

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM
May 8, 2013 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
Code Enforcement Officer	David Rackmyre, Jr.
Attorney	Michael Albanese

The meeting was opened with Salute to the Flag led by Supervisor Todd Bradt and a welcome to Ashley Hill, Tiffany Gallt and Kelsey Bombard all from OES government class.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from April 10, 2013 Regular meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 5, Claim # 76 thru 89 for the amount of \$ 6,077.33. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 5, Claim # 69 thru 86 for the amount of \$ 9,946.88. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communications

- Transfer Station will be closed May 27, and opened on Tues, May 28, 2013 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Dog Control Officer Inspection Report completed and found in satisfactory condition
- Alan & Jim attended NYMIR Dig Safe Seminar held on April 11, 2013
- Karl Christensen sent Supervisor Bradt a letter asking that English Rd be Black-topped.

Public Input: None

Public Hearing was opened at 6:15 p.m. on Local Law 1 “Single Appointed Assessor”. No comment from the public.

Reports

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Three new permits were issued
- One Certificate of Compliance issued
- Trailer on Rte 10 is in process of getting a contractor to remove trailer
- Court was adjourned for place on 67 until May 23, (Attorney could not make court date) when no more extensions will be given.
- Received another FOIL request
- Posting residence on Church Rd as “uninhabitable due to unsanitary conditions”
- Submitted his idea for “no permit fees”
- Mike Albanese will draft law for no fee permits

Planning Board:

- Nancy Christman resigned
- Clarification report on distinction between Town Business Directory and the Ephratah Business List
- Clean-up Day, May 4th, approximately 13 miles of town roadway cleaned-up
- Ephratah “Welcome Packets” ready

Highway Superintendent:

- CHIPS fund went up approximately \$21,000
- Had training with Caroga Lake & Johnstown
- Inspection again; It was okay
- Did not check on uniform prices; George Cosselman suggested Robinson & Smith

Youth:

- Sign-up for Softball again on the 18th – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (enrolment is down)
- Sponsor letters are out
- Al & Lyn Wood working on a Nature Trail
- Todd will notify the Insurance Company on the Nature Trail

Assessors:

- Tentative Roll has been printed
- Grievance Day will be May 28, 2013 5 to 9 p.m.
- Open book will be held:
 - Sat., 5/11/2013 9 a.m. to 12 noon
 - Tues., 5/14, 2013 6 to 8 p.m.
 - Sat., 5/18, 2013 9 a.m. to 12 noon
 - Tues., 5/21/2013 6 to 8 p.m.

Supervisor: Report submitted for review.

Historian: June 1st at 8 a.m. the stones will be fixed at the Fical Cemetery. The Town will provide gravel.

Headstones were found at a family cemetery on Bill Trumble’s land belonging to William & Hannah Duesler.

Comprehensive Planning Board Meeting will be held 5/20/2013 at 6 P.M.
Clerk has received the resignation from Nancy Christman effective May 7, 2013.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept with regret the resignation of Nancy Christman. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Supervisor Bradt has been receiving only bills from Amerigas for Youth’s propane. No slips have been left.

George Cosselman made a motion for Alan Cretser to get quotes for propane. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

The permit fees were discussed during the Code Enforcer’s report.

Todd Bradt met with Sam Roorda of Utica, must have prevailing rate when blacktop is done and a labor sheet must be on file.

Resolution 62

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 62 to amend the 2013 Highway Fund Budget to raise revenues and appropriations to use anticipated excess CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) Aid as follows:

DA510 Estimated Revenue \$21,285.25
(DA 3501 – CHIPS)

DA 960 – Appropriation \$21,285.25
(DA 5112.2 CHIPS)

2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Andy Chorlton made a motion to close the Public Hearing on Local Law 1, Single Appointed Assessor, after Supervisor Bradt asked for any comments. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles asked the Board what they thought on anyone exempt from paying taxes, that a letter be mailed out to them asking for a donation.

Resolution 63

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY
EPHRATAH TOWN BOARD
OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2013 entitled
“SINGLE APPOINTED ASSESSOR”

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Ephratah for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on May 8, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at Ephratah Town Hall to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled, “Single Appointed Assessor;” and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of Ephratah; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on May 8, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at Town Hall and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition of said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ephratah, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ephratah desires to have real property assessments completed by one appointed professionally qualified individual; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ephratah, in furtherance of the aforementioned, intends to change from the three member board of elected assessors to a sole appointed assessor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ephratah hereby adopts said Local Law No.1 of 2013 entitled “Sole Appointed Assessor,” a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Ephratah, and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of the State of New York.

AYE: 5

Nay: 0

Introduced: By Thomas Miles, and Seconded by George Cosselman on May 8, 2013.

Approved:

	ABSENT	AYE	NAY
<u>Supervisor Todd Bradt</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Councilman Thomas Miles</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Councilman Andrew Chorlton</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Councilman George Cosselman</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Councilman Ivan Duesler</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleanor Smith