

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM
August 13, 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 - Deputy	Cynthia Wesselmann
Hwy Superintendent	James Berry
Code Enforcement Officer	David Rackmyre, Jr.--Absent
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 July 9, 2014 Regular meeting. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 8, Claim # 123 thru 139 for the amount of \$ 4,782.52. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 8, Claim # 133 thru 143 for the amount of \$ 138,763.55. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communication:

- The Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Monday, September 1, 2014 for Labor Day. It will be open Tuesday, September 2, from 10 am to 6 pm.
- The Brookside Tavern informed the town they will be applying for a renewal Liquor License that expires 9/30/2014 with no changes.

Public Input: None

Reports:

Code:

- Three (3) New Permits Issued
- One (1) Certificate of Compliance Issued
- Three (3) Violation Notices Sent

Planning Board:

- An Update on the Zoning Commission
- The Planning Board proposes adding an Industrial Zone to the 2013 Comprehensive Plan and to the Proposed Land Use Map.
- The Youth Commission gave their report
- The Veteran's Benefits Presentation is planned for Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6 PM

Highway:

- Road work completed
- A copy of the CHIPS check and bill is needed
- In 1998 a counter was placed on New Turnpike Rd, reporting 1128 vehicles, and in 2013, 950 vehicles were counted on the same road.

Youth:

- Saturday, August 9, 2014, 22 cars showed at the "Car Show"

- August 23, 2014 was the last day of Softball
- First day of Soccer to be held on September 6, 2014

Assessor:

- Final Tax Roll was received and filed with the Clerk on July 3, 2014
- Continuing with entry of regular transfers, address changes and any other information that does not affect the parcel totals
- Have not received any small claims requests, but were served by Canajoharie Water Works
- Data collection will start in early September on properties that have had changes since March 1, 2014
- Lyn will be attending a 1 day workshop in Lake George on August 22, 2014
- The Final State Equalization Rate for the 2014 Assessment Roll was received.
- The new rate is 80.00% up from 79.00% in 2013

Supervisor:

Supervisor Todd Bradt is working with Lita, trying to get some things caught up

Historian:

- The Historical Marker is in and waiting to be placed September 27, 2014
- It will be placed on Cindy Sparks' lawn.

New Business

Resolution 67

George Cosselman offered Resolution 67 authorizing Supervisor Todd Bradt to enter into an agreement with Fulton County for the Snow & Ice control on certain designated roads in the Town of Ephratah. The total miles will be 7.40 for the price of \$5,000 per mile, total contract to be \$37,000. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 68

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 68 to decline the request from the Johnstown Library to donate 27,141.77 due to budget restraints for the Town of Ephratah. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 69

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 69 to accept the New York State and Local Retirement System amending Section 41 (j) unused sick time, with sick time sell back. The estimated additional *annual cost* for providing employees the benefits of Section 41 (j), the allowance for unused sick leave, will be **\$466**. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 70

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 70 to accept the Youth Insurance renewal from Mang Insurance for \$207.75 per year. This is separate from the regular Liability Insurance due 8/15/2014. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 71

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 71 to accept a bill from Fort Miller, which is over-due in the amount of \$946.00, to be paid. This bill was for a chain for the sander. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Unfinished Business

Thomas Miles made a motion to go into Executive Session for Litigation. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time: 6:26 PM.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to go back to Regular Meeting. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

A discussion took place whether to post “No Thru Trucks” and “Local Deliveries Only” signs on Murray Hill Road. Michael Albanese will research this further. It was tabled for next month meeting.

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

Time: 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Cynthia Wesselmann
Deputy Town Clerk