

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM
June 13, 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 -- Absent
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 May 9, 2011 Regular meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 6, Claim # 80 thru 98 for the amount of \$ 3,815.96. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 6, Claim # 101 thru 121 for the amount of \$ 14,695.51. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Communication:

The Transfer Station will not be affected by the July 4th Holiday.

The Dept of Solid Waste is having the annual Latex Paint Exchange, as well as a one-month pilot program offering electronics recycling at all transfer stations. Both programs are free for Fulton County residents.

The electronics program is for the month of July and open to any resident of Fulton County with no charge back or tipping fee to the municipality.

Residents can drop off computers, monitors, printers, televisions, fax machines, VCR/DVD players, telephones and other electronics during the station's regular hours. A transfer station sticker will not be needed (for electronics drop-off only). The annual Latex Paint Exchange, which runs every Saturday morning (7:15-11:30 a.m.) during the summer, will be open on June 2, 2012 and run through Aug. 25. It is held at the Solid Waste Dept on Mud Road. Open to Fulton County residents only, (no businesses) there is no cost and no appointment is needed. Residents can drop off good, re-useable latex paint; or take up to five gallons a week.

Public Input:

Joseph Dickenson asked the board for a moratorium for the prohibit of cell/micro towers and hydrofracking in the Town of Ephratah.

Reports:

Code Enforcement: a report was submitted for review.

- Issued 3 permits
- Issued 4 Certificates of Occupancy
- Ten violation notices sent
- Two tickets issued

No contact received in regards to the microwave tower, nothing new.

Planning Board: A report was submitted for review.

The Planning Board suggested the committee for the Comprehensive Planning & Zoning should consist of 2 Town Board members, 2 Planning Board members, 3 town residents along with 2 alternates. This would be more efficient.

Jim Mraz estimates 1-1 ½ year timeframe for the Comprehensive Planning procedure.

The Planning Board plans to hand out a one-page summary of basic information with the Website listed to the public on August 4th car show.

Highway Superintendent: Black topping is finished. The crew is working on the shoulders. A new flag pole has been erected, closer to the lighting.

Youth: Softball starts July 7, 2012 at 9 a.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. The Car Show will be held August 4, 2012 with rain date of August 5th at the Recreational field, State Hwy 29.

Assessors: A report was submitted for review.

- Final roll has been submitted with the county
- Grievance Day was held, having 8 complaints
- The 3 Assessors attended an Ethics course in Syracuse, required by the state

Supervisor: A report was submitted for review.

Historian: June Frasier was visited by a couple from Indiana doing research on the Empie Family. The couple high praise to the Ephratah Cemetery and commented on what a well kept cemetery it was.

New Business

Resolution 59

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 59 to accept the Town of Ephratah Girls Club into the Town of Ephratah Recreation Commission. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 60

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 60 to make a necessary budget transfer due to a shortfall in the amount budgeted for the 2012 Humane Contract as follows:

To: A3520.41 – Humane Contract	\$400.00	
From: A1990.4 – Contingent		\$400.00

2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

At 6:30 the bids for the 1988 International Plow Truck were opened with the following bids:

1. George Cosselman, Jr \$2,100.00
2. Kenneth DeBlock \$1,815.00
3. James Espee \$2,551.00
4. Robert Hohenforst,
Apollo Northeast Sales & Service, Inc \$2,401.00

Resolution 61

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 61 to accept the bid on the 1989 International Plow Truck, as is, for \$2,551.00 to James Espee, 410 North Main St., Gloversville, NY 12078. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 62

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 62 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to Bond for \$80,000.00 with NBT Bank for a new truck. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 63

Andy Chorlton offered Resolution 63 authorizing Supervisor Bradt, Clerk Eleanor Smith and Attorney Michael Albanese to do any and all necessary paper work for the bond at NBT Bank for the new truck. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 64

Motion made by: Ivan Duesler
Seconded by: George Cosselman
4 Ayes. Adopted.

**TOWN OF EPHRATAH
RESOLUTION 64 ESTABLISHING
TOBACCO-FREE POLICY**

Whereas, THE Town of Ephratah believes that tobacco use in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor recreational activities at town owned or operated facilities is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ephratah has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment, that supports a no-tobacco standard through a tobacco-free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling on town owned outdoor recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ephratah believes parents, leaders, and officials involved in recreation are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices they make; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco industry advertises at and sponsors recreational events to foster a connection between tobacco use and recreation; and

WHEREAS, cigarettes and chew products, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of the town’s recreational facilities and pose a risk to toddlers due to ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ephratah determines that the prohibition of tobacco use at the town’s recreational facilities serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Ephratah.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Ephratah, that the following tobacco-free policy is adopted.

SECTION 1: TOBACCO PROHIBITED IN OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL PLAYGROUND AND ALL OTHER TOWN FACILITIES AND PROPERTY.

No person shall use any form of tobacco at any town owned playgrounds within the town limits.

This prohibition includes all town owned or operated outdoor recreational facilities, spectator and concession areas, and restrooms. Any future owned town playgrounds are covered by this policy as well.

SECTION 2: ENFORCEMENT

Appropriate signs shall be posted in the about specified areas.

The community, especially facility users and staff, will be notified about this policy.
Staff will make periodic observations of recreational facilities to monitor for compliance. Town officials, parents and coaches are asked to help in enforcing the compliance to the policy.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

Adopted by the Town of Ephratah on this 13th day of June 2012.



Three resumes/applications were received for the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Committee.

1. William J. Simpson
466 New Turnpike Road
Fort Plain, NY 13339

2. Rosalyn S. Wood
170 Smolik Road
St Johnsville, NY 13452

3. Bruce Frasier
144 Church Street
St Johnsville, NY 13452

Resolution 65

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 65 to accept the three applicants: William J. Simpson, Rosalyn S. Wood, and Bruce Frasier as members of the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Committee, with a proposed date in September, 2012 for the first meeting. Each member will be notified of the date in September. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Copies of the applicant's resumes will be forwarded to the Planning Board. Eleanor Smith will notify the applicants of the Board's decision to accept them on the committee.

Joseph Dickenson contacted a lawyer for a presentation on a "moratorium" for free. Joe would give Todd the phone number to call and set up a time for the presentation.

Ivan made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 7:05 PM

Eleanor Smith
Clerk