# **Regular Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM December 12, 2012 at the Ephratah Town Hall. Roll Call found the following people present:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt
Councilman	Ivan DueslerAbsent
Councilman	George Cosselman
Councilman	Thomas Miles
Councilman	Andrew Chorlton
Clerk	Eleanor Smith
Hwy Superintendent	James Berry
Code Enforcement Officer	David Rackmyre, JrAbsent
Attorney	Michael Albanese

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

Thomas Miles made a motion to accept the minutes from November 14, 2012 Regular meeting.  $2^{nd}$  by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 12, Claim # 157 thru 172 for the amount of 10,165.30. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 12, Claim # 194 thru 204 for the amount of \$2,662.23.  $2^{nd}$  by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

**Communications:** The Transfer Station will close at 3PM on 12/24/2012 & 12/31/12.

**Public Input:** Bill Gray spoke regarding a building permit. He felt he was being picked on. Doesn't have a problem paying the fee, if everyone has to get a permit. Make everyone equal in the town.

### **Reports:**

<u>Code:</u> Unable to attend due to a family emergency. No report.

Planning Board:

- They received a building permit that needs a variance, but couldn't act on it because of not enough info presented.
- Eric Sweeney and Dale Gray have resigned from the Planning Board.
- Training was reviewed and discussed for 2012 year.
- Slate of Officers is on the agenda for January

<u>Highway:</u> Caught-up with work. Had an issue with the wood stove & would like permission to look into getting a new one. Todd suggested looking at an outside wood boiler. All agreed.

<u>Youth:</u> The recreation has closed for the winter. There will be no Christmas Party because of no interest.

#### Assessors: Report submitted.

• Senior Exemptions have been sent out, with a return date prior to March 1, 2013

• Assessors are compiling a list of building permits & properties that have been improved without a permit so that they will have it when the property needs to be revaluated for the 2013 Tentative Roll.

<u>Supervisor:</u> Report submitted for review.

Historian: Nothing new.

## New Business:

The Comprehensive Planning Committee will meet on December 17, 2012. The meeting in April, 2013 may be the last meeting. They are working on a questionnaire to be placed at the Town Clerk's Office and one on line.

# **Resolution 92**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 92 to advertise for a Health Officer for the Town of Ephratah. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

# **Resolution 93**

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 93 to have the Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2013 at 9AM at the Ephratah Town Hall. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried.

# **Resolution 94**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 94 authorizing Lita Hillier to pay all bills at years end. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

Supervisor Bradt welcomed Kendra Culver from Johnstown High School (P.I.G.S.) government class.

No unfinished business.

Thomas Miles made a motion to adjourn.  $2^{nd}$  by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 6:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleanor Smith Clerk