

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM  
March 11, 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.--Absent
Attorney	Michael Albanese

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

Supervisor Bradt welcomed the Girl Scout Members of Ephratah, Makayla Gray, Kimi Hastings, and Dallis Green. Each member told the Board what they are doing and future plans for the club.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from February 11, 2015 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 3, Claim # 45 thru 61 for the amount of \$ 5,359.47. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 3, Claim # 24 thru 40 for the amount of \$ 12,297.69. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Communication:**

1. Supervisor handed to the Board, changes made by the landfill:
  - Drop in recycling rates for municipalities
  - No cost to dispose of Freon units
  - For Businesses: Commercial recycling increased to \$10/ton; Commercial compost rate increased to \$10/ton
2. Ronald Loyche submitted his resignation to the Zoning board

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the resignation from Ronald Loyche, Zoning Board Member. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Public Input:** None

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcer:

- 2 Certificates of Compliance Issued
- 1 Violation Notice Sent... Corner of Church Rd & St Hwy 29, Trash & Debris & Junk Vehicles
- Recommend the approval of the variance request for the Weaver's on Old State Rd

#### Planning Board:

Feb 16, 2015 Mtg:

Bill Claes was sworn in as a Member to the Planning Board 2/10/15

Approval of Terry Weaver's Variance on Old State Road

March 16, 2015 Mtg:

The Zoning Commission update was given:

Review of the 7 zoning districts, uses of the districts, & State & Municipal exemptions.

Next steps are:

Editing, Draft of the Ordinance, Town Attorney's review, APA review, necessary revisions, Public Hearing, final revisions, & presentation of the final draft to Town Board for approval.

Request approval of Glenn Blanchard to move from alternate to a member of the Zoning Commission, vacated by Ron Loyche.

Three projects are on the agenda:

- Fulton County Clean-up Day
- Ephratah Town-Wide Yard Sale
- Fall presentation on a topic to be decided
- Discussion on reducing the number of meetings per year:
  - A. meeting only when there are official matters to review
  - B. Have a minimum of 4 meetings per year. (quarterly: March, June, September, & December).

### **Resolution 46**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 46 approving the Variance for Terry Weaver on Old State Road. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### Highway:

- Working on Roads
- In Albany, the NYS Hwy Superintendents are requesting \$200 million be put in the Hwy funds and be kept there.
- New Roller ready to go
- Requesting the old roller be placed on Auction International
- Working on black top bids to be presented at next month's meeting

### **Resolution 47**

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 47 authorizing Jim to place the old roller on the Auction International for sale. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### Youth:

- March 28, 2015 will be the Easter Party at 2 p.m.
- Starting baseball, getting coaches lined up

### Assessor:

- March 1<sup>st</sup> was Taxable Status Day. All exemptions were returned except 3. Unable to reach the 3 people, they will be rolled back to Star B status
- As of March 1<sup>st</sup> no longer splits and/or mergers will be approved without them first being submitted to the Planning Board for approval
- Property must be assessed as it stands on March 1<sup>st</sup>, so no new splits/mergers will be processed for the 2015 Tentative Roll
- Are in the process of entering new values on properties that have had improvements and/or demolitions
- All exemptions have been entered in preparation for the Tentative Roll
- Grievance Day is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in May

Supervisor: No report

Historian: Absent... No report

### **New Business:**

#### **Resolution 48**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 48 to Appoint Glen Blanchard to the vacant position of Ron Loyche, on the Zoning Commission. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes.

Carried.

The Work Day Sheets for Retirement need to be handed in to Clerk by the end of March, 2015. They will be Jan, Feb, & March of 2015.

**Unfinished Business**

Mike Albanese, Town Attorney, is working on the wavier/release of liability for use of the Recreation Building and grounds.

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

Time: 6:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleanor Smith  
Clerk