

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM
November 12, 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.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from October 8, 2014 Regular meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 11, Claim # 159 thru 174 for the amount of \$ 10,285.76. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 11, Claim # 160 thru 174 for the amount of \$ 57,656.05. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Communication:

- The Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Thursday, November 27, 2014 for Thanksgiving Holiday. The station will open on Saturday at regular hours.

At 6:12 p.m. Andy Chorlton arrived.

Public Input:

Marlene Johnson, Thaya Pekola, Lyn Yuenger, Teresa Sarantopoulos all spoke on the noise from across the road from the "Royal Mt Restaurant" and what can be done about it.

Attorney Mike Albanese responded by saying they need to call the Sherriff.

Neil Cronin asked if an outside bulletin board could have a listing of meetings, time & date. He also asked for a copy of the Comprehensive Plan.

At 6:15 p.m. Supervisor Bradt opened the Public Hearing on the 2015 Preliminary Budget. No one spoke.

Reports:

Code Enforcer:

- 6 New Permits Issued
- 4 Certificates of Compliance Issued
- 4 Violation Notices Sent
- 1 Ticket Served-- Court Date to be 11/13/2014

Dave Rackmyre, Jr has completed 22 of required 24 hours of continuing education in Albany to maintain the Certification as a NYS Certified Code Enforcement Officer. The remaining 2 hours will be completed within the month.

Resolution 80

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 80 requesting a Public Hearing on Local Law 1 of 2014 entitled "Fire Prevention and Building Construction" 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Planning Board:

- December will be the discussion of candidates for election in January.
- The next Zoning Commission Meeting will be Monday, November 24, 2014
- The next Planning Board Meeting will be held December 8, 2014

Hwy:

- Pick-up truck is in and plow is on the truck
- Road Inventory is done...County needs to put Valley Road on and take New Turnpike Road off.

Youth:

- Spaghetti Dinner at the EVFD went well
- Halloween Party held on November 1, 2014 was enjoyed by all
- Sponsor Dinner held at the Rec Center on November 8, 2014 was also enjoyed by all.
- The Commission is working on the 2015 Schedule and when done will hand out.

Assessor:

- Collecting data and taken pictures of all properties with new construction and/or demolition
- In the process of entering the data collected on property record cards and attaching new pictures to the parcels
- Attended a one day seminar in Oneonta on Valuation of Mixed-Use Properties. It was informative and made aware of the impact zoning will have on assessments.
- Planning another seminar entitled Valuation of Assessment Problem Properties. This one addresses the Amish Construction Valuation.

Supervisor: Report submitted. Health Insurance Renewals

Historian: An 1872 deed on Rockwood Cemetery was given to the Historian for the records.

New Business

Resolution 81

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 81 appointing Paula C Keppler to the Board of Assessment Review term of October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2019. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Supervisor Bradt stated the Highway Union Negotiations went well.

Resolution 82

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 82 to close the Public Hearing for the 2015 Budget. Seconded by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 83

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 83 to adopt the preliminary budget of \$1,402,200.00 the amount to be raised by taxes of \$812,415.00 as the annual budget for the Town of Ephratah for the fiscal year 2015.

Resolved: Whereas, the town board has met at a time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the preliminary budget, and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon, Now therefore be it resolved that the town board does hereby adopt such preliminary budget as amended as the Annual Budget as so adopted, be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of the town board and be it further resolved, that the town Clerk or Budget Officer of the town, shall prepare and Certify in duplicate copies of said annual budget as adopted by this board together with estimates if any, adopted pursuant to section 202-A. sub-division 2 of the town law, and deliver a copy thereof to the supervisor of this town, to be presented by him to the board of supervisors of the County. This resolution was 2nd by Ivan Duesler.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt	Aye
Councilman	Ivan Duesler	Aye
Councilman	George Cosselman	Aye
Councilman	Thomas Miles	Aye
Councilman	Andrew Chorlton	Aye

The budget for 2015 of this town is hereby adopted.

Supervisor Bradt welcomed Shelby McCumber from OES-SJ School, P.I.G.S. Class.

Unfinished Business: None

Resolution 84

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 84 to go into Executive Session for Personnel. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time: 6:30 p.m.

Resolution 85

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 85 to return to Regular Meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time: 6:48 p.m.

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

Time: 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Eleanor Smith
Clerk