

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 p.m. on October 12, 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
Superintendent of Highways	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.

Supervisor Bradt welcomed the following students from the Johnstown High School government class of P.I.G.S.: Abbey Cretser, Sam MacIntosh, Michelle Morgan, Liz Christman, Joe Warn, and Jordan Lincourt.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to accept the minutes from September 14, 2011 Regular Meeting. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract # 10, Claim # 177 thru # 190 for the amount of \$5,509.29. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract # 10, Claim # 225 thru #248 for the amount of \$21,591.48. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communications: Received a letter of resignation from Barbara Kravec, resigning from the Planning Board, effective December 31, 2011, because of numerous other commitments.

Resolution 81

George Cosselman offered Resolution 81 to accept, with regret, the resignation from Barbara Kravec from the Planning Board, effective December 31, 2011. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Public Input: Chuck Berry, Sr. inquired about the Highway crew cutting trees along the road at the intersection of Old State Rd & Murray Hill Rd and what became of the wood.

Reports:

Code Enforcer: Report submitted for review.

- 3 permits issued
- 4 tickets issued

Planning Board: Report submitted for review.

- A Negative Declaration for SEQR was issued
- The Site Plan Review was approved
- The Subdivision of two lots totaling approximately 30 acres, on which the CG Roxane Plant will be located was approved

Stacy Mason, Commercial Account Executive for Frontier Communications, presented the Board with a proposal for a new phone system at the Town Hall.

Hwy Superintendent: Still working on the sand and shoulders of the road. Jim is still collecting prices on a new truck cab & chassis.

Youth: Last Soccer game is 10/15/2011 and a Spaghetti Dinner at the EVFD, 4-7 p.m. will be held on this date.

Halloween Party will be October 30, 2011 at 2 p.m.

An Appreciation Day was held for Alan Harris at the Recreation Grounds and was very outstanding and a good turn-out. Alan Cretser thanked the Board for allowing the Recreation Committee to hold the event.

Assessors: Report submitted for review.

- Data file ready to be copied and submitted to Real Property on 10/19/2011
- Will be attending a one day seminar in Binghamton, NY on 11/18/11 regarding land values

Supervisor's report: Report submitted for review.

Historian: Historical sign was received. Dedication for the sign will be October 29, 2011 at 11 a.m. Lassell decedents plan on attending the dedication.

New Business

Resolution 82

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 82 authorizing Supervisor Todd Bradt to sign the contract agreement with James A. Brennan Humane Society beginning January 1, 2012. The agreement is for \$1,500 with quarterly payments of \$375. After the 1st 10 animals, there will be a charge of \$150 per animal. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Richard Hart's term on the Board of Assessment Review ended 9/30/2011. Supervisor Bradt will contact Mr. Hart. The decision to reappoint Mr. Hart will be tabled until the November meeting.

Resolution 83

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 83 to hold a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget of 2012 at 6:15 p.m. on November 9, 2011 at the Ephratah Town Hall. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to set October 31, 2011, 6-8 PM for Halloween Trick or Treat night in the Town of Ephratah. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Unfinished Business – None

Thomas Miles made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel matter. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time: 6:45 PM.

Thomas Miles made a motion to return to Regular Session. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time: 7:03 PM.

Budget Workshop: The Board discussed the Budget for any changes.

Resolution 84

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 84 to move the Tentative Budget of 2012 to the Preliminary Budget of 2012. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 7:07 P.M.

Eleanor Smith
Clerk