Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM July 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 arrived late
Councilman	Andrew Chorlton
Clerk	Eleanor Smith
Hwy Superintendent	James Berry
Code Enforcement Officer	David Rackmyre, JrAbsent
Attorney	Michael Albanese Absent

The meeting was opened with Salute to the Flag led by Supervisor Todd Bradt.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from June 11, 2014 Regular meeting. 2^{nd} by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 7, Claim # 112 thru 122 for the amount of \$ 3,878.40. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 7, Claim # 119 thru 132 for the amount of \$ 7,200.43. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Communication: A "Thank You" card was received from Penny Smith for her Retirement party at Saltsman's Hotel and the gift.

Public Input: None

Reports:

<u>Code Enforcement Officer:</u> One New Permit for a Pole Barn Still trying to find responsible banks for the properties in Lasselsville with lawn issues

Planning Board: No Meeting, No report

Thomas Miles arrived.

<u>Highway:</u> Cleaned up from storms; Done & cleaned up from Black Topping; New Truck ordered.

<u>Youth:</u> July 12th first day of Softball at 9 a.m. At 1:30 p.m. will be the opening of the Nature Trail Second Saturday in August will be the Car Show, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trying to do a round up of basket raffles for auction

Assessor:

Final roll printed and is available to the public on Tues 6 - 9 p.m. and by appointment

Board of Review changes have been entered in the computer, along with any other changes made before June 17, 2014

Will continue to collect data & keep records current

A Thank you went out to all who attended Penny & Brenda's Party

- Have attached all pictures to the parcels in the computer so inventory should be complete
- Lyn Yuenger is planning on attending a one day "Ethics and the Assessor" course in Lake George on August 22, 2014. This course is required for all Assessors.

Supervisor: Asked for a moment of Silence for Garth Hillier.

<u>Historian:</u> Received the check for the Grant for Historical Sign The sign should be in in about 6 - 8 weeks It will be placed in Garoga on Cindy Sparks Lawn

At 6:15 p.m. the bids for the 2003 pick-up truck with a plow were opened as follows: George Kretser for \$1,000.00 Skip's Service for \$1,297.17 Daniel Robinson for \$750.00

Resolution 65

George Cosselman offered Resolution 65 authorizing the bid to go to the highest bidder: Skip's Service, 202 Bridge Street, Northville, NY 12134 for \$1,297.17. 2^{nd} by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 66

Resolution to Establish Standard Workday for Elected and Appointed Officials Motion by Andrew Chorlton Seconded by Thomas Miles

5 Ayes 0 Nays

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ephratah desires to follow Regulation 315.4, herein attached, of the NYS Retirement Law to establish standard workdays and reporting for elected and appointed officials who are members of the NYS Retirement System; **and be it further,**

RESOLVED, for the purpose of determining days worked, no fewer than Six (6) hours for part time officials or more than eight (8) hours for full time Officials shall be established as a standard workday; **and be it further,**

RESOLVED, commencing February 3, 2014 the following officials shall Keep a three-month (3) record of work activities beginning on February 3, 2014 and ending May 5, 2014, and those records shall be submitted to the Town Clerk of the Town of Ephratah to be posted for public review for a period of thirty (30) days: Eleanor Smith, Town Clerk Todd Bradt, Supervisor Ivan Duesler, Town Councilman Lita Hillier, Bookkeeper/Budget Officer James Berry, Superintendent of Highways Cynthia Wesselmann, Tax Collector Joseph Dickenson, Town Justice David Rackmyre, Jr., Code Enforcement Officer

Michael Albanese, Town Attorney

RESOLVED, that all forms shall be forwarded to the above-named officials and or appointees for proper recording of time worked per Regulation 315.4 of the NYS Retirement System

Supervisor Bradt is asking everyone to support the Opening of the Nature Trail on July 12, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

Ephratah Volunteer Fire Department has signed an agreement with St Johnsville Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps (GAVAC/SAVAC) as the primary transport agency for all EMS calls within the EVFD EMS first response coverage area.

Jim Berry stated the Ephratah Methodist church has been bought and is being dismantled and would the Town be interested in the bell that hung in the church?

Unfinished Business: None

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

Time: 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Smith Clerk