

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM November 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.
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 October 10, 2012 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 11, Claim # 141 thru 156 for the amount of \$ 21,837.96. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 11, Claim # 178 thru 193 for the amount of \$ 18,438.66. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Communications**

- The Transfer Station will be closed November 22, 2012 for Thanksgiving.
- A resignation was received from Deborah Hofmann, Tax Collector, effective December 31, 2012.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept, with regret, Deborah Hofmann's resignation, effective December 31, 2012. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

- The Town Clerk will be selling the new 2013 – 2014 Transfer Stickers starting Dec. 1, 2012 at the Transfer Station from 9 AM to 12 Noon. That will be a one-time-only. The rest of the time will be at the Clerk's office during regular business hours.

**Public Input:** None

At 6:15 PM Supervisor Bradt Opened the Public Hearing on the Town 2013 Budget.

### **Reports:**

Code Enforcement Officer: Report was submitted for review.

- 2 new permits issued
- 1 Certificate of Compliance
- 1 Certificate of Occupancy issued
- 1 request for variance
- 2 tickets served

November 29, 2012, David is expecting several people to appear in court to resolve their ticket issues.

Planning Board: No meeting was held this month due to lack of a quorum. The comprehensive Planning & Zoning Committee met on October 15, 2012.

Highway: Trucks are ready for plowing. Storm clean-up went well.

Youth: The Sponsor Appreciation dinner was held 11/3/2012 and Al Cretser was very disappointed with the turnout.

The Recreation Committee is working on 2013 projects for the year.

Assessors: Report submitted for review.

- Still waiting for the centralized computer system to work the glitches out
- Met with Peter Galarneau to see what is the problem with the computer system
- Will begin sending out the senior exemption renewal applications the first week in December which have to be returned prior to March 1, 2013

Supervisor: August, September and October reports were submitted.

Historian:

- June Frasier has received the Renewal of the Charter for the Historical Society. It is good for five more years.
- June is working on the Shaver genealogy
- Also working on the database for past records of birth and death

### **New Business:**

The next meeting for the Comprehensive Planning & Zoning will be November 19, 2012 at 6 PM with no meeting in December.

### **Resolution 87**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 87 authorizing Supervisor Todd Bradt to sign the contract agreement with James A. Brennan Humane Society beginning January 1, 2013. The agreement is for \$1,500 with quarterly payments of \$375. After the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 animals, there will be a charge of \$150 per animal. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Resolution 88**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 88 to appoint Cynthia Wesselmann as Tax Collector for 2013. In November the position will be open for election. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Resolution 89**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 89 to raise the fee for returned check to \$25.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Carver Sand & Gravel have all but 1 picture they cannot find (Bovee's). Supervisor Bradt talked with Dave Wood regarding the pictures. If anyone is having a problem, notify Todd.

Supervisor Bradt received from NY Mutual Insurance Co., a check of \$847.50, for reimbursement to the municipalities that started NYMIR. This may be the last check to be received.

### **Resolution 90**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 90 to close the Public Hearing for 2013 Town Budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Resolution 91**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 91 to adopt the preliminary budget of \$1,357,199.00 the amount to be raised by taxes of \$758,003.00 as the annual budget for the Town of Ephratah for the fiscal year 2013.

Resolved: Whereas, the town board has met at a time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the preliminary budget, and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon, Now therefore be it resolved that the town board does hereby adopt such preliminary budget as amended as the Annual Budget as so adopted, be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of the town board and be it further resolved, that the town Clerk or Budget Officer of the town, shall prepare and Certify in duplicate copies of said annual budget as adopted by this board together with estimates if any, adopted pursuant to section 202-A. sub-division 2 of the town law, and deliver a copy thereof to the supervisor of this town, to be presented by him to the board of supervisors of the County. This resolution was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt	Aye
Councilman	Ivan Duesler	Aye
Councilman	George Cosselman	Aye
Councilman	Thomas Miles	Aye
Councilman	Andrew Chorlton	Aye

The budget for 2013 of this town is hereby adopted.

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

Time: 6:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted.

Eleanor Smith  
Clerk