

Organizational Meeting

The Organizational Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 9:15 A.M. on January 1, 2013 at the Ephratah Town Hall.

Roll Call found the following members present:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt
Councilman	Ivan Duesler
Councilman	George Cosselman -- Absent
Councilman	Thomas Miles
Councilman	Andrew Chorlton
Clerk	Eleanor Smith
Superintendent of Hwys	James Berry

The meeting was opened with the salute to the flag led by Supervisor Todd Bradt.

Resolution 1

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 1 to set the official meeting day as the 2nd Wednesday of each month; Time to be set at 6 p.m. and place is Ephratah Town Hall. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 2

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 2 to designate the Leader Herald as the official newspaper and NBT Bank as the official depository. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 3

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 3 to set the wages of the Town Highway Employees as per the 2012 labor contract. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 4

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 4 to set the wages of the Town Officials as per 2013 Budget. 2nd by Todd Bradt. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 5

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 5 to set the wages of the Assessment Board of Review @ \$50.00 for grievance day; \$7.25 p/hour for attending school and \$7.25 p/hour for working beyond grievance day. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 6

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 6 to appoint Michael Albanese as the Town Attorney with the salary of \$9,000.00. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 7

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 7 to set the official town mileage at \$.45 p/mile. 2nd by Todd Bradt. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 8

Andy Chorlton offered Resolution 8 to appoint David Rackmyre, Jr as Code Enforcement Officer for the year of 2013 at a salary of \$7,700. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 9

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 9 to appoint Penelope Smith as Chairperson of the Assessors. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 10

Andy Chorlton offered Resolution 10 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to appoint Evelyn Frasier as the Town Historian at a salary of \$500, and a Deputy, Abbey Cretser, for \$200 for the 2013 year.

2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 11

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 11 to appoint Daniel Robinson as Dog Control Officer with salary of \$2,800.00; enumerations to be \$1,000.00 when handed in to Clerk and mileage set at \$.45 per/mile. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 12

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 12 to authorize the Dog Control Officer to appoint a deputy, with no salary. Deputy to be Linda Robinson. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 13

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 13 to appoint Eleanor Smith as Registrar of Vital Statistics with salary to be fee collected. 2nd by Todd Bradt. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 14

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 14 to authorize Registrar to appoint a deputy, which will be Cynthia Wesselmann. 2nd by Todd Bradt. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 15

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 15 to authorize Town Clerk to appoint a deputy with salary at \$10.00 per/hour; per diem. Deputy to be Cynthia Wesselmann. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 16

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 16 to authorize Supervisor Todd Bradt to appoint Ivan Duesler as Deputy Supervisor with salary of \$600 for 2013 year. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 3 Ayes, 1 Abstention (Ivan Duesler). Carried.

Resolution 17

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 17 to authorize Superintendent of Highways to appoint Alan Cretser as his deputy with salary of \$1,000 for 2013 year. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 18

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 18 to authorize Tax Collector to appoint a deputy with a salary of \$10. per/hour, per diem, not to exceed \$200 for the 2013 year. Deputy to be Deborah Hofmann. 2nd by Todd Bradt. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 19

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 19 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to appoint Lita Hillier as Budget Officer with a salary of \$3,301.00 and designate Lita Hillier as Bookkeeper for 2013 with a salary of \$3,413.00. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 20

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 20 to authorize the 2 Town Justices to employ a stenographer in the event of a court trial. 2nd by Todd Bradt. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 21

Andy Chorlton offered Resolution 21 to authorize the Supervisor to pay all salaries monthly except Superintendent of Highways and town employees, which are to be paid weekly. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 22

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 22 to authorize the Supervisor to invest surplus monies in GMMMA or CD's. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 23

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 23 to appoint Lisa Beers, Mang Insurance, as Broker for MVP. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 24

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 24 to enter into a memo of understanding with NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation. 2nd by Todd Bradt. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 25

Andy Chorlton offered Resolution 25 to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utilities services including telephone & electric lights, and to purchase postage. All such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 26

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 26 to appoint Todd Bradt as voting delegate to the Association of Towns Meeting in NYC. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 27

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 27 to designate all claims to be filed on monthly abstracts are to be submitted no later than 6 p.m. the Tuesday before the Town Board meeting, with the exception of emergency purposes. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 28

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 28 to create a petty cash fund for the Tax Collector for the amount of \$50, to make change only. 2nd by Todd Bradt. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 29

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 29 to create a petty cash fund for the Town Clerk for the amount of \$200. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 30

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 30 to appoint, at a later date, a Health Officer for 2013 with a salary of \$590. 2nd by Todd Bradt. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 31

Andy Chorlton offered Resolution 31 to authorize the necessary 2012 year-end budget transfers to close the books as follows:

To: A1330.4 – Tax Collector C.E.	\$ 207.71	
From: A1330.2 – Tax Collector E.Q.		\$ 207.71
To: A1620.4 – Buildings C.E.	\$4,600.00	
From: A1990.4 – Contingent		\$4,600.00
To: A6410.4 – Publicity	\$ 14.45	
From: A1660.4 – Central Storeroom		\$ 14.45
To: A9010.8 – Retirement	\$ 353.00	
From: A9060.8 – Health Insurance		\$ 353.00

To: DA9089.8 – Uniforms \$450.92
From: DA9060.8 – Health Insurance \$ 450.92

To: DA5110.1 – General Repairs P.S. \$2,215.90
From: DA5142.1 – Snow Removal P.S. \$2,215.90

2nd by Todd Bradt. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 32

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 32 to amend the 2012 Highway Budget to raise revenues and appropriations to use excess CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) Aid received from the New York State Authority toward expenses incurred as follows:

DA510 – Estimated Revenues \$ 48.70
(DA3501 – CHIPS)

DA960 – Appropriations \$ 48.70
(DA5112.2 – CHIPS)

2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 33

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 33 authorizing Jim Berry, Superintendent of Highways to designate the following roads as Seasonal Limited Use Highways under Section 205-a of the Highway Law effective immediately for January 1, 2013:

- Jinkes Hollow
- Arthurs Road
- East Road, from Tom Shears to the Town of Ephratah town line
- Green Street, between Sam's camp and Lansburg's
- Howard Road
- Irish Settlement Road, starting after the first camp at a point approximately 200 feet South from the most Northern entrance of County Hwy 119.
- Swamp Road
- Tillboro Road, From Charles Lyons west to Kringsbush Road
- Turn Hill Road, from State Hwy 10 South to Joe Kurts
- Gottung Road
- Fical Corners West, from Larry Dwight's west to the Town of Ephratah town line

2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 34

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 34 authorizing Town of Ephratah to enter into a Planning Service Agreement with Fulton County Planning Department, whereby the Town of Ephratah would commit to spend up to \$1,000 to pay for Planning Service that may be needed during the 2013 year. 2nd by Todd Bradt. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Todd Bradt. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 9:43 a.m.

Eleanor Smith
Clerk