

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM
January 14, 2015 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 --Absent

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

Supervisor Bradt acknowledged Andrew Hart, Nate Trumble, and John Vicciarelli from the OES-St-J'ville school, P.I.G.S. class.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from December 10, 2014 Regular meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 1, Claim # 1 thru 24 for the amount of \$ 17,316.80. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 1, Claim # 1 thru 4 for the amount of \$ 736.98. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communication:

- The Local Law #1 of 2014 was received by the State and is now on file
- Transfer Station will be closed Monday, January 19, 2015 for Martin Luther King Day and opened on Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Public Input: None

Reports:

Code Enforcer:

- 1 New Permit for roof replacement
- 1 Possible Variance - waiting for more info
- 1 Ticket to serve - 453 Co Hwy 119 - Will issue new ticket & try to get it served

Planning Board:

- William Claes applied for position on the Planning Board for vacant position
- Election of Officers: Chairman - Judy Townsend; V-Chair - Chris Pedro; Secretary - Dan Richardson
- A Request for Town Clerk to attend the February meeting to swear in the Elected Officers.
- Dan Richardson has assumed responsibility for the Welcome Packets
- The Planning Board will support the Fulton County Clean-up Day

Resolution 34

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 34 to appoint and accept William Claes, 142 Smolik Road to the Planning Board, term to be January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2021. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Hwy Superintendent:

- Working on the Spending Agreement

- Working on the Asphalt Paving
- Jim would like to purchase a dirt roller, which he put in budget for, for approximately \$20,000 from Sparks Construction on Rte 20. The old roller (1960 or 1961 year) only rolls blacktop. It could go to bid at the National Auction.

Resolution 35

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 35 giving Superintendent permission to look into the dirt roller from Sparks Construction on Rte 20, providing he will take \$20,000 for the roller. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Youth:

- Shut down for the winter
- Working on the Schedule
- Alan wants to implement an Agreement for Responsibility for anyone using the building. Will contract Mike Albanese for his advise.

Assessor:

- Jacen Williams, IT Coordinator, from the County IT Dept come and correct the problem with the computer downloading from the state website & connecting with the mainframe in Johnstown
- The Valuation of Problem Properties course will be held in Albany on January 23, 2015, which Lyn will attend
- Any Senior (over 65 or who will be 65 this year) who has not applied for the Enhanced Star and/or Senior Exemption contact the Assessment Office before March 1, 2015

Supervisor: No report. Expected at a later time

Historian:

- June was able to inform the man from Minnesota that bought property on Green Street, that the land first bought in 1793 was bought with pounds for 130 acres
- More geneology for the Scotchbush Church, In 1924/1925 they had 400 people for a week for a retreat.

New Business

The New Proposed Resolutions for NYC were given to the Board Members to read over and to vote on next month.

The Board will audit the 2014 books for the Judges and Clerk next month.

Resolution 36

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 36 authorizing a second person to sign an official documents or any checks if the original person is unable to sign. The Original person along with the second signee are as follows:

- Supervisor Todd Bradt: 2nd signee to be Ivan Duesler
- Clerk Eleanor Smith: 2nd signee to be Cynthis Wesselmann
- Tax Collector Cynthis Wesselmann: 2nd signee to be Debby Hofmann & Todd Bradt

2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Unfinished Business

Ivan Duesler made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel reasons. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time:6:33 p.m.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to return to Regular Session. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried. Time: 6:47 p.m.

Resolution 37

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 37 to accept the resignation and reappointment of James Berry, Highway Superintendent. Resignation effective January 31, 2015 and reappointment effective for 2/1/2015. The reappointment is for \$30,000 for the 2015 year. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.
Time: 6:48 p.m. 5 Ayes. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Smith