

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM
December 14, 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--Absent
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.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from November 9, 2011 Regular meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 12, Claim # 202 thru 221 for the amount of \$ 8,784.21. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 12, Claim # 265 thru 286 for the amount of \$ 13,553.06. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Communication: Transfer Station will be opened 12/24/11 and 12/31/11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The station will be closed Monday, 12/26/11 and 1/2/12.

Two resignations from the Ephratah Recreation Commission were received. They were from Jean Harris and Alan Harris, effective immediately, due to health reasons.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the two resignations with regret. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Supervisor Bradt received from the Department of State a response regarding the application the Town of Ephratah submitted for federal funding under the Northern Border Regional Commission grant program. They were unable to fund the project applied for.

Public Input: None

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer: Report submitted.

- 5 permits issued
- 7 Certificates of Compliance issued
- A letter is needed from Engineer/Architect and Fire Chief that they can meet regulations for Rural fire Suppression at CG Roxane Bottling Plant before a building permit can be issued.
- Permit denied to Mr. Frank to place a construction office trailer in place of single wide mobile home at 105 Schoolhouse Rd.

Planning Board: Judith Townsend gave the following report:

- Cathy Hamlin from the NY Dept of State has offered her help in future comprehensive planning or zoning for Ephratah. Jim Mraz has also offered his guidance.

- The Planning Board hopes to plan some cooperative projects on some Recreation project days.
- The decision to fill vacancy on Planning Board has been postponed to January.

Highway Superintendent: Crew working on Old State Rd, cutting brush. Jim asked permission to update the law books regarding the highway (4 books). He needed to check the cost and possibility of online referencing. Jim also stated, as of 12/31/2011, State bids will no longer be available (OGS). If the Town was to buy new truck for highway, Jim provided quotes from the state bids, which was lower than vendors. This bid must be decided on before the end of December, 2011.

Resolution 91

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 91 authorizing James Berry to take the State bid for the following:

- Viking Plow & Wing package for a total of \$ 69,736.80
- International Cab & Chassis for a total of \$108,679.00

2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Youth: Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 4 p.m., the recreation Christmas Party will be held. Members are working on the 2012 schedule.

Assessors: Report submitted for review.

- Binghamton seminar scheduled was cancelled.
- Preparing the exemption renewal forms to be mailed out
- Data collection on building permits, also on properties that failed to get permits.

Supervisor: Report submitted for review.

Historian: Evelyn Frasier bought a book called “Iroquois Village Site Book” for \$20. and asked the Town Board if they would like to buy it for the Archives.

Resolution 92

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 92 authorizing the Town Board to buy the “Iroquois Village Site Book” for \$20 for the Town Archives. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Stacy Mason, Frontier Communications Representative, presented to the Board a new phone system, cost, and maintenance.

Resolution 93

George Cosselman offered Resolution 93 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to purchase a telephone system from Frontier for the total amount of \$4236.61. Down payment (25% /\$1059.15) when contract is signed and the remainder on delivery date. This contract includes 4 trunks and 7 stations, maintenance included for one year. The maintenance agreement will be signed now and will start in 12-months. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

New Business

The Board of Assessment Review advertisement brought 2 applicants for the position and one still willing to keep the position. The applicants were as follows:

1. Theresa Jones – Gloversville, NY
2. Emily Yuenger – Ephratah
3. Richard Hart – Ephratah

Resolution 94

Andy Chorlton offered Resolution 94 authorizing the Ephratah Town Board to hire Emily Yuenger to fill the position on the Board of Assessment Review, term of 12/14/2011 to 9/30/2016. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 95

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 95 to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is to agree to the County's Plan. 2nd by Andy chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

The Organizational Meeting for 2012 will be held Monday, January 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ephratah Town Hall.

Unfinished Business

Mike Albanese will draw up the contract to hire Ryan Fagan, Code Enforcement Officer for Town of Johnstown, to oversee the CG Roxane Bottling Project. Ryan Fagan would need to track his hours on a voucher and submit monthly to the Town of Ephratah. The contract is not to exceed a \$5,000 amount.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel Issues. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried. Time: 7:20 p.m.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to return to Regular session. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Andy Chorlton made a motion to advertise in the Leader Herald for a Code Enforcement Officer, one having knowledge on building and Fire regulations. Certified preferred. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 7:34 p.m.

Eleanor Smith
clerk