

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM August 10, 2011 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

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

Thomas Miles made a motion to accept the minutes from July 13, 2011 Regular meeting. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 8, Claim # 153 thru 161 for the amount of \$ 3,897.38. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 8, Claim # 189 thru 207 for the amount of \$ 11,948.41. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communications:

- The Transfer Station will be closed Monday, September 5, 2011, Labor Day, and open on Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Supervisor Bradt received a "Thank You" from the Fulton County Dept of Solid Waste for the help Jim Berry and Staff gave in working on the shoulder of the road.
- Supervisor Bradt also received from the insurance company added policies from AFLAC that the staff could choose to add as an additional policy to their existing policy.

Public Input: None.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer: A report was submitted for review.

- 7 new permits issued
- 2 Certificates of Compliance Issued

Planning Board: A report was submitted. Judy Townsend gave an overview of the Planning Board meeting on August 8, 2011, including an update on the CG Roxane water bottling project. The Board determined the Application for the Site Plan Review for the proposed CG Roxane Water Bottling Plant Project was complete. The Planning Board will have a Public Hearing on the CG Roxane Water Bottling Plant Project on September 19, 2011 at 6:15 p.m. The residents on Old State Road and residents within 500 feet of the project will be notified by the Town Clerk of the Public Hearing.

Highway Superintendent: Jim stated the Highway Staff went to Oppenheim and helped with their blacktopping of their roads. The Staff also are working on the curve on Tillboro Road.

Jim received some prices on a new truck. They started working on the Old State Road, getting a head start. Jim also met with Jim Mraz and Marc Butler, regarding the bottling project and hopefully backing for any monies available toward this project.

Youth: August 6, 2011 they held a car show and had approximately 22 vehicles. Tuesday night the Sheriff's Dept came to the Rec field and showed their Canine demos to the children. It was very successful. August 20, 2011 will be the last day for baseball and September will bring the beginning of Soccer. The swings have been replaced with new ones and the insurance is now up-to-date.

Assessors: A report has been submitted for review. The final roll has been processed and received. Waiting notification from Real Property to begin processing splits and mergers for the 2012 tentative roll.

Supervisor: A report has been submitted for review.

Historian: June Frasier has been doing a few genealogy requests.

New Business:
Resolution 72

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 72 authorizing the Board to sign the contract for Ice & Snow Removal with Fulton County for 7.70 total miles, \$5,000 per mile for a total of \$38,500.00. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Supervisor Bradt received a request of \$23,064.00 donation from the Johnstown Library.

Resolution 73

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 73 authorizing the Board to decline the request of \$23,064.00 for the Johnstown Library. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 74

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL
OF APPLICATION TO THE
NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM
FOR THE CG ROXANE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, CG Roxane, a company based in San Francisco, California, would like to construct a spring water bottling plant in the Town of Ephratah at the intersection of Murray Hill and Old State Roads, and

WHEREAS, CG Roxane will be purchasing 30 acres of land from the Village of Canajoharie to construct the 130,000+/- sq. ft. facility, and

WHEREAS, CG Roxane will be investing approximately \$20-\$25 million into the development of this project, and

WHEREAS, CG Roxane's spring water bottling plant will initially provide 34 jobs, which may eventually increase to 45 after three (3) years, and

WHEREAS, there is a significant capital investment that must be made into upgrading local and State roads and bridge adjacent to the proposed facility in order to properly accommodate truck and vehicular traffic that will be generated by the proposed project,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ephratah Town Board hereby authorizes the submittal of an Application to the Northern Border Regional Commission Federal Grant Program for the Roxane Project seeking

\$250,000 grant to be used to fund the cost of making road and bridge upgrades for this project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Northern Border Regional Commission, the Fulton County Planning Department, CG Roxane, C.T. Male and to each and every other person, institution or agency which will further the purport of this Resolution.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION MADE BY : Andrew Chorlton

MOTION SECONDED BY : Ivan Duesler

AYES : 5

NAYES : 0

ABSTAINED : 0

DATE : August 10, 2011

Resolution 75

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 75 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to renew the Insurance Contract for 2012 with Mang Insurance Company to begin September 1, 2011 for the total amount of \$16,967.64. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Supervisor Bradt met with Bill VanGorder and Vicki Myers form Mang Insurance Company Tuesday evening to review the insurance policy. The Town will receive back the total sum of \$1200, due to being one of the first Towns to form the insurance company.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution 76

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 76 authorizing Jim Berry to purchase 40" X 96" double sided lighted sign with portable stand, as requested by the Planning Board, to be placed on the side of the Town Hall, to be seen by traffic going both ways. The cost of the sign is \$318.00. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Lita Hillier handed out to the Board Members, the budget request forms and requested they be filled out and returned by September 14, 2011. Supervisor Bradt requested a Budget work session. The Board decided on right after the next monthly meeting, September 14, 2011.

Thomas Miles made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 6:34 p.m.

Eleanor Smith
Clerk