

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM
August 12, 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
Deputy Clerk	Cynthia Wesselmann
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 July 8, 2015 Regular meeting. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 8, Claim # 109 thru 120 for the amount of \$ 4,416.04. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 8, Claim # 92 thru 115 for the amount of \$ 13,339.95. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communication:

- Transfer Station will be closed on September 7, 2015 and open on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, from 10 AM to 6 PM
- Supervisor Bradt received 2 letters from the Tristate Emergency Response stating what a good job and all the man hours Ephratah Volunteer Fire Dept had done during the drowning at Canajoharie Reservoir.

Public Input: None

Reports

Code:

- 1 New Permit Issued
- 3 Certificates of Compliance
- 11 Tickets Served
- Owner of 156 Valley Rd appeared in court and has cleaned up a large amount. They were given until August 27 to complete
- Trailer & shed located at 453 County Hwy has been removed
- Tickets issued for the junk and debris at 153 Church St

Resolution 59

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 59 to approve Devon Gee to place a 1999 trailer which is one year over the local law on property at Kringsbush Road. The original one that was voted on in July, was unable to be purchased. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Planning Board:

- The Zoning Draft has been sent to the APA and Town Attorney for review, when done it will be sent back to the Planning board. Once revisions are complete, it will then be presented to the Town Board.
- Vacancies on the Planning Board will be announced in the Leader Herald and the Pennysaver
- Fall Workshop is planned for October, approximately 2 hours and the topic will

be Emergency Preparedness Training

- Requesting Town Board to pass a motion allowing the Planning Board to meet quarterly (cancelling October & November) having meetings Sept. 7th and Dec 7th.
- RGL Craft Fair and Town Wide Sale will be on August 22, 2015. Maps will be available at the Firehouse.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to allow the Planning Board to meet quarterly, unless there was a need for a meeting to be called. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Hwy Superintendent:

- Start Blacktop on Monday, August 17, 2015
- Inspection 8/10/15 from DEC on fuel tanks system, Need to contain the two 75 gallon gas tanks, need to be put inside, painted and labeled. Need to dispose of old tank holding heating fuel or put back in service.

Youth:

- Alan Cretser thanked Judy T. and June F. for the help at the Car Show on 8/8/15 had an excellent turnout, 26 cars.
- September 12th Soccer to start. Change in Schedule: No Spaghetti Dinner on October 10. Changed to October 17th to a Soup and Sandwiches at the Ephratah Fire house.

Assessor:

- Unable to find an Ethics Course offered by the NYS Assessor's Association or ORPTS. Lyn will take the course from a company called Manfred Realty located in Albany.
- No small claims hearings filed
- Still processing transfers for next year (2016 role).
- Continuing to check data cards against the computer information so that information is current.

Supervisor: Report Submitted

Historian:

- June spoke with a lady to find a grave site for a person with whom she has guardianship over. June found the family stone and is in the Fical Cemetery.
- Ordered the Historical marker for Rockwood.

New Business

Resolution 60

George Cosselman offered Resolution 60 authorizing Supervisor Todd Bradt to enter into an Agreement with Fulton County for Snow & Ice Control on certain designated roads in the Town of Ephratah. Total miles are 7.40 (should be 7.70) for price of \$5,000.00 per mile. Total cost of \$37,000.00 (should be \$38,500.00). 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 61

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 61 to pay the new rate on the insurance, which went up approximately \$300. Increase of \$180.00 because the new screen plant wasn't listed along with the new truck and increased the coverage on the building. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 62

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 62 to purchase Cyber Security for the computer which will be an additional \$300 to \$400 more for the coverage. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 63

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 63 allowing the Hwy crew to haul 8 to 10 loads of gravel to the Ephratah Rod & Gun Club because the Firemen are putting a dry hydrant in by the pond at the Club. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes, 1 Abstention (Ivan Duesler). Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 6:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Cynthia Wesselmann