	Andrew Chorlton
Clerk	Eleanor Smith
Hwy Superintendent	James Berry
Code Enforcement Officer	David Rackmyre, Jr.-- Absent
Attorney	Michael Albanese -- Absent

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

Andy Chorlton made a motion to accept the minutes from August 11, 2010 as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 9, Claim # 121 thru 135 for the amount of \$ 6,836.98. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 9, Claim # 149 thru 167 for the amount of \$ 8,100.39. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Communications:**

Two people requested to be considered as the Alternate Member on the Planning Board. They were: Eric Sweeney, 4417 State Hwy 10, Fort Plain, NY 133339; Phone number: (518)993-2814 and Joycemary Taggart, 398 Murray Hill Road, St Johnsville, NY 13452; Phone number: (518)762-4730.

Thomas Miles made a motion to accept both Eric Sweeney and Joycemary Taggart as Alternate Members on the Planning Board. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Public Input:**

- Phillip Lettow inquired about the house on County Highway 119 that burnt and what the status is on something being done about the house. (Owners have more time to reply to the violation).

### **Reports:**

Code Enforcement Officer: Report submitted for review. Dave issued 4 new permits; 2 applications – waiting for more required information; 2 violations sent out; and no request for variances.

Planning Board: James Mraz, Fulton County Director of Planning Department attended Ephratah Planning Board meeting on September 7, 2010 to discuss a Site Plan Review Law. He presented a draft to the Planning Board, which was presented to the Town Board for review.

Dan Richardson also presented a proposal of the Planning Board By-Laws, requesting a resolution for it to be passed by the Town Board.

The Planning Board is gathering information regarding mass gatherings of 500 and over.

Highway Superintendent: Getting caught-up with work on gravel roads.

Youth: September 11, 2010 is first day of Soccer and Brooks Chicken Bar-B-Q at Youth Recreation Center - 2 to 5 P.M.

Assessors: Report submitted for review.

Supervisor: Report submitted for review.

Historian: Evelyn Frasier presented a sample copy of the Historic books that will go for print as soon as the Historical Society approves the samples. Evelyn also was able to provide information regarding a Gentleman that had lived in Garoga, to the daughter, who is writing a biography on him and will present it to Tupper Lake Historical Society. Evelyn also stated that if anyone wanted to become a member of the Historical Society, the next meeting will be Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Hall.

### **New Business:**

#### **Resolution 64**

Andy Chorlton offered Resolution 64 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to reappoint Clifford Duesler to the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) to begin 10/01/2010 to 09/30/2015 for the 5 year term. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes and 1 Abstention being Ivan Duesler. Carried.

The Highway Negotiations will begin on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 3PM for any Town Board Member that chooses to attend.

Clerk, Eleanor Smith, presented the Board with information regarding the new dog licensing that will take place as of January 1, 2011. The Town Board will have to determine several factors that will have to be entered into the new local law and be presented to the State before we will be able to sell dog licenses and before January 1, 2011.

At 6:30 P.M. the bids for 15 Ton Heavy Duty Deckover Tilt Tractor were opened. The following bids were received:

1. Tracey Road Equipment  
115 Railroad Avenue Ext.  
Albany, NY 12205-0306 \$18,979.00
  
2. Finke Equipment  
Rte 9 W  
Selkirk, NY 12158 \$18,177.21

#### **Resolution 65**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 65 authorizing Jim Berry to accept the low bid for the 15 Ton Heavy Duty Deckover Tilt Tractor from Finke Equipment, for the cost of \$18,177.21. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Greg Fairchild is requesting to be appointed the mower of the town cemeteries for 2011 year.

The Planning Board's Proposal of By-Laws and The Site Plan Review Law will be given to Michael Albanese for review.

The Town Board will meet for a budget review at 6 PM on September 20, 2010.

**Unfinished Business:**

The Fulton County's law on "Smoking" will be presented to Michael Albanese for his review for the update for Ephratah.

The resolution for Mike Albanese's NYS Retirement Standard Work Day is tabled until next month, unless Mike's 3 month's schedule can be obtained so they will be sent to the retirement system with the others.

**Public Input:**

- Marlene Johnson – very interested in Dog Control Officer's position.
- Jack Keppler – spoke on a comment of raising tax money.
- John Tennis – replied to Jack Keppler's comment regarding taxes and mass gatherings.
- Dan Richardson – tried explaining mass gathering.
- Todd Bradt – explained what is happening on Hart Road for those who were not aware of the situation.
- Brigitte Wagner -- asked what the Town Board knew of the happenings and future plans of the particular land on Hart Road.
- Dennis Sweeney – Is Canajoharie Water Works involved in checking out the doings on the Hart Road?
- Joyce Taggart – Who decides if the people on the Hart Road are tax exempt?
- Rose Wooley – Trying to set up a meeting with Hart Rd residents
- Arthur Popp – Shared a letter received, and his encounter with Hart Rd people regarding sap tubing removal.

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**Resolution 66**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 66 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to pay HARRIS, 1 Antares Drive, Suite 400, Ottawa, Ontario Canada K2E 8C4 for software License Transfer Fee and Spectrum Services for the amount of \$1,500.00. This is for the Bookkeeper's computer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 7:38 P.M.

Eleanor Smith  
Clerk