

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM

April 9, 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-- Absent
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 also asked for a moment of silence in honor of Jeff Christman.

Todd welcomed Ashley Kennedy from Johnstown High School from the P.I.G.S. class

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from March 12, 2014 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 4, Claim # 65 thru 77 for the amount of \$ 4,463.63. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 4, Claim # 61 thru 71 for the amount of \$ 6,785.22. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Communication:**

- Carol Williams needs to complete training for the Board of Assessment Review

**Public Input:** None

### **Reports:**

#### Code:

- One New Permit was Issued to 128 Woods Rd
- One Certificate of Occupancy Issued to 144 Ft Pl Watershed Rd
- Checking properties for trash and debris will begin in May
- Properties are beginning to add solar in the Town

#### Planning Board:

- Business Directory Applications and notes were sent to the owners of the two new restaurants
- Al Cretser submitted the 2014 Youth Schedule
- The first meeting of the Zoning Commission was held March 31, 2014
- The next meeting will be held May 5, 2014
- Will advertise for an alternate position on the Planning Board
- Glenn Blanchard continues with the Farmers' Market
- Lyn Wood nearing completion of the Nature Trail signs
- Dan Richardson will post a map and sign-up sheet for County Clean-up Day
- Clean-up starts at Town Hall at 9 AM for area sign-ups and supplies

#### Highway Superintendent:

- Town of Ephratah will receive \$11,931.73 additional CHIPS money, possibly

with new rules attached

### **Resolution 50**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 50 to amend the CHIPS monies from \$102,518.25 to \$114,449.98. Seconded by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

- Working on sweeping roads
- Taking plows & wings off trucks and painting them; checking all trucks over for repairs, oil changes, grease jobs & adjusting clutches
- Marked Kringsbush by town line as needing a new culvert
- Recommend the low bid for Black top paving to Hanson Aggregates for bid of \$123,697.70

### **Resolution 51**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 51 accepting Hanson Aggregates with a low bid of \$123,697.70 for Blacktop Paving as advertised. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

- Requested to advertise for the open position in the Highway Dept.

### **Resolution 52**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 52 authorizing Superintendent of Highways to advertise for the open position in the Hwy Dept. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

- Gloves & vests are ordered for clean up day

### Youth:

- Easter Party is April 12, 2014 at 2 PM There will be an Easter Bunny there
- Softball sign-ups will be May 3 & 24<sup>th</sup>
- Bottle drive on May 3, 2014

### Assessors:

- All necessary data entered into the system in preparation for 2014 Tentative Roll, to be printed April 21, 2014
- After Tentative roll is printed, legal notice will go in the paper
- Owners having changes will be notified in the mail
- Notification of Open Book dates and Grievance Date (May 27, 2014) will be included in legal notice

### Supervisor: No Report

### Historian:

- Was contacted by Fulton County Museum asking for 3 items for exhibit between 1855 to 1950
- June & Abbey found The Garoga Dam on the creek which was 1910 - 1911; Rockwood Dam 1916; and 1923 the Power House in Ephratah along with the pipeline 1910 - 1923
- A book being written about Ephratah will include when the town was founded, Saltsman Hotel and the history; Royal Mountain Campsite; Brittany's Diner and Top of the Hill Grill; Rockwood Dam and Open Houses for the Maple Syrup makers in the town.
- Caldwell History found and completed
- Fancher Geneology finished

### **New Business**

- Youth received a \$100 check from Mr & Mrs Terry Weaver and Brookfield.
- Dept of Ag & Markets sent a Municipal Shelter Inspection report for the James A Brennan Memorial Humane Society and found the Humane Society

### **Unsatisfactory.**

**Resolution 53**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 53 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to pay to Brenda Christman, wife of Jeff Christman, the vacation, personal and comp time due to him, 187 ½ hours. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

Streetlights-- no word

Zoning..Next meeting will be May 5, 2014

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

Time: 6:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Smith