

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM  
March 9, 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.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from February 9, 2011. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 3, Claim # 70 thru 82 for the amount of \$6,931.83. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 3, Claim # 66 thru 88 for the amount of \$19,235.40. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Communication:** Supervisor Bradt received a letter from Carver Mining, stating they were adjusting the mining road inside the pit.

**Public Input:** None

### **Reports:**

Code Enforcement Officer: Report submitted for review. Two new permits were issued, both for demolition. Certificate of Completion for the Cell Tower issued.

Planning Board: Report submitted for review. The board is working on (1) a questionnaire to acquire feedback from town residents; (2) a training policy for Planning Board members.

After several discussions between Fulton County Planning Department, CG Roxane, and the Mayor of Canajoharie regarding "Lead Agency" for the water bottling project, a verbal agreement by the Mayor was reached that the Town of Ephratah Planning Board should serve as "Lead Agency".

The Ephratah Planning Board designated an "Information Officer" for public communication regarding the water bottling project. Dale Gray was appointed to this position.

Beginning May 9, 2011, the Planning Board will move their meeting to the Monday (instead of Tuesday) evening prior to the Town Board meeting at 6:00pm.

Highway Superintendant: The crew is very busy with snow plowing & removal, cleaning downed trees from storm.

Jim went to Albany for the CHIPS meeting, \$81,234 still included in the State budget. Hugh Farley expressed his pleasure of the bottling plant being good for the Town of Ephratah.

Jim also asked permission to publicize for black-top bids.

### **Resolution 42**

Andy Chorlton offered Resolution 42 to advertise for bids on blacktopping roads. Bids must be labeled on outside of sealed envelope "Blacktop Bids" and received by the Town Clerk no later than 8 P.M. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 3782 State Hwy 10, St Johnsville, NY 13452.

All bids will be opened on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 6:15 P.M. The board reserves the right to reject all or any bids. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Youth: Recreation is having "Movie Night" starting at 4 pm with soda and popcorn. The Rec Commission is aiming for June 30, 2011 as having the walking path completed. Jean Harris asked the Board for permission to have a Car Show at the recreation grounds. They need to check with the insurance company to make sure there is coverage.

Alan Cretser asked the Board for permission to advertise for a "Request for Proposal" for the Walk path.

### **Resolution 43**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 43 to advertise for Request for Proposal for the walking path at the recreation site. The specifications may be obtained at the office of the Ephratah Town Clerk, 3782 State Hwy 10, St Johnsville, NY 13452. Proposals must be labeled on outside of sealed envelope "Walk Path Proposals" and received by the Town Clerk no later than 8 P.M. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 3782 State Hwy 10, St Johnsville, NY 13452. You may contact Alan Cretser at (518)993-2054.

All proposals will be opened on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. The board reserves the right to reject all or any bids. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Resolution 44**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 44 giving the Recreation Commission permission to have a Car Show at the recreation site at a future date. The insurance company must be contacted to be certain the activity would be covered under the present policy. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Assessors: Report submitted for review.

Supervisor: Report submitted for review.

Historian: Working on repairing old books.

The year end reports were submitted from the following:

- Judge Joseph Dickenson
- Judge John Keppler, Jr
- Clerk Eleanor Smith
- Historian Evelyn Frasier

Alan Cretser gave thanks to the Town Board and Jim Berry for all their help in developing the walking track at the recreation site.

### **Resolution 45**

Andy Chorlton offered Resolution 45 authorizing a Public Hearing to be held April 13, 2011 on "Smoking" at the Ephratah Town Hall at 6:05 pm. The Public Hearing is to be advertised in the local paper, "The Leader Herald". 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Supervisor Bradt called for a 5 minute recess before auditing the Judges' and Clerk's Books.

**Resolution 46**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 46 concluding that after an audit of Judge Joseph Dickenson's 2010 books, they were found to be up-to-date and that he did a good job record keeping. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Resolution 47**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 47 concluding that after an audit of Judge John Keppler, Jr.'s 2010 books, they were found to be up-to-date and that he did a good job record keeping. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Resolution 48**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 48 concluding that after an audit of Clerk Eleanor Smith's books, they were found to be up-to-date and that she did an excellent job. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

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

Time: 7:17 P.M.

Eleanor Smith  
Clerk