

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM
September 10, 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.--Absent
Attorney	Michael Albanese

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

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from August 13, 2014 Regular meeting. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 9, Claim # 140 thru 148 for the amount of \$ 21,463.10. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 9, Claim # 144 thru 163 for the amount of \$ 9,725.62. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communication:

- Lifeline Discount Telephone Service Program is designed to make basic telephone service more affordable for income-eligible consumers. September 8 - 14, 2014 has been designated as National Lifeline Awareness Week.
- Solid Waste Dept (DSW) drop-off boxes will accept all clothing (regardless of condition), along with a majority of textiles, including blankets, draperies, sheets, towels, sheets and linens. Also accepted will be belts, hats, paired shoes and sneakers, and stuffed animals.

Public Input: None

Reports:

Code:

- 4 New Permits Issued
- 1 Violation Notice Sent
- 4 Tickets Served At Valley Road - Court Date: 9/25/2014
- Several Code related calls; Court date 9/11/14 for the Violation of Conditional Discharge issued for 105 Schoolhouse Rd.
- Dave was notified of bags of garbage at a residence

Planning Board: No report, will have meeting on 9/15/2014

Hwy Superintendent:

- Doing Sand
- Salt is an issue with the State; Can get only 105 Ton, need another 100 Ton
- Jim is asking the Supervisors of the County to contact the Congressmen to push for more salt

Youth:

- Soccer started 9/6/2014; will end on 10/18/2014

- Spaghetti Supper at firehouse in Ephratah 10/18/2014 @ 4 - 7 p.m.

Assessor:

- Lyn was unable to attend the Ethics Workshop on Aug 22. She will attend the workshop in the Spring
- There has been no communication regarding the litigation with the Village of Canajoharie
- Still entering regular transfers, address changes etc, until roll over to next year as current year processing

Supervisor: Reports are coming

Historian:

- September 27, 2014 at 11 a.m. Historical sign to be dedicated with Refreshments afterward at the RGL Firehouse
- June presented her New Book “Adirondack 102 Club”
- Met the author and had her book signed on 8/29/2014

New Business

Resolution 72

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 72 to correct Resolution 61 of June 11, 2014, to read Lyn Yuenger will be filling the unexpired term which will end September 30, 2019. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

After much discussion regarding the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board and the Town of Ephratah, the Town Board declined to accept the Agreement.

Resolution 73

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 73 to decline the agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Supervisor Bradt informed the board there may be a petition going around the Town of Ephratah for a leash law.

Supervisor called for a Budget Workshop on September 25, 2014 at 6 PM.

Haley Bruse from Johnstown High School Gov. Class was welcomed by Supervisor Bradt.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to go into Executive Session for Litigation. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time: 6:40 PM

George Cosselman made a motion to return to Regular Session. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time: 6:45 PM

Resolution 74

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 74 to retain Hacker Murphy, LLP for litigation regarding the Village of Canajoharie vs. Town of Ephratah. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

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

Time: 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Eleanor Smith
Clerk