

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM  
April 10, 2013 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
Attorney	Michael Albanese

The meeting was opened with Salute to the Flag led by Supervisor Todd Bradt.

Ethan Cretser, from Johnstown High School P.I.G.S. Class, was welcomed to the meeting by Supervisor Bradt.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from March 13, 2013 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Andy Chorlton made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 4, Claim # 59 thru 75 for the amount of \$ 9,193.66. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 4, Claim # 56 thru 68 for the amount of \$ 7,112.99. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

**Communications:** None

**Public Input:** None

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcer:

- 2 new permits issued
- Dave is in contact with owners of the trailer/land to demolish the trailer on Rte 10 ((old Wood's Farm)
- May 1<sup>st</sup> violations will be written for junk, etc.

Dave was asked to draft a plan for no cost permits to be presented next month and a date will then be set for Public Hearing.

#### Planning Board:

- Requiring a 7 day notice for a variance
- Ephratah Welcome Packets for new residents will be available in May
- Local Clean-up Day will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>; 9 a.m. to 12 noon

#### Highway Superintendent:

- Transfer of Roads to State, County & Town became effective on 3/13/2013. The County road now has to be renamed.
- The chips meeting was held and an increase in monies for Ephratah will be \$21,285.02 making the total \$102,518.25.
- Highway Dept was audited by NYS Dept of Labor and was given 2 write-ups
- Jim & Al will be going to NYMIR Class on Thursday
- Wood Stove is in and working

- Jim requested to shop around for uniforms. Too much confusion with present company

### **Resolution 57**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 57 giving Jim permission to shop around for uniforms and to present the board with cost in May. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

### **Resolution 58**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 58 to rename the County Hwy 118, in Rockwood, to “Valley Road” since it now belongs to the Town. The Clerk will send a copy of the resolution to Garth Hillier so that he can notify all residents on that road of the change in their address and assign a 911 number to that property. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried.

### Youth:

- Easter Party had 50+ kids and all had a good time
- Al gave a “Thank You” to the Planning Board for their support & help
- Trying to line up coaches for softball
- On 4/13/2013 starts the softball season
- Since the girl scouts came aboard, they have helped out a lot

### Assessors: Report Submitted for review

- Tentative Roll will be ready to submit on April 19, 2013
- Challenging the Market Survey (RAR) from the State, trying to maintain current equalization rate of 84%
- Grievance Day will be held May 28, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Executive Session is requested

Ivan Duesler made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel reasons. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried. Time: 6:27 p.m.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to return to Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried. Time:6:39 p.m.

### Supervisor: Report Submitted for review

### Historian:

- Trying to schedule a clean-up day at the cemetery.
- Cherry Valley Memorial sent the measurement of the foundation for the stone they erected, stating the reason it keeps tipping is because the foundation needs to go below frost level.
- In the Fical Cemetery 5 big stones slid off base. They are not broken.

### **New Business**

Comprehensive Planning Board will hold the meeting on 4/15/2013 at 6 pm at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Bradt received a check from National Grid for the Youth’s Organization for the right-of –way from Terry Weaver.

### **Resolution 59**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 59 to set May 8, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. for a Public Hearing on changing from three-member elected Assessment Board to appointed Assessor with one assistant. A few benefits of an appointed Assessor would be:

- Save the Town money

- Only 12% of municipalities retaining elected boards and 88% opting for appointed assessors
  - 6 year term for appointed vs 4 year elected term
- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Resolution 60**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 60 awarding the Blacktop Bid to Cobleskill Stone Products Inc, PO Box 220 Bamerville Rd, Cobleskill, NY 12043-0220, for the cost of \$78,372.50. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

**Public Input:** None.

The Board then audited Cynthia Wesselmann, Tax Collector's books.

#### **Resolution 61**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 61 accepting the completed books of the Tax Collector. The books were neat and precise. A very good job! 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried.

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

Time: 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Smith  
Clerk