

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM
June 11, 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.

George Cosselman made a motion to accept the minutes from May 14, 2014
Regular meeting. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 6, Claim # 96 thru 111
for the amount of \$ 4,943.80. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 6, Claim # 94 thru 118
for the amount of \$ 9,844.73. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communication:

Transfer Station will be closed July 4th.. No effect on Ephratah station
James Brennan Shelter Inspection Report found to be Satisfactory by Ag &
Markets

Sue McNeil is asking for anyone to set on the Republican Committee,
having 4 vacancies

Public Input:

Kathy Oughton, Tillboro Rd, attended the zoning committee, asking to have
articles of the meeting to be able to take home to understand what they
are discussing.

Tom Oughton asked why we need a zoning board

Reports:

Code Enforcer:

Seven New Permits Issued
Ticket Issued for Valley Rd

Planning Board:

Next Zoning Commission meeting July 7th
Next Planning Board Meeting July 14th
Rental for booth at RGL Fair has been reduced to \$10
Yard Sale applications will be available at RGL, Grannie's, & Senior Center,
due back to Dan Robinson by July 15th, to allow time for map
development
Plans for Fall VA workshop are underway
Official opening of the Youth Commission Nature Trail is planned for July
12th

Highway Superintendent:

Looking to blacktop June 18th .. (tentative)
Hired John Polenski for vacant position
Mshaw training completed
CPR/First Aid training to be completed June 23rd
Continuity test completed
2001 Chevy Truck has been taken out of Service - Not safe
Jim checked on "Piggy-Backing" on Trucks with results being: From Main Street: with plow \$36,000
VanBortel, Rochester: with plow \$31,671.29
The rest of contacts didn't respond.
Can save \$879.70 if buy truck with out plow and buy the plow separately.
Plow from Charlie Stahl.... \$4,785.00
Truck only from VanBortel... &26,006.59

Resolution 56

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 56 to authorize Jim Berry to purchase a 2014 Ford F-250 XL without a plow from VanBortel, East Rochester, NY for price of \$26,006.59. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 57

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 57 to authorize Jim Berry to purchase a plow from Charles Stahl, for price \$4,785.00 with a cost savings of 879.70. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 58

George Cosselman offered Resolution 58 to authorize Jim Berry to sell as sealed bid, the 2001 Chevy Truck, as is. Town Clerk will advertise in the paper with the bids opening on July 9, 2014 at 6:15 P.M. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Youth:

Teams are set, shirts are ordered, raffle baskets are near finished with official open day along with the official (tentative) day for the Nature Trail Opening July 12, 2014.
August 9, 2014, 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. Car Show

Assessors:

Grievance was held on May 27, 2014 with 12 grievances
Changes made by Board of Review have been entered & Assessor's Report has been balanced
Final tax rolls will be run the week of June 23rd in Johnstown
Only straight changes will continue to be processed until change over to next year processing late in the fall
Reminder of Penny Smith's Retirement party June 20th at Saltsman's
Office hours will change for the next three weeks: Assessor's Office Hours will be Wednesdays 6/18/2014 6 to 8 PM and will not reopen until Tuesday July 8, 2014

Supervisor: No Report

Historian: Historical Society has received the Grant for the signs

George Cosselman asked Jim Berry why are they black-topping the Old State Road, when no one lives on that road?

New Business:

The Clerk received a resignation from Brenda Christman, resigning immediately from the position of Assessor.

Resolution 59

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 59 to accept the resignation, with regret, from Brenda Christman, Appointed Assessor, effective immediately. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 60

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 60 to authorize the amendment of the 2014 Budget for CHIPS winter recovery monies from \$102,866.20 to \$114,797.93 Seconded by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

This Resolution 60 is deleted because it was already done in April, 2014 with Resolution # 50.

Supervisor Bradt received an Inspection Notice on the Ephrata "Garoga" Dam.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personell. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time: 6:54 PM

Thomas Miles made a motion to return to Regular Meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Time: 7:05 PM.

Resolution 61

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 61 to appoint Lyn Yuenger as Assessor for the Town of Ephratah. The 7 year Term to end 12/31/2020. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 62

George Cosselman offered Resolution 62 to appoint Deborah Hofmann as Administrative Assistant. Term to end 12/31/2014. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 63

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 63 authorizing Lyn Yuenger to be paid a salary of \$12,000.00 per year for the appointed Assessor position. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 64

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 64 authorizing Deborah Hofmann, Admin Asst, to be paid a salary of \$6,000 per year. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

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

Time: 7:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Eleanor Smith

Clerk