

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM  
March 14, 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 -- Absent
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 Andrew Duesler and Douglas Chambers from Johnstown High School's P.I.G.S. class.

Thomas Miles made a motion to accept the minutes from February 8, 2012 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 3, Claim # 38 thru 54 for the amount of \$ 7,224.47. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 3, Claim # 35 thru 54 for the amount of \$ 8,423.16. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Communication:** None

**Public Input:** Denise Hulbert from St. Johnsville spoke on Hydro-fracking and informed the public that beginning May 15, 2012, bidding will commence for hydro-fracking.

At 6:15 p.m. the Public Hearing for Asphalt bids was opened by Supervisor Bradt. The following bids were submitted:

1. Cobleskill Stone Products  
PO Box 220  
Cobleskill, NY 12043                      Total Amount: \$ 140,735.97
2. Callanan Industries Inc  
PO Box 15097  
Albany, NY 12212-5097                      Total Amount: \$ 153,382.05
3. Hanson Aggregates  
PO Box 513  
Jamesville, NY 13078                      Total Amount: \$ 135,414.15

### Resolution 49

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 49 to table the decision until April meeting, giving Jim time to review the bids. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer: A report was submitted for review:

- Violation notice sent
- As soon as the final plans for the microwave tower to be erected on East Road is received, it will go to the Planning Board. If accepted by the

Planning Board, the Town Board would need to grant a variance (lot size does not conform with town law).

- Received complaint regarding mold at a residence. Owner has been advised and instructed to remedy the situation.
- After passing an 'International Code Council Exam' David Rackmyre, Jr. has become a Nationally Certified Residential Energy Inspector/Plans Examiner.

Planning Board: Rose Wooley reported on the activity of the Planning Board. Hydro-fracking was the main topic, followed by the cell tower proposal on the East Road.

Highway Superintendent: They are cutting brush, patching roads, getting equipment ready for spring.

Youth: On 3/31.2012 an Easter Party will be held at the Recreation Center. They are getting ready for softball / soccer sign-ups. There are 2 open positions on the recreation Board. Sarah Gray and the youths going on trips must go through the Town Board to make sure there is coverage of insurance.

Assessors: A Report was submitted for review:

- All exemptions received by March 1, 2012 have been entered on the computer
- Data has been collected on all parcels they received permits for and new values are being established
- The Assessors are entering data for the 2012 Tentative Roll, which has to be submitted by April 20, 2012

Supervisor: no report

Historian: Evelyn has worked on the scrapbook filed in the cabinet

### **New Business:**

The Planning Board recommendation for hydro-fracking is a local law or a moratorium. Mike Albanese will look into the best recommendation for the Town.

Supervisor Bradt presented the Board with draft copies of local laws on hydro-fracking for their review.

### **Unfinished Business:** None

George Cosselman made a motion to recess for 5 minutes before auditing the Judges' and Clerk's books. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.  
Time: 6:26 p.m.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to proceed with the Regular Session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time: 6:35 p.m.

The Town Board audited Judge Dickenson and Judge Keppler's 2011 Books.

### **Resolution 50**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 50 concluding that after an audit of Judge Joseph Dickenson's 2011 books, they were found to be up-to-date and that he did a good job record keeping. Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Resolution 51**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 51 concluding that after an audit of Judge John Keppler, Jr.'s 2011 books, they were found to be up-to-date and that he did a good job record keeping. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

The Town Board audited Clerk Eleanor M. Smith's 2011 Books.

**Resolution 52**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 52 concluding that after an audit of Clerk Eleanor M. Smith's 2011 books, they were found to be accurate and that she did a good job record keeping. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

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

Time: 7:20 p.m.

Eleanor Smith