

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM November 13, 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.

Supervisor Bradt welcomed the following students from OE-SJ school government class of P.I.G.S.: Taylor Russo, Hailey Arminio, Jessie Hagadorn, Nicholas Pabis, and Ryan Becker.

Thomas Miles made a motion to accept the minutes from October 9, 2013 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 11, Claim # 162 thru 178 for the amount of \$ 6,232.78. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 11, Claim # 181 thru 195 for the amount of \$ 24,339.61. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Communication:**

- Transfer Station will be closed for Thanksgiving on 11/28/2013
- the paper work was sent to Nick Zabawsky in Amsterdam, for the salt storage shed grant.

### **Resolution 82**

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the MVP Silver 3 Plan, contingent on the Highway guys and the Union. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Public Input:** None

### **Reports:**

#### Code:

- Seven New Permits Issued
- Three Certificates of Compliance Issued
- One Certificate of Occupancy Issued
- One Violation Notice Sent
- Court for property on State Hwy 67 was adjourned for December 5, 2013
- Attempting to serve tickets for Church St address, at another address.
- Received a phone call regarding a tower on Cromer Rd
- Mr Shrepple on State Hwy 10 wants to put a camp ground in but must first go through the state
- David has been recertified for Code

#### Planning Board:

- Teresa and Peter Sarantopoulos hope to open the Royal Mountain Inn in April
- The next step on the Comprehensive Planning is the zoning process
- Due to the shortened 4-hour training class, the Planning Board members will make it up by alternative sources and completed by December

Supervisor Bradt opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. for the 2014 Budget

#### Hwy Superintendent:

- Sand is up
- CHIPS inventory information on roads is in and payment is expected in December
- Cutting shoulders, borrowed County's equipment
- All ready for snow
- Had to hire an Engineer to do satellite survey for the PIT, It is now good for 5 years, but very expensive

#### Youth:

- Closing for the season
- 15-18 children attended the Halloween Party
- Working on schedule for 2014

#### Assessors:

- Now in the 2014 current file year
- Able to process splits and merges and adjust values & inventory as needed
- Exemption renewal applications for enhanced, senior and agricultural will be mailed out next week
- The Star B filing must be done by December 31, 2013
- The Enhanced senior (anyone 65+) must be filed by March 1, 2014
- Anyone turning 65 in 2014 needs to come to the office and apply for the Senior Star before March 1, 2014
- The assessors will help anyone to complete their Star B application on the computer at the Office

Supervisor: Report submitted for review

Historian: No activity

#### **Resolution 83**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 83 for the Town of Ephratah to enter into a 5-year contract with Fulton County for the Transfer Station Utilization. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

#### **Resolution 84**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 84 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to enter into a contract with the James A Brennan Memorial Humane Society, effective January 1, 2014 until December 31, 2014. The contract calls for \$1,500.00 at the rate of \$375.00 quarterly. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Andy Chorlton made a motion to close the Public Hearing for the 2014 Budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Resolution 85**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 85 to adopt the preliminary budget of \$1,379,333.00 the amount to be raised by taxes of \$803,608.00 as the annual budget for the Town of Ephratah for the fiscal year 2014.

Resolved: Whereas, the town board has met at a time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the preliminary budget, and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon, Now therefore be it resolved that the town board does hereby adopt such preliminary budget as amended as the Annual Budget as so adopted, be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of the town board and be it further resolved, that the town Clerk or Budget Officer of the town, shall prepare and Certify in duplicate copies of said annual budget as adopted by this board together with estimates if any, adopted pursuant to section 202-A. sub-division 2 of the town law, and deliver a copy thereof to the supervisor of this town, to be presented by him to the board of supervisors of the County. This resolution was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt	Aye
Councilman	Ivan Duesler	Aye
Councilman	George Cosselman	Aye
Councilman	Thomas Miles	Aye
Councilman	Andrew Chorlton	Aye

The budget for 2014 of this town is hereby adopted.

Supervisor Bradt received a USA Flag, to be hung outside. Also receiving a check for approximately \$1,064.00 from the insurance company where the Town of Ephratah was one of the first towns to organize the insurance company.

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

Time: 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Eleanor Smith  
Clerk