

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM January 8, 2014 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.

Tyler Cosselman, Kaitlyn Duesler, and Hailey Claes were welcomed by Supervisor Bradt. They are the students from the P.I.G.S. Government class from OES-St. J'ville School.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from December 11, 2013 Regular meeting. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 1, Claim # 1 thru 17 for the amount of \$ 15,900.84. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 1, Claim # 1 thru 16 for the amount of \$ 35,042.68. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communication:

- Transfer Station Closed January 20, 2014, Open on January 21, 2014 from 10:00a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Rabies Clinic schedule has been received and posted. Copies of the clinic can be gotten at the Town Clerk's Office.

Public Input: None

Reports:

Code: Submitted for review:

- One new Permit Issued for Solar Panels
- Five Certificates of Compliance Issued
- One Certificate of Occupancy Issued
- One ticket served – Criminal Summons
- Court for 339 St Hwy 67 rescheduled for Jan 9th
- 105 Schoolhouse Rd is in violation of conditional discharge – Criminal Summons issued to appear in court Jan. 30th

Planning Board:

- No meeting held in Jan due to inclement weather
- Election of Officers will be done in Feb.
- A decision of members for the zoning will be decided in Feb.

Highway Superintendent:

- Jim did not get bids for new pick-up truck

- State bids ended for new pick-up truck

Youth: Nothing going on.

Assessors:

- Exemption renewal applications for enhanced, senior, and ag exemptions have been mailed out.
- The deadline for exemption renewals and new applications is March 1, 2014
- The State will notify the assessors of the status of re-certified Star B exemptions and will be processing the removal of those non-compliant at the county level.
- Next month will be data collection on new construction, demolitions, and additions and applying values for the 2014 tentative roll.

Supervisor: No report

Historian:

- Applied for the Grant
- Abbey & June are working on filing history papers

New Business:

Resolution 34

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 34 authorizing Supervisor Todd Bradt to sign the contract with LifeWorks, St. Mary's Healthcare – drug testing for the 2014 year. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Reported Resolutions were handed out to Board Members for their review and decision for next month's meeting.

Reported Resolutions are as follows:

1. Rural Broadband Deployment
2. Incentives for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer EMTS
3. Provide STAR Administration Funding
4. Publication of Legal Notices
5. Preserve and Strengthen Home Rule
6. Reform the Real Property Tax System
7. Highway, Bridge and Transportation Funding
8. Mandate Relief
9. Waive Asbestos Notification Fees
10. Funding Local Costs Associated with Gas Extraction
11. Assessing and Taxing Fiber Optic Cable on Private Property

Reported Resolutions Background was also given to the Board for their review.

Unfinished Business:

Streetlights: Tom Miles found 15 lights out or working part time, having bad sensors. He stopped at the National Grid office and started asking questions. To cap the lights doesn't cost anything. Todd reported it cost the town approximately \$10 per month for each light, depending on the season. The Board agreed that intersections need to be lit up. After much discussion they decided on a Resolution.

Resolution 35

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 35 authorizing the streetlights that are out to be fixed, providing the town is paying for them. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

The Board asked Supervisor Bradt to request a representative from National Grid to come to the next meeting in Feb.

Zoning: Waiting for the Planning Board to give names for the zoning committee next month.

Resolution 36

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 36 authorizing Michael Albanese to sign the contract with Fulton County Planning Board. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

The Board discussed having a party for Penny Smith, Retired Assessor. It will be held in the spring (May) when Saltsman's Hotel opens up. In the meantime plans will be worked out for the party.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleanor Smith
Clerk