

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM
May 13, 2015 at the Ephratah Town Hall.

Roll Call found the following people present:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt
Councilman	Ivan Duesler -- Absent
Councilman	George Cosselman
Councilman	Thomas Miles
Councilman	Andrew Charlton -- Absent
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.

George Cosselman made a motion to accept the minutes from April 8, 2015 Regular meeting. 2nd by Thoams Miles. 3 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 5, Claim # 73 thru 82 for the amount of \$ 5,000.07. 2nd by Thoams Miles. 3 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 5, Claim # 58 thru 71 for the amount of \$ 3,757.52. 2nd by George Cosselman. 3 Ayes. Carried.

Communication:

- Transfer Station will be closed Monday, May 25, 2015 for the holiday, Memorial Day and will reopen Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society was inspected by NYS Ag & Markets and found unsatisfactory for the following reasons:
 1. Shelter in some areas is found not structurally sound
 2. Housing area and equipment is found not sanitized regularly
 3. Repairs are not done when necessary
 4. Bag of dog food improperly stored
 5. No impoundment fee collected for one Town of Ephratah dog seized on 11/12/14

Public Input: None

Reports:

Code Officer:

New Permit(s) Issued

141 Valley Rd. - Addition

442 Fical Rd. - Shed

234 Murray Hill Rd - Roof Replacement

157 Heroth Rd. - Single Family Residence, Garage, Barn

Certificate(s) of Compliance Issued

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Violation Notice(s) Sent

162 STHWY 67 - Multiple violations interior and exterior violations. Results of a complaint from tenants.

365 Tillboro Rd. - Trash and debris

434 Tillboro Rd. - Trash and debris, junk vehicles

Ticket(s) Served

6 - 453 COHWY 119 & 4638 STHWY 29 same owner

- Ted Frank tickets were served and he appeared in court and requested adjournment so he could obtain an attorney. Judge set new date for June 11, 2015 at 6 P.M. I have left a message with the

town attorney. Mr. Frank also stated he has moved to Caroga Lake and gave his new address to myself and the court.

- Paperwork for Claudia Tate 339 STHWY 67 was completed by the judge and forwarded to Town attorney to file notice of claim for her fines of \$2500.00 with the District Attorney. She was in violation of her conditional discharge. This is the first step in the town obtaining the property to have it cleaned up. I have received some complaints. I notify the complainants of the legal procedures the town is obligated to follow and that the town is working as quickly as possible to remedy the situation.
- Violation for 442 Fical Rd is closed as owner has applied and received a permit to rebuild the shed. I have driven by several more times and have not seen any animals in the road.
- Smith Rd owner failed to appear for violation of conditional discharge and a criminal summons issued for him to appear June 11, 2015 at 6 P.M. I have made contact with him and he is aware.
- The owner of the go cart track asked if he could have dirt bike races at the track. There is no zoning or regulations to prevent it so they are allowed.
- I have received information that there is funding for each municipality to receive the new code books when they are released at no cost to the municipality. As well as a free computer version. Unfortunately no release date for the new code has been announced.
- I spoke with the town clerk and she has emailed our web master to have the new permit application available on our web site. The old one will be removed.
- Various code related inspections.
- Several Code related calls.
- I encourage anyone from The Town Board or Public if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me and if I don't answer please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. (518)568-5140

Planning Board:

- The Zoning Commission has reached the 2nd draft. It is being edited and prepared for forwarding to the APA and the Town Attorney. There will be no meetings until responses arrive from those two sources
- Ephratah Clean-up day went well, although with light turn-out
- Town -wide Yard Sale and Craft Fair are in the planning stage for August 22, 2015
- The group is considering omitting the July meeting in view of the summer months' activities and delay of further study of the Zoning Commission Ordinance.

Hwy Superintendent:

- Crew cutting brush
- The Roller went to the auction, they were going for the highest bid of \$1,070

Resolution 51

George Cosselman offered Resolution 51 giving Jim Berry permission to hold the roller until the prices go up, either at the auction or the steel prices go up. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 3 Ayes. Carried.

Youth:

- May 23, 2015 is last day for sign-ups for softball (numbers of kids are way down)
- Letters to the Sponsors have been sent out
- Coaches are ready for softball
- Bouncy toys are no more
- Girls Club last meeting will be in May, Will start again in September

Assessors:

- Special Franchise Full Values for 2015 which are \$23,042 less than 2014
- Received notification of the Star Values for next year. Star Enhanced Exempt Assessed Value is \$52,240, an increase of \$1,410 from 4014. Star Basic Exempt Assessed Value is \$24,000, an increase of \$250 from 2014
- The last Open Book will be held Tuesday, May 19th from 6 - 8 pm.
- Grievance Day will be May 26th from 5 - 9 pm.

Supervisor: No report.

- The OES- SJS Board was very appreciative of the Town of Ephratah's Resolution 49 regarding the decision on the schools.

Historian:

- A Lady wants history of Gary Tredeau's house
- The Historical board is thinking about placing a Historical Marker in Rockwood at the Everett Young's Sawmill site. June found a picture and a map locating it in Rockwood.

At 6:15 p.m. the Asphalt bids were opened as follows:

1. Cobleskill Stone
PO Box 220, 112 Rock Rd
Cobleskill, NY 12043
Total Bid: \$153,865.14
2. Hanson Aggregates
PO Box 513
Jamesville, NY 13078-0513
Total Bid: \$162,900.40
3. Callanan Industries, Inc
PO Box 15097
Albany, NY 12212-5097
Total Bid: \$154,619.38

A decision was made, and agreed with Jim Berry, because time is getting late, to go with the lowest bid from Cobleskill Stone Products.

Resolution 52

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 52 granting the bid to Cobleskill Stone Products for the total bid of \$153,865.14 for three roads to be paved. 2nd by George Cosselman. 3 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 53

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ephratah hereby establishes the following standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

Record keeping was done for three months for the following people:

Eleanor M Smith	Town Clerk	Elected
Todd Bradt	Supervisor	Elected
Joseph Dickenson	Town Justice	Elected
Cynthia Wesselmann	Tax Collector	Elected
David Rackmyre, Jr	Code Enforcer	Appointed
Michael Albanese	Attorney	Appointed
Lita Hillier	Bookkeeper/Budget Officer	Appointed

Nomination by: George Cosselman, 2nd by Thomas Miles. 3 Ayes. Carried.

Supervisor Bradt called for a 10 minute recess, to wait for Tax Collector to arrive so board members can audit her 2015 books.

George Cosselman made a motion to return to the meeting and end the recess. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 3 Ayes. Carried.

The Tax Collector's 2015 Books were audited by the Town Board.

Resolution 54

George Cosselman offered Resolution 54 after auditing Tax Collector's 2015 books were found to be in excellent condition, excellent paper work and a good job done. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 3 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 3 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 7:23 P.M.

A Petition was handed in after the meeting ended. This was a concern about a neighbor making lots of noise, having numerous vehicles, including ATVs'.

Respectfully submitted.

Eleanor Smith
Clerk