

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM  
June 12, 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.--Absent
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 May 8, 2013 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 6, Claim # 90 thru 110 for the amount of \$ 4,446.17. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 6, Claim # 87 thru 111 for the amount of \$ 11,337.76. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Communication:**

- Transfer Station will be closed Thursday, July 4, 2013
- Local Law 1 “Appointed Assessor” has been filed with NYS
- Latex Paint Exchange will run every Saturday morning 7:15 – 11:30 a.m. from June 1 until Aug. 31, 2013 – residents only (no businesses) no cost. Fulton County residents can drop off cans of good, reuseable latex paint, or take up to 5 gallons weekly.
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day is scheduled from 7 a.m. to noon on Sat., Aug 10, 2013 at the Solid Waste Dept. For residents only (no businesses) and participants must pre-register by calling 736-5504.

**Public Input:** Tom Oughton inquired about a town survey. (A): the Town is not conducting any survey.

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Seven New Permits Issued
- One Certificate of Compliance Issued
- One Certificate of Occupancy Issued
- One Violation Notice Sent
- Trailer on State Hwy 10, have emailed agent for timeline and received no response. Getting a ticket ready to be served by someone down state.
- Court for 339 State Hwy 67 was adjourned until July 11, 2013.

#### Planning Board Rep:

- Asking for the Town Board to appoint Rose Woolley as a full member on the Comprehensive Planning Board.
- Welcome Packets are now available at the Clerk’s Office
- The clean-up committee has now started plans for the 2014 year.

- Limited vendors will be invited to attend a Farmers' Market at the RGL Fire Dept's August 24<sup>th</sup> Craft Fair.
- Town Wide Garage Sale is being scheduled for Aug 24<sup>th</sup> with maps posted at the RGL Firehouse

Highway Superintendent:

- Mower ready
- Getting ready for Blacktop Roads
- MShaw inspected the Highway dept and passed
- The owners of the adjoining land by the Town Open Pit are bulldozing trees down on town land, and drove over posted snow fencing. Jim asked Mike Albanese what can be done.

Youth:

- July 6<sup>th</sup> softball season; all set with coaches, shirts & sponsors
- Al asked the Board if he has permission to purchase a new, bigger mower. The Rec has \$3,000 set aside. If they have their own money (&not Town funding) they do not need the Board's approval.

Assessor:

- Grievance was held May 28<sup>th</sup>
- The State issued a tentative equalization rate of 79.17%. The Assessors have been challenging the state on their land values and feel they are unrealistic. As a result they have received a reduction in the equalization rate.
- Will begin collecting sales data to develop new land tables, to update land assessments in hopes to increase the equalization rate for 2014 year.

Supervisor: Submitted a Report for Review.

Historian: Fical Cemetery Stones are all done. June Frasier "Thanked Everyone" who helped.

**New Business**

The Comprehensive Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 24, 2013 at 6 PM at the Town Hall and will be led by Bruce Frasier and Lyn Wood with the help of Jim Mraz. Supervisor Bradt asked all of the Town Board Members to please attend the meeting.

Propane for the Youth: Blue flame (Bruce Frasier) offers gas for \$1.25 over Selkirk Pricing. Today it is \$246.2.

Would it be cheaper if they bought their own tank? Todd will ask and get a new price. Tabled until July meeting.

Permit fees was looked at by the board and decided on the 'no permit fees for any construction'.

**Resolution 64**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 64 to set a Public Hearing for the No Permit Fees for Any Construction on July 10, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Resolution 65**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 65 to appoint Rose Woolley as a full member to fill the empty seat left by the resignation of Nancy Christman on the Comprehensive Planning Board. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Public Input:** Tom Oughton asked if the Sheriff and State Police couldn't just go past the place where they are dirt racing off of Route 29 and keep checking the Town pit.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Eleanor Smith  
Clerk