

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM  
September 12, 2012 at the Ephratah Town Hall.

Roll Call found the following people present:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt
Councilman	Ivan Duesler
Councilman	George Cosselman -- Absent
Councilman	Thomas Miles
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. Clerk Eleanor Smith welcomed two Johnstown High School students from the government class of P.I.G.S. They were Alexis and Travis Munson.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from August 8, 2012 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Andy Chorlton made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 9, Claim # 114 thru 130 for the amount of \$ 6,016.23. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 9, Claim # 141 thru 157 for the amount of \$ 190,272.66. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

### **Communication:**

Supervisor Bradt received the report from Carver regarding the blasting. It is on file with the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Bradt suggested all Town Board members and Planning Board members attend the training class on September 20, 2012 for:

- Intermunicipal Agreements
- Intermunicipal Planning
- Signage Regulations

The training will be held at the Fulton-Montgomery Community College.

**Public Input:** None.

### **Reports:**

Code Enforcement: Report submitted for review.

- 4 new permits issued
- 1 Certificate of Compliance issued
- 1 request for variance – (was not needed)
- 9 violations sent out
- 4 tickets issued

Planning Board: Report submitted.

Highway: New truck is now on the property. The workers are working on sand. Jim Berry will be out of town on 9/25 – 9/28/2012 for Highway School in Rochester.

Youth: Opened soccer season Saturday, Sept 8, 2012. On October 13, 2012, the last day of soccer and Spaghetti dinner at the Ephratah Firehouse 4 – 7 P.M. October 27, 2012 will be the Halloween Party at 2 p.m. Al Cretser invited all board members to the Rec Center on November 3, 2012 for the Sponsor Dinner; written invitation will be sent out at a later date.

Assessors: Report submitted.

- ORPS is establishing a Central Database, Assessor's computer is in Johnstown until September 17, 2012

Supervisor: Report should be mailed with minutes

Historian: June Frasier took pictures of the Rockwood Hotel before it was torn down and the man who took the wood is writing a history on the hotel and wants to use the pictures in his story.

June has also been doing genealogy for several people, along with still working on the Ostrum history.

June is still working on getting the stone in the Dempster Cemetery erected.

Supervisor Bradt opened the Public Hearing for the RGL Fire Contract at 6:16 P.M. Mark Souza, Chief of RGL, spoke about RGL and what they are doing to help raise monies to put toward new equipment and projects.

### **Resolution 77**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 77 to accept Sara Gray as a board member on the Recreation Commission, to fill a vacant position. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

### **Resolution 78**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 78 to appoint 2 Town Board Members to the Comprehensive Planning Committee. The Members will be: Todd Bradt and Ivan Duesler. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

A date needs to be set for the Comprehensive Planning Committee to meet. Todd Bradt will contact Jim Mraz to schedule a date and time convenient for the members and Mr. Mraz.

### **Resolution 79**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution to accept the members from the Planning Board, Judy Townsend and Nancy Christman, with Rose Woolley as alternate. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried.

### **Resolution 80**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 80 to close the Public Hearing on the RGL Fire contract. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

### **Resolution 81**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 81 authorizing Supervisor Todd Bradt to enter into a Three (3) year contract with the Rockwood-Garoga-Lassellsville (RGL) Fire Department. The payment schedule is to be as follows:

- Year One (2013)                      \$63,000 (Increase of \$1,000)
- Year Two (2014)                      \$64,000 (Increase of \$1,000)
- Year Three (2015)                    \$65,000 (Increase of \$1,000)

2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

**Resolution 82**

Andy Chorlton offered Resolution 82 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to enter into a contract with Greg Fairchild, Gloversville, to mow 12 Town Cemeteries, 4 times a year. These cemeteries must be mowed before the major holidays, (Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day and one time in between when needed). Total for mowing is to be \$451.25. Gas Surcharge is added for the amount of \$40.50. Total is \$491.75. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Budget Workshop date is set for September 26, 2012 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Clerk Eleanor Smith requested the Town Board to pass a resolution that the Ephratah Rural Cemetery may store their records in a fire-proof safe, bought by the Cemetery, at the Town Hall. Prior, Supervisor Bradt, Attorney Albanese, and the Mang Insurance Co. saw no problem with storing the records at the Town Hall. Jim Berry *temporarily* put a hold on this agreement by calling a “Special Consultant” at the Association of Towns’ Office, misinforming the consultant regarding the facts about the cemetery, even though a law had been passed in 2010 by NYS Governor, allowing municipalities to provide goods and/or services to public cemeteries.

Ephratah Rural Cemetery is an independent, not-for-profit cemetery, not a private cemetery, as Jim Berry led the consultant to believe.

**Resolution 83**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 83 authorizing Ephratah Rural Cemetery and Rockwood Cemetery to store the records in their safes at the Town Hall. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

**Unfinished Business:** None

Phone calls have been received from a few residents regarding animals in the middle of the road on County Hwy 119.

Mike Albanese will check into the law regarding animals running loose, then a certified letter can be sent to the animal owners if need be.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully,

Eleanor Smith  
Clerk