

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM  
April 13, 2016 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	Cynthia Wesselmann
Hwy Superintendent	Alan Cretser
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 March 9, 2016 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 4, Claim # 51 thru 66 for the amount of \$ 5,642.94. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 4, Claim # 47 thru 64 for the amount of \$ 6,726.93. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Communications:**

- The Ephratah transfer station will be closed Monday, May 30, 2016 for the Memorial Day holiday and will reopen Tuesday, May 31st from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Carol Williams put in her resignation from the Board of Assessment Review since she has moved out of the district.

### **Resolution 46**

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to accept Carol Williams resignation with regret from the Board of Assessment Review. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Public Input:**

- Jake Tennis expressed his interest in replacing the Welcome to Ephratah Sign that fell, cracked and broke in half over the winter. It was originally installed in 2002 as an Eagle Scout Project that Mr. Tennis had received donations for.  
Mr. Tennis has quotes to have the sign replaced. Rooney Signs will replace it for \$1,250 and Barney Signs for \$1,600. He asked the Board to consider getting two more signs for other entrances to the Town. He gave ideas for other alternatives for the signs and other Historical markers. He also explained that they would have to work with DOT and get a Highway work permit and there were regulations for the signage. Mr. Cosselman suggested other quotes and maybe checking with Prime Signs in Fonda.  
Mr. Tennis also inquired about the Town receiving donations for the signs. Mr. Albanese agreed with Mr. Bradt that donations should go through an organization like the Historical Society. Evelyn Frasier spoke of a grant foundation out of Syracuse. Lyn Yuenger suggested a 50/50 raffle.  
The Town Board said that they would like to see the sign put back up and will stay in contact with Mr. Tennis. They all agreed that he did an excellent job with the presentation.

## **Public Hearing**

At 6:15 p.m. the Asphalt bids were opened as follows for New Turnpike Road between State Hwy 10 and the Ephratah Town line. It is for approximately 12,672 feet in length and 19 feet wide and approximately 2,300 tons of #403.17 Type F Top.

1. Hanson Aggregates  
PO Box 513 \$52.65/ton  
Jamesville, NY 13078-0513 Total Bid: \$121,095.00
  
2. Cobleskill Stone Products Inc  
PO Box 220, 112 Rock Rd \$52.35/ton with \$100 ck deposit  
Cobleskill, NY 12043 Total Bid: \$120,405.00
  
3. Hanson Aggregates  
PO Box 513 \$54.69/ton  
Jamesville, NY 13078-0513 Total Bid: \$125,787.00

- Cobleskill Stone will need to supply a bid bond if awarded. Alan Cretser would like to look over the paperwork. The Town Board decided to table it until next month.

## **Reports:**

### Code Officer:

- The Code Enforcer had received complaints about the property in Rockwood.
- The court set a fine and date for the property at 153 Church St to be cleaned up, the occupant is aware.
- The Code Enforcer had several code and various inspection calls.

### Planning Board:

- The Zoning Commission's final draft will be available on the Ephratah Town website with printed copies available for study at the Town Hall.
- A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Town Hall before the draft is forwarded to the Town Board and their Public Hearing.
- In new business, the Subdivision Regulations draft will be forwarded to the Town Board and Attorney for their approval and a Town Board Public Hearing is planned be scheduled in June. The Planning Board recommends that these Subdivision Regulations be adopted as a separate Local Law.
- The Planning Board rescheduled the Town Clean-up Day to the second Saturday in May following tradition. The May 14<sup>th</sup> project will kick-off at 9am at the Town Hall. Safety vests and other supplies will be furnished.

### Hwy Superintendent:

- Alan Cretser met with Dave Clemmons from the Chips Program. The Chips money will be about the same as in the past. Mr. Cretser is still waiting to hear of monies from the Pave NY program.
- They need the First Aid and CPR class by June, their certificates run out.
- The Right A Way Agreement regarding the Bus Turn A Rounds were sent over. Mr. Albanese said it needs to be signed by all parties, notarized and copies given.

### Youth:

- The Easter Bunny was a success Ethan handled with approx 45 attending.
- The Car Show is up in the air and pending the ERC Board decision.
- Sending out Sign out sheets to the school districts and letters to sponsors.

- Sign up date will be March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm and May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am-1pm.

Assessors:

- The 2016 Tentative Tax Roll has been completed.
- Change of Assessment notices will be sent out the week of April 25, 2016.
- Open Book will be held on Tuesdays, May 3, 10, and 17<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8p and on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm.
- Grievance Day will be on Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 9pm.

Supervisor:

No report

Historian:

- Evelyn Frasier is helping a main on Co Hwy 140 & Church Rd track his newly purchased property back to 1845. He wants to restore the property.
- The next Historical Meeting is on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The Deputy Historian Abby Cretser suggested an Open House at 6:30 for residents to come in at look at different records and such. The Historian liked that idea and the information has been posted around.

**New Business**

- JoAnn Dickenson and Thomas Oughton wrote letters to the Town Board expressing interest in the vacant position on the BAR.

**Resolution 47**

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the plans for the two senior trips. The Seniors are planning a Lake George Steam Boat trip and 500 E Hampton Rd, Maine, Log Cabin trip. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 ayes. Carried.

- After much consideration of the two very qualified candidates the Board decided to appoint JoAnn Dickenson to the BAR.

**Resolution 48**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 48 to and appoint JoAnn Dickenson to the vacant position of Carol Williams, to the Board of Assessment Review. Term to fill the vacant position will be from April 13, 2016 to September 30, 2018. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

**Resolution 49**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 49 after auditing Paula Keppler, the Tax Collector's 2016 books. The Town Board found them to be in very good condition, and a job very well done. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

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

Time: 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Cynthia A Wesselmann  
Town Clerk  
Town of Ephratah