

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM, April 11, 2012 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
Attorney	Michael Albanese --Absent

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

Supervisor Bradt welcomed Andrew Duesler and Douglas Chambers from the Johnstown High School P.I.G.S. Class

Andy Chorlton made a motion to accept the minutes from March 14, 2012 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 4, Claim # 55 thru 65 for the amount of \$ 5,553.64. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 4, Claim # 55 thru 75 for the amount of \$ 7,134.87. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Communication:** The Dept. of Agriculture & Markets conducted two inspections:

1. Municipal Shelter Inspection
2. Dog Control Officer Inspection (Daniel Robinson, DCO)

Both inspections reported to be "Satisfactory".

Supervisor Bradt has a copy of the C.G. Roxane Bottling Plant plans for Johnstown and also a copy of the Highway study that was sent in for Ephratah.

**Public Input:** Joseph Dickenson provided the Board with handouts regarding cell phones and microwave cell towers. He also asked the Board to enact a town law not to accept the microwave cell tower in the town.

### **Reports:**

Code Enforcement Officer: A report was submitted for review.

- 1 Certificate of Occupancy Issued
- 5 Violation Notices Issued

David Rackmyre, Jr has now received the plans for the microwave cell tower. If approved for the Tower to be erected, a variance would need to be granted, as the lot size is smaller than local law allows. They want 100' X 100' lot, tower to be 170' high.

The pending court case for violation has been adjourned by the Attorneys and no new date set.

Planning Board: The proposed Dominion microwave cell tower was the topic of discussion. Joe Dickenson and Jack Keppler asked for a moratorium on the cell tower project until more studies can be done on the possible side-effects. Three representatives from Dominion were present and asked to return for the next Planning Board Meeting.

The Planning Board members will participate in the Fulton County Clean-up Day on May 5, 2012.

Highway Superintendent: Working on the grade-all; the flag pole needs to be replaced. Jim said he can purchase a pole for approximately \$450. The crew is working on the roads to be black-topped, getting them ready. Jim also asked the Board for permission to clean the scrap steel from the “back-yard”.

### **Resolution 53**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 53 authorizing Jim Berry, Hwy Superintendent, permission to clean and sell the scrap steel in the back yard. The monies received goes to the Town. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Resolution 54**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 54 authorizing Jim Berry permission to purchase and replace the Flag Pole at the Town Hall site for approximately \$450. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Jim reported the mining pit will open May 1, 2012, therefore an inspection of the pit will probably take place.

Youth: The Easter Party was a great success, with a large turn-out; approximately 65 – 80 kids. April 21<sup>st</sup> softball sign-up and bottle drive will take place. There will also be a sign-up in May. The floor of the Recreation building will get pressure washed and then sealed.

Assessors: A report was submitted for review.

All exemptions have been received & entered into the computer

- Collected data on all parcels for property receiving permits
- Meeting with Gary Wright from ORPS to present necessary info to complete 2013 Full Value Measurement Survey for the Town

Supervisor: A report was submitted for review.

Historian: Nothing new

**New Business:** A policy on Hydro-Fracking is tabled until May, 2012 meeting.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### **Resolution 55**

1. Thomas Miles offered Resolution 55 authorizing Jim Berry to contract with Hanson Aggregates  
PO Box 513  
Jamesville, NY 13078 for the Total Amount: \$ 135,414.15  
for the Asphalt Paving of the following roads: Wood Road; Saltsman Road;  
and Wohlgemuth Road. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Supervisor asked for Public Input again.

Jack Keppler spoke on his idea of hydro-fracking in the town and the need to appose it.

Joe Dickenson spoke on micro-wave tower and requested a moratorium so as to gain more information on the side-effects.

Carolyn Honeywell inquired if there was a date when they could start the fracking process.

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

Time: 6:44 P.M.

Eleanor Smith  
Clerk