

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM  
May 11, 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 April 13, 2010. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 5, Claim # 101 thru 110 for the amount of \$ 3,054.58. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 5, Claim # 118 thru 140 for the amount of \$ 8,106.63. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Supervisor Bradt welcomed Megan Polenski and Leslie Lawrence from the government class at Oppenheim–Ephratah School.

### **Communications:**

- The Transfer Station will be closed on 5/30/2011 and open on 5/31/2011, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in observance of Memorial Day
- A letter of interest was received from Christine Leach for the open position on the Ephratah Recreation Commission Board.

### **Resolution 58**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 58 accepting Christine Leach as a member to fill the open position on the Ephratah Recreation Board. Her term will commence immediately and extend to 12/31/2014. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Public Input: None

### **Reports:**

Code Enforcer: Submitted report for review.

David has issued 2 permits and 1 Certificate of Occupancy

Planning Board: Submitted report for review.

- Records of completed training will be maintained by the Town Clerk, Planning Board and the individual trainee.
- Ephratah Planning Board will assume the position of “Lead Agency” for site plan review during the Roxane Construction.
- F.C. Planning Board ruled no regional impact on Roxane project; 239-m review is complete.
- State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) is complete.
- The revised EAF (Environmental Assessment Form) has been submitted.

- Roxane staff met with RGL Fire Dept regarding procedures and training for plant staff.
- Completed studies are as follows:
  1. Cultural Resources
  2. Wetlands and Habitat
  3. Waste Water Disposal
  4. Traffic Assessment
  5. Mitigative Measures

Highway Superintendent: Grading roads (south end) and getting ready for blacktopping. The Town of Ephratah is now registered with MSHA (Mine Safety and Health Administration) to be able to use the pit for gravel.

The Hwy Staff took the necessary training for mining the pit.

The Project Manager for Roxane suggested to apply for a state speed limit on Old State Rd. Jim also mentioned the Code Books will need to be updated if the speed limit is changed.

### **Resolution 59**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 59 authorizing the Clerk to apply to the State for a 30 MPH speed limit on Old State Road, starting from the entrance of Roxane, headed toward Garoga, west on Old State Road to State Hwy 29. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Youth: Sign-up for Softball was less than 50 kids and sign-up for Soccer was less than 30 kids. They will be choosing their coaches, umpires, designate playing dates and times.

Assessors: Report submitted for review.

- Open Book – Tuesday Eves from 6 to 9 P.M. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until 5/24/2011
- Grievance Day is May 24, 2011

Supervisor: Report submitted for review.

Historian: Garbage cans full in Fical Cemetery. (Jim will take care of).

On July 9, 2011 the dedication of the Historical Sign will be placed at Saltsman's Hotel.

Evelyn Frasier and Abby Cretser have been working on albums and updating the existing ones for the Historical Society.

### **Resolution 60**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 60 to change the Town of Ephratah Code Book by removing the STOP sign on Old State Road at the intersection of Old State and Murray Hill Road and put the STOP sign on Murray Hill Road. Approximately 400 feet west of the new STOP sign on Murray Hill Road, place a "Stop Ahead" sign. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Resolution 61**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 61 authorizing the Ephratah Town Board to hold on June 8, 2011 a Public Hearing at 6:15 P.M. on Resolution 60, removing the STOP sign on Old State Road at the intersection of Old State and Murray Hill Road and putting the STOP sign on Murray Hill Road. Approximately 400 feet west of the new STOP sign on Murray Hill Road, place a "Stop Ahead" sign. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

## **New Business**

### **Resolution 62**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 62 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to amend the 2011 Town Budget for CHIPS fund to \$81,235.85, a difference of \$51.32. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

The Town Board discussed reconstruction of the Old State Road in regards to the Roxane Bottle Plant.

Reconstruction of the Old State Road will benefit the Town of Ephratah.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Resolution 63**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 63 authorizing Jim Berry to hire Hanson Aggregates, PO Box 513, Jamesville, NY 13078 as lowest Bidder for the Asphalt Paving contract at a total cost of \$115,588.10. That includes the following:

East Road: \$63,406.60

Clyde Road: \$15,470.00

Ostrum Road: 36,711.50

2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Resolution 64**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 64 authorizing Alan Cretser to hire David Manchester, 105 Clemons Road, St Johnsville, NY 13452 as lowest Proposal for the Youth Walking Path at the Recreation Site at a total cost of \$9400. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

The Planning Board sign was tabled until the June meeting.

Supervisor Bradt called for a 3 minute recess.

The Board audited the Tax Collector's Books for the period of January 01, 2011 thru April 30, 2011.

### **Resolution 65**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 65 for the finding of Deborah Hofmann's Tax Collection Books in order with a fine job, neat and well organized. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

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

Time: 7:43 P.M.

Eleanor M Smith  
Clerk