

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM
April 8, 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.

Thomas Miles made a motion to accept the minutes from March 11, 2015 Regular meeting. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 4, Claim # 62 thru 72 for the amount of \$ 3,635.04. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 4, Claim # 41 thru 57 for the amount of \$ 8,508.46. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (George Cosselman). Carried.

Communication:

- Ephratah Rural Cemetery Association is having a benefit auction at the Ephratah Firehouse on May 9, 2015 starting at 1 P.M. Raffles of BBQ Grill, quilt, money tree, and more. There will be Hamburgs, Hot Dogs, Sausage, onion & peppers for sale along with salads & whole pies. Bouncy Bounce for children also.
- Ephratah Rural Cemetery Association is having a Dedication for all men & women of the Armed Forces to be held at the cemetery on May 30, 2015 at 2 P.M. The VFW has been asked to attend.
- A check has been received, for recreation, from Brookfield for the Terry Weaver right-of-way

Public Input: None

Reports:

Code:

- 3 New Permits Issued
- 2 Violation Notices Sent
- 339 State Hwy 67 failed to complete payments of the fine received from court, therefore in violation of the conditional discharge. A court summons will be issued by the Judge to appear in court & face additional fines and/or jail time.
- Tickets reissued for 453 Co Hwy 119 (Trailer & shed)
- Tickets issued for 4638 State Hwy 29 (Corner Church Rd) Trash & debris & junk vehicles
- Tickets for both properties scheduled for May 7, 2015 at 6P.M. court. Owner has been avoiding attempts to contact Code Enforcer
- Owner of both properties is not accepting any mail from C.O. and places a return to sender over his address
- Researched a complaint of farm animals in the road on Fical Rd. forwarded by Supervisor Bradt. Have been there several times and saw no animals.

Planning Board:

- Supervisor Bradt requested the Planning Board review the draft of the zoning commission plan & give opinions
- Some of the people from the public have requested the decision on the zoning plan be put to referendum. This decision is to be made by the Town Board. The publication from the NYS Dept of State's publication Adopting Zoning for the First Time states that the adoption of a zoning ordinance cannot be put up for a referendum vote.
- The FCCC has set a date of April 25, 2015 for annual county clean-up day

Hwy Superintendent:

- CHIPS program is out and may get more for the extreme winter.

Youth:

- Had the Easter Party and a special "thanks" went to Judy Townsend and Lyn Wood for their help
- May 2, 2015 and May 23, 2015 will be sign-ups for softball
- Letters will be going out for Soccer coaches

Assessor:

- All changes have been entered in the system and change of assessment notices have been printed & will be sent out the last week in April
- Open book will be held on May 5, from 6-8 pm; May 9, from 9 am to 1 pm; May 12, from 6 to 8 pm; and May 19, from 6 to 8 pm.
- Grievance will be held on Tuesday May 26 from 5 to 9 p.m. The Legal Notice will be published in the Leader Herald on May 1, 2015
- A copy of the assessments in the town should be available on www.imagemate.com after May 1, 2015
- Anyone with exemptions should check their parcel information to make sure their exemptions are listed.

Supervisor: No report

Historian: Not present, No report

New Business

- Insurance inspection report on buildings: Boiler inspection past due. Jim Berry claims it has been done and will give a copy of the report to Supervisor. A couple of things at the Youth are not in compliance, which will be brought up to date.
- OESJ Future Plans:

RESOLUTION 49

WHEREAS, The Town of Ephratah Town Board has taken the time to review **SENARIOS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE OESJ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ANSWER THE QUESTION:**

WHEREAS, Are there options to the current practice that might provide more cost-effective ways or patterns to organize how the Pre-K- 12 program is implemented/delivered over the next three years?

WHEREAS, SCENARIO A: Serve all grades Pre-K through 6 at the Robbins Elementary Building. Serve grades 7 - 12 at the current Elementary/Middle School Building.

SCENARIO B: Serve all grades Pre-K through 6 at the current High School Building. Serve grades 7 - 12 at the current Elementary/Middle School Building.

SCENARIO C: Serve all grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 at the current Elementary/Middle School site.

SCENARIO D: Serve all grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 4 at the Robbins Elementary Building. Serve grades 5-12 at the current Elementary/Middle School Building.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Town of Ephratah Town Board, by this resolution, as first choice, fully supports the SCENARIO C, which serves all grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 at the current Elementary/Middle School site. Second choice would be SCENARIO B, which Serve all grades Pre-K through 6 at the current High School Building. Serve grades 7 - 12 at the current Elementary/Middle School Building.

Motion by: Thomas Miles

Seconded by: Ivan Duesler

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

Resolution 49 passed

Date: April 8, 2015

Resolution 50

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 50 giving permission to Jim Berry to go out for Black Top Bids. The Specs will be given to the Clerk to place in the paper. All bids must be presented to the Clerk no later than May 12, 2015 by 8 P.M. with the sealed envelope marked "black top bid". All bids will be opened May 13, 2015 at 6:15 P.M. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Unfinished Business

A Waiver/Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Acknowledgement for the Town of Ephratah Recreational Building and Field was received from Mike Albanese.

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

Time: 6:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Eleanor Smith
Clerk