

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM
October 8, 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.--Absent
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 September 10, 2014
Regular meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Supervisor Bradt welcomed Brittany Gallt from OE-SJ School, the P.I.G.S. class.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 10, Claim # 149
thru 158 for the amount of \$ 3,493.43. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 10, Claim # 149
thru 159 for the amount of \$ 11,153.26. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communication:

- Transfer Station will be closed October 13, 2014, Columbus Day and open on
Tuesday, October 14, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Public Input: None

Reports:

Code:

- Nine (9) New Permits Issued
- 5 Certificates of Compliance Issued
- 1 Violation Notice Sent (No permit also Stop Work Order)

1. Lawn is mowed and trailer is now gone from Schoolhouse Rd. Also lawn at
State Hwy 29 (old RGL firehouse) is mowed
2. Valley Rd resident appeared in court and it was adjourned until 10/9/2014

Planning Board:

- The RGL Craft Fair and Garage Sales went well
- The Budget Request was adequate, same as last year.
- Lyn Wood would design an information sheet on the New Nature Trail for the
Welcome Packets

Highway:

- Truck is at the Dealers
- Sand is ready (mixed with salt)

Youth:

- Soccer Ball last day is October 18, 2014

- Spaghetti Dinner will be held October 18, 2014 from 4 to 7 P.M. at the Ephratah Firehouse
- Having the “After” Halloween Party on November 1, 2014 at 2 p.m.
- The Sponsor Dinner will be held on November 8, 2014 at 6 P.M., with invitation to all Board members.

Assessor:

- In the process of reviewing the data on the 2014 sales in preparation for the January 2015 tax bills
- Plan on doing data collection on all building permits & construction found since March 1, 2014
- Lyn will be attending a 1 day workshop in Cooperstown on “Valuation of Mixed Use Properties”
- “Property Tax Freeze Credit” packet from the State will be available to anyone who wants one on the counter

Supervisor: Tentative Budget handed out to board members

Historian:

- Dedication of the Historical Sign was September 27, 2014 in Rockwood
- June Frasier Thanked Alan Cretser for directing traffic and placing cones out and also for the Highway Crew for placing the post for the sign
- June went to the Regional Conference on Sept. 17, 2014 in Fonda, which included an update along with new things & ideas for the Historians

New Business:

Resolution 75

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 75 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to enter into a contract with the James A Brennan Memorial Humane Society, effective January 1, 2015 until December 31, 2015. The contract calls for \$1,500.00 at the rate of \$375.00 quarterly. 2nd by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Supervisor Bradt set a date for the 2015 Union Highway Negotiations to be held October 16, 2014 at 4 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Resolution 76

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 76 to move the Tentative budget 2015 to Preliminary budget 2015. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 77

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 77 to schedule a Public Hearing for the 2015 Preliminary Budget on November 12, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. at the Ephratah Town Hall and to be advertised in the Legal section of the Leader Herald. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 78

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 78 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to pay Sara Gray a sum of \$335.79 for expenses incurred for the Youth Organization. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 79

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 79 to designate Friday night, October 31, 2014 from 6 to 8 P.M. for Trick or Treat Night.

Unfinished Business: None

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

Time: 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Eleanor Smith
Clerk