

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM  
July 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 -- Absent
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 June 10, 2015 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 7, Claim # 100 thru 108 for the amount of \$ 3,967.47. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 7, Claim # 87 thru 91 for the amount of \$ 2,922.19. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Communication:**

NYS Ag & Markets report on the inspection of Dan Robinson, DCO, was a good report  
NYS Ag & Markets report on the Brennan Humane Society was better than the last one. This one everything was corrected, all were "yes".  
Canajoharie Water Reservoir was inspected and found the same problems as last year: concrete deterioration, stump problems, etc.

**Public Input:** None

### **Reports:**

#### Code:

- Six new permits were Issued
- Two Certificates of Compliance were Issued
- One Certificate of Occupancy Issued
- Four Violation Notices Sent

David had received an email from NYS Codes Division regarding the omission of his name on the in-service training in 2014. An apology was sent to Dave. He is Certified as a CEO for 2015.

Devon Gee has contacted the CEO on purchasing a used trailer. He is looking at one older than 15 years. There is an exemption in the code that it can be if the CEO and 2 board members approve. The trailer is an hour away, thinking the board would not want to travel that far, so he took pictures, sent to the CO. It looks in excellent condition, every room inside look in good shape.

### **Resolution 57**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 57 granting the CO to allow Devon Gee to purchase the trailer, older than 15 years old, and to place it on his property. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

The CO announced that any bank owned properties will be sent tickets through the mail for lack of maintenance on the property.

Planning Board: No meeting. Next meeting will be August 10, 2015.

Hwy:

- Mowers are set
- Done with gravel
- Some of the ditches are cleaned
- Will be crushing more gravel

Youth:

- Softball game at 9 A.M. Saturday, July 11, 2015
- August 8, 2015 will be the Car Show, 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Assessor:

- The 2015 Final Assessment Roll has been printed and a certified copy is in the Town Clerk's Office for public inspection during regular office hours
- Legal Notice of Completion of the Final Roll was placed in the Leader Herald.
- Lyn was notified by ORPS that the income ceiling for the 2016 Enhanced Star exemption will be \$84,550. The income will be determined using the 2014 income tax return of all owners and any owner's spouses residing on the premises.
- Lyn is now able to enter transfers on next years roll and make name and address changes on the Current (2015) roll. Split merges cannot be entered at this time.
- Anyone requesting a split and/or merger can get a form from Lyn Yuenger, Assessor, and then they will need to take it to the Planning Board for approval.

Supervisor: Submitted his report

Historian:

- Purchased a historical sign should be in in about 10 weeks
- 1805 map of Rockwood, 1805 businesses along the creek, dedication may be in September.
- Next meeting may be in August, to get ready for the dedication.

**New Business:**

Abby Cretser started working on purging files from the attic. She has worked 4 ½ hours so far. She's doing a great job.

Jim Berry was unavailable to go through his bills for the Highway Dept, so all the bill were gathered up for him to go through when he got back from vacation.

**Resolution 58**

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 58 to pay Highway bills, totaling \_\_\_\_\_  
After Jim Berry goes through them to make sure they are not duplicated and haven't been already paid. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Old Business:** None

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

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.  
Eleanor Smith  
Clerk