

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM
September 11, 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 -- Absent
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. Supervisor Bradt also called for a moment of silence in memory of the people who died in the 911 destruction.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from August 14, 2013 Regular meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 9, Claim # 140 thru 156 for the amount of \$ 23,461.65. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 9, Claim # 153 thru 167 for the amount of \$ 101,666.37. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Communication:

- Todd received information from NYS Public Service regarding Life Line
- Fulton County sent a bid package for ski-doo and sea-doo
- NYS Dept of State Training for Local Officials at FMCC 9/26/2013 and must register by 9/23/2013

Public Input: None

Reports:

Code: Report Submitted for review.

- Two new permits issued
- One violation notice sent
- Property on Rte 29, foreclosed on and Bank of America now owns it
- Property on Rte 67 adjourned for court; new date is Oct 3rd

Planning Board: New Business: Presented by Bill Simpson

- Welcome packets completed
- Farmer's Market discussed and ongoing planning
- Local clean-up day has been completed
- Workshop/Seminar being held 9/25/2013 for town residents, presented by F.C. Office of the Aging to discuss Heap, Transportation, meals, daycare, tax credit assistance, etc.

Highway Superintendent:

- Black Topping done
- Mining permit sent in and waiting for results
- Jim will be at the Highway School next week
- Salt bids are in and 5 loads are ordered

- Two bids received for the new replacement dump body
 1. Viking Cives Corp, Harrisville, NY 13648
Bid: \$19,500.
 2. Henderson Truck Equip., Watertown, NY 13601
Bid: \$24,136.

Resolution 71

George Cosselman offered Resolution 71 authorizing Jim Berry to purchase the TBEI/HEIL 13' HH Replacement Dump Body 12-14 yd cap for \$19,500.00 from Viking Cives, Harrisville, NY 13648. This box is the same as the one on the truck, therefore, it will be easy to replace. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Youth:

- Sept 7, 2013 was opening day for Soccer
- Next year planning a Fun Day – whiffle ball, kick ball, etc.
- Lyn Wood & Al Cretser walked the Nature Trail labeling trees
- October 12th last day of soccer and the Spaghetti Supper at the Ephratah Vol Fire Dept.

Assessors: Report submitted for review.

- Attended small claims hearing on 9/9/2013 at Fulton County Court House. The Hearing Officer dismissed the case due to proper papers were not filed.
- Flyer placed on the bulletin board next to Clerks office regarding Star B filing
- Starting next month, collecting data on parcels with building permits
- Found parcels, work being done, without permits, notifying David Rackmyre

Supervisor: Report submitted for review.

Historian:

- Still need the base poured for the Dempster Stone to be placed. Jim is to put the base in so the Monument Dealer can reset the stone.
- Applying for grant for Historical Marker

Supervisor Bradt set September 17th at 6 p.m. as budget workshop night.

New Business

Resolution 72

Town Board Member Thomas Miles introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION CLASSIFYING THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT TOWN OF EPHTARAH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS A TYPE I ACTION UNDER STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (SEQR), TO PROPOSE THAT THE TOWN OF EPHRATAH TOWN BOARD SERVE AS THE LEAD AGENCY TO CONDUCT A COORDINATED REVIEW UNDER SEQR AND TO SEEK THE CONSENT OF INVOLVED AGENCIES TO THE TOWN BOARD SERVING AS LEAD AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Committee designated by the Town Board recently completed work on a draft Comprehensive Plan for the Town and has forwarded said draft Plan to the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, Section 617.4(b)(1) of NYS SEQR Regulations states that the proposed adoption of any Comprehensive Plan shall be considered a Type 1 Action under SEQR, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ephratah Town Board has completed a Part 1 Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), and

WHEREAS, the EAF identifies the Involved Agencies for this proposed action to be:

- Town of Ephratah Town Board
- NYSDEC
- Adirondack Park Agency

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to propose itself as the Lead Agency for the purposes of conducting a Coordinated SEQR review of the proposed adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby classifies the proposed adoption of a new Town of Ephratah Comprehensive Plan as a Type 1 Action, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby proposes that it serve as the Lead Agency for the purposes of conducting a Coordinated SEQR Review on the proposed adoption of a new Town of Ephratah Comprehensive Plan, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to send copies of the Part I EAF and Draft Comprehensive Plan to all Involved Agencies informing them of the

Town Board's desire to serve as the Lead Agency, to ask Involved Agencies to submit comments back to the Town by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 on whether they consent to the Town Board serving as Lead Agency and whether the Involved Agencies have any comments on whether the proposed action may create any significant impacts on the environment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be distributed to the Town Clerk, Town Attorney, Town Supervisor and all Involved Agencies.

Town Board Member Ivan Duesler seconded the motion.

The Resolution was approved by the following vote:

 4 Ayes
 0 Nays
 0 Abstentions
 1 Absent

State of New York:
 County of Fulton:
 Town of Ephratah:

I, Eleanor Smith, Town Clerk of the Town of Ephratah, do hereby certify that I have compared the preceding resolution with the original filed in my office on September 11, 2013, and find it to be a true and correct copy of the whole thereof. In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office

Eleanor Smith _____
 Town Clerk

 9/11/2013 _____
 Date

Resolution 73

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 73 to hold a Public Hearing on October 9, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at the Ephratah Town Hall, 3782 State Hwy 10, St Johnsville, NY 13452, for the Comprehensive Plan. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 74

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 74 to support the Towns of Indian Lake, Long Lake, Newcomb, Minerva and North Hudson Concerning their Plan for Economic Success. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Niagara Mohawk contract will be tabled until next month. Todd will call Niagara Mohawk to find out how long this contract is good.

Thomas Miles made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleanor M Smith