

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM  
July 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
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 June 8, 2016 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 7, Claim # 91 thru 106 for the amount of \$7,021.59. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 7, Claim # 96 thru 116 for the amount of \$9,463.93. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Communications:**

- The town received notice from the Hon Joseph Dickenson that he will be retiring from his position as Town Justice at the end of his term on December 31, 2016. He stated it has been a pleasure and appreciates all of the support he has been given. He also will welcome the new justice and offer his help and support. A farewell dinner will be put together for September - October, interested parties should contact the town.
- The town board received a letter from the NYS Agriculture and Markets regarding an inspection report on the Dog Control Officer Daniel Robinson on 6/23/16 rated satisfactory.
- Sherri Hayes sent a letter to the Town Clerk regarding Brookside Tavern Inc at 4389 State Hwy 10, Fort Plain, NY 13339. They are notifying the Town of their intentions to renew their liquor license due in September.

### **Public Input:**

- Requested revisit later in the meeting.

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- 4 Permits issued
- 5 compliances and 1 violation
- Larry Pawlaczyk and Tom Dudley are looking for a variance for a trailer more than 15 years old. It is Larry's trailer and he leases the lot from Tom. Code Enforcer David Rackmyre stated it was in good shape and better than what they had.

## **Resolution 57**

George Cosselman offered resolution 57 to give Larry Pawlaczsk a variance for the 1979 trailer to be put on Tom Dudley's lot he is leasing. Ivan Duesler 2<sup>nd</sup> . 5 ayes. Carried.

### Planning Board:

- The next scheduled quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6pm, at the Ephratah Town Hall.
- The last Zoning Commission meeting was held on June 13, 2016. The Commission voted to forward the Zoning draft to the Ephratah Town Board with the recommendation that it be approved. It was noted that the lack of Zoning allows any business to establish commercial or industrial sites with no protection for residents in what are residential or agricultural areas. It was also noted Zoning protects residents and the Town from inappropriate or damaging activities in the neighborhoods. The Commission was then dissolved of any further duties. The Town Board will now review the Zoning and the next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All meetings are open to the public.
- A reminder The R.G.L. Volunteer Fire Dept is having the 5<sup>th</sup> Town Annual Craft Fair and Town wide Yard Sale. It will be held on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am and ends at 6pm located at the R.G.L. Fire Dept, 4800 State Hwy 29, Johnstown, NY. Any interested vendor please contact Dan Robinson at 762-7658 for more information.

### Hwy:

- Patching and chiming a couple of roads with blacktop.
- Cobleskill Stone will start blacktopping the New Turnpike Rd on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> between 6am and 8pm, weather permitting. All parties have been notified.
- The Town will be getting Pave NY money in the amount of \$23,477.16 that can be used in conjunction with the CHIP money to help out with New Turnpike Rd. When the money comes in the Town will make a motion to adopt and amend the budget with a resolution.
- The new truck is in, getting the box put on and working out details for plow.
- The Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser can be reached with any questions or concerns at the Town Barn, 762-1251 or at home, 993-2054.

### Youth:

- The first day of Softball is Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am. The coaches and shirts are all set, trophies are ordered.
- The Car Show is set for August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Ephratah Rec Commission from 11am to 3pm. They will have a DJ and they are trying to get baskets to raffle off.

### Assessor:

- Absent, submitted her report.
- The final tax roll is on file at the town.
- The Village of St. Johnsville Water Works is looking for a reduction in taxes. Attorney Michael Albanese will be in touch with the Assessor Lyn Yuenger.
- Lyn also submitted new legislation concerning bank foreclosures and their responsibilities that should be helpful to the Town.

### Supervisor:

- Report is on file and the Town Board members all have a copy.

Historian:

- June Frasier reported that Amy Hinderleiter works for Lexington and she would like to take the clients a couple of days a week to the Tillboro Cemetery to help with cleanup and work that needs to be done. A lot of the stones are covered. They will provide their own rakes and such. Supervisor Todd Bradt is checking with and informing Mang Insurance for coverage as well as Lexington has their own insurance coverage they may need to inform.
- Next meeting is the third Wednesday in September, the 21<sup>st</sup>. No meeting in August.

**Resolution 58**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 58 to allow Lexington clients help with cleanup at the Tillboro Cemetery pending approval with the insurance companies. Thomas Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 ayes. Carried.

**New Business:**

- Zoning was turned over to the Town Board for review.
- After several discussions between the Councilman, Supervisor and the Town Attorney they decided to hold another public meeting on Zoning to address any questions or concerns.
- The next meeting regarding Zoning will be held on Monday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6pm at the Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

**Resolution 59**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 59 to hereby classify the proposed adoption of Subdivision Regulations in the Town of Ephratah as an Unlisted Action and declares itself the Lead Agency for the purpose of issuing a determination of significance under the State Environmental Quality Review Act as a seeker. Thomas Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 ayes. Carried.

**Resolution 60**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 60 to hold a Public Hearing on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for the Subdivisions Regulations. Andrew Chorlton 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 ayes. Carried.

- Supervisor Todd Bradt will speak with the Bookkeeper Lita Hillier regarding bestowing some sort of gift for the Zoning Commission members for all of their time and efforts during the last two years serving on the Zoning Board. The town had a gift certificate in mind for the members.
- The Standard Work Day resolution was addressed.

**Resolution 61**

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 61 as follows:

**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:

Todd Bradt	Supervisor	Elected
Cynthia Wesselmann	Town Clerk	Elected
Alan Cretser	Highway Supervisor	Elected
Michael Albanese	Attorney	Appointed
Lita Hillier	Bookkeeper/Budget Officer	Appointed
David Rackmyre, Jr	Code Enforcer	Appointed
Joseph Dickenson	Town Justice	Elected
Susan Groesbeck	Deputy Town Clerk	Appointed

Nomination by: Andrew Chorlton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Title	Name	Social Security Number (last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs./day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer’s Time Keeping System Y/N	Days/ Month (based on Record of Activities)
Town Supervisor	Todd Bradt	4462	40310237	6	1/1/16-12/31/19	N	13.55
Town Clerk	Cynthia Wesselmann	7722	42298984	6	1/1/16-12/31/19	N	9.77
Superintendent Of Highways	Alan Cretser	5321	38114393	8	1/1/016-12/31/19		20.00
Attorney	Michael Albanese	3850	35192764	6	1/1/16-12/31/16	N	2.86
Bookkeeper Budget Officer	Lita Hillier	4537	37513728	6	1/1/16-12/31/16	N	4.66
Code Enforcement Officer	David Rackmyre	3568	43152891	6	1/1/16-12/31/16	N	2.22
Town Justice	Joseph Dickenson	4461	41482092	6	1/1/016-12/31/16	N	4.81
Deputy Town Clerk	Susan Groesbeck	5910	40387656	6	2/18/16-12/31/16	N	1.00

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016

Date Enacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Clerk

I, Cynthia A. Wesselmann, clerk of the governing board of the Town of Ephratah, County of Fulton, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that the same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

I further certify that the full board, consist of five members,  
And that 5 of such members were present at such meeting  
And that 5 of such members voted in favor of the above  
Resolution, IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto Set my  
Hand and the seal of the Town of Ephratah\_

seal

Role call vote as follows:

Supervisor Todd Bradt	Aye
Councilman Ivan Duesler	Aye
Councilman George Cosselman	Aye
Councilman Thomas Miles	Aye
Councilman Andrew Chorlton	Aye

**Public Input:**

- Todd Bradt opened the meeting back up to public input.
- Neil Cronin expressed his concerns with the Town of Ephratah becoming more commercialized area.

Thomas Miles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler.  
5 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk  
Town of Ephratah