

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM September 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
Councilman	Andrew Chorlton
Clerk	Eleanor Smith
Hwy Superintendent	James Berry
Code Enforcement Officer	David Rackmyre, Jr.--Absent
Attorney	Michael Albanese --Absent

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

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from August 10, 2011 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 9, Claim # 162 thru 176 for the amount of \$ 20,641.64. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 9, Claim # 208 thru 224 for the amount of \$ 4,958.40. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Communications:** The Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Monday, October 10, 2011 for Columbus Day, and reopen on Tuesday, October 12, 2011, from 10 to 6 p.m.

**Public Input:** Ina Kurz requested, (1) a local law to prohibit Hydro-Fracking in the Town and, (2) some zoning in the town, regulating businesses and junk car dealers from just popping up wherever.

Supervisor Bradt welcomed two students from Johnstown High School P.I.G.S. class. They were Jordan Lincourt and Joe Warn.

### **Reports:**

Code Enforcement Officer: A report was submitted for review.

- 4 new permits issued
- 2 Certificates of Compliance issued
- 4 Violation Notices issued
- David also provided the Board with a copy of the DMV Official Business Certificate for Mr. T. Frank, to expire 12/31/12. This certificate (license) is not for the addresses in the Town of Ephratah.
- David is being kept up-to-date regarding CG Roxane Project. George Cosselman requested a written contract with CG Roxane of their intention to pay for the road construction involved with the project.

Planning Board: They had no meeting. Their next meeting will be September 19, 2011 at 6 p.m. At that meeting will be the Public Hearing on CG Roxane Project at 6:15pm.

High

Highway Superintendent: Jim Berry thanked the fire departments for the help during the flooding.

CG Roxane will need to get rid of approximately 7,000 yards of clean fill once they start the project. Jim asked the Board if they would grant the clean fill to be hauled to the Town Pit. The trees, stumps & roots will be ground and sold by the company, only clean fill will be hauled to the pit.

### **Resolution 76**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 76 to allow the clean fill from the CG Roxane project to be hauled and dumped at the Ephratah Town Pit. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

The Town sign is up and running in front of the Town Hall.

The Highway men are working on the sand for winter.

Jim Berry will be going to Highway school September 27 – 30<sup>th</sup>.

The men helped the County Landfill by hauling rocks for a more solid road during the disposal of flood debris.

Jim asked the Board for 2 E-Z Passes for the Thruway.

### **Resolution 77**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 77 authorizing Jim Berry to open an E-Z Pass account for the Town of Ephratah Highway for 2 vehicles. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Youth: The Chicken BBQ had a reasonably good turnout. On 9/24/2011, 12 to 4 p.m., the Recreation Commission will be holding a “Show of Appreciation” for Alan Harris.

Opening day for soccer is September 10, 2011.

Assessors: Report submitted for review.

- School Tax bills have been mailed out.
- Will begin processing splits & mergers for 2012 year.
- Data collection to begin on new building permits received.

Supervisor Report: Report submitted for review.

Historian: October 1, 2011 is the tentative date for the Historical marker in Lassellsville to be placed. It will be held at 1 p.m. by Bradshaw’s on Route 29 (if it comes in). There will be a ceremony at the Methodist Church afterward.

### **New Business**

Supervisor Bradt presented to the Board, a request from Gloversville Public Library, funding in the amount of \$2,206 for Town Residents to have full access to the Library.

### **Resolution 78**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 78 to decline the payment of the request of \$2,206 from the Gloversville Public Library. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Resolution 79**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 79 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to renew the Hartford Crime Policy, which covers the Judges, for the amount of \$918, payable to the Mang Insurance Company. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Resolution 80**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 80 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to pay an annual chargeback for annual maintenance fees, prepared for the NYS RPS V4 (Real Property Tax Service). The annual fee will be \$569.76 for January, 2012. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Unfinished Business**

The Planning Board will hold their regular meeting September 19, 2011 at 6 p.m. with a Public Hearing opening for CG Roxane Project at 6:15 p.m.

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

Time: 6:35 p.m.

A Work Session took place with the Board for the 2012 Budget.

Eleanor Smith  
Clerk