

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM August 14, 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 July 10, 2013 Regular meeting. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 8, Claim # 122 thru 139 for the amount of \$ 7,537.51. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 8, Claim # 133 thru 152 for the amount of \$ 25,464.54. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communication:

- Transfer Station will be closed 9/2/2013; open 9/3/2013; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- E-mail received from Association of Towns that Jeff Haber, retired Assoc of Towns Director, passed. Card was sent to Family from the Town of Ephratah
- Todd received from NYSDEC, a copy of a letter sent to Carver Sand & Gravel regarding emergency operations for Fulton & Montgomery Counties during flood & train derailment, 6/28/2013 – 7/27/2013 for restoration efforts
- A new application for liquor, wine & beer license was sent in for “Top of the Hill” Restaurant under Judy Jasewicz

Peggy Booth, Account Executive from Mang Insurance, spoke on the new Healthcare Reform

Public Input: None

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Single Family Residence renewal on Ft Pl Watershed Rd
- Solar Panels – Gray Rd
- Porch & Deck on New Turnpike Rd
- Roof replacement – State Hwy 29

Certificate of Occupancy Issued – 1 Temporary on Ft Pl Watershed Rd
4 Violations sent for lawn and one of the 4 for trash

Planning Board: Support and advertising for the Aug 24th RGL Fire Dept's craft fair/yard sale are ongoing.

A program is planned for Sept 25th at 6 p.m. for the Office of the Aging Staff to present their wide range of services provided. The program will take place at the Town Hall.

Highway Superintendent:

- Mining permit passed, waiting for results
- Mowing done
- On the 19th will start blacktopping
- #9 truck – box is rotting out (2001 truck)
- Chuck Knoblauch wants to grow crops on town land by transfer station (David Browers grew crops on the same land about 7-8 years ago) Contract?? Clerk can't find a contract, Mike Albanese said he would see if he has anything. There needs to be one drawn up.

Youth:

- Softball ends Saturday the 17th
- Car Show had an exceptional turn-out
- Al Cretser gave a "Thank You" to Judy Townsend, Lyn Wood and June Frasier for all the help they gave for the car show
- Planning next year the 2nd Saturday in August for the Car show
- Sept 7th starts the Soccer season
- A "Thank You" went to Todd Bradt for getting a mower for the rec field

Assessors:

- Received notice of a small claims hearing scheduled for Sept 9, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at Fulton County Office Building
- Change in the new Star Registration will be the Star B exemption will have to register again. Details are available by calling 518-457-2036. This does not affect Senior, Enhanced Star or Veterans exemption.

Supervisor: Submitted report for review

Historian: None

New Business

The Comprehensive Planning Committee will meet on 8/19/2013 at the Town Hall at 6 p.m.

Resolution 67

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 67 authorizing Supervisor Todd Bradt to enter into an agreement with Fulton County for the Snow & Ice control on certain designated roads in the Town of Ephratah. The total miles will be 7.40 for the price of \$5,000 per mile, total contract to be \$37,000. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 68

George Cosselman offered Resolution 68 to decline the request from the Johnstown Library to donate \$26,773.58 due to budget restraints for the Town of Ephratah. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 69

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 69 to accept the resignation, with regret, of Christine Leach from the Recreation Program. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 70

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 70 to accept an application from Alexander Vickery to become a member of the Recreation Board. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Todd Bradt called Amerigas and cancelled the Youth gas. They said they would get their tanks out within the next couple of weeks.

Budget sheets are out and Lita has asked for them back by the next meeting.

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

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleanor Smith
Clerk