

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 6 PM  
August 10, 2016 at the Ephratah Town Hall.  
Roll Call found the following people present:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt - absent
Deputy Supervisor	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 Deputy Supervisor Ivan Duesler.

Thomas Miles made a motion to accept the minutes from July 13, 2016 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract 8, Claim # 107 thru 117 for the amount of \$4,796.14. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract 8, Claim # 117 thru 133 for the amount of \$130,342.34. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

### **Communications:**

- The town received a notice from the Fulton County Planning Board stating they felt that the Town's proposal represented a very positive effort to guide land use development in the community and recommended that the Town Board adopt the proposed Zoning Law. A Zoning workshop has been set for August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Ephratah Town Hall, at 6pm. This has been publicized and noted that all meetings are open to the public.
- The Supervisor contacted the Town's insurance company (Mang Insurance) and the Lexington regarding Lexington clients doing voluntary clean up at the Tillboro Cemetery. It has been preapproved by both parties.
- Supervisor Todd Bradt also has been in contact with the ISO regarding the Fire Hydrant in Lassellsville and getting a reduced insurance rating. (The Dry Hydrant on the corner of Rte 29 and Rte 119, where the old store was.)
- The Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Monday, September 5, 2016 for Labor Day. It will be open Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 6pm.

### **Public Input:**

- None at this time.

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

Absent, as he is at his full time job.

- Several Code related calls.
- Various code related inspections.
- Mr. & Mrs. Ray & Ellen DiStefano at 191 Hart Rd are requesting to begin construction of a second home on the property while they wait for the paperwork to be completed to split the land in half giving 20 acres to their son Ray. Ray is looking to construct a basement and cap this year and wait until next year to construct the home. They will need approval from the board as this is a variance request.

- Anyone with questions for the Code Enforcer are encouraged to call Mr. Rackmyre at (518) 568-5140. Please leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible.

#### 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. The Town Board discussed the Zoning at the last Town Board meeting and will now review the Zoning at the next scheduled meeting that 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 vendors please contact Dan Robinson at 762-7658 for more information.

#### Hwy:

- The Town received a letter from the Ephratah Volunteer Fire Department President Kristina Ruggeri. They obtained verbal permission from home owner Dan Ahrens to build an access road to his pond located at 131 Eacker Road to be used for a water source for fire suppression. The Fire Department is requesting the Town of Ephratah Highway Department's help to complete this project and would like to be included in a site survey to determine the access point most useable for the fire equipment. The future intention is to install a dry hydrant at that location. Any questions please contact Fire Chief Joe Ruggeri at (518) 775-3489. The Highway Supervisor stated that the Fire Department will reimburse the cost for the pipe and gravel. The Town has done the same in the past for the Ephratah Rod & Gun. The Town Attorney Albanese has advised that the Town should have a written release from the land owner.
- Finished up the New Turnpike Rd. It is paved and the shoulders are done.
- The Town received the 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.
- The Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser can be reached with any questions or concerns at the Town Barn, 762-1251 or at home, 993-2054.

#### **Resolution 62**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 62 to allow the Town of Ephratah Highway Department to help build an access to the pond located at 113 Eacker Road contingent on a release from the homeowner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 3 Ayes Carried with 1 Abstention, Ivan Duesler.

#### **Resolution 63**

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 63 to amend the Highway Revenue Account DA3501. The account will be increased to reflect the Pave NY money received in the amount of \$23,477.16. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes Carried.

#### Youth:

- The last day of Softball is Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am, they have the trophies.
- The first day of Soccer is Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am. The shirts are ordered.
- The Car Show on August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Ephratah Rec Commission wasn't a good turnout. The food was good, they got rave reviews. They will discuss their options for next year.

Assessor:

- Submitted her report.
- The Assessor is attending a course next Friday on Appraisal of Vacant Land in Norwich, NY given by the NYS Assessor's Association and will be given of 6 Credit hours. She has three hours via Pete and there will be another 3 hrs given for a course on Amish buildings in November, and that should complete her 12 credit hours for the year.
- Lyn noted that she doesn't see where not charging residents for permits has done anything.
- Anyone applying for a new Star B or a new Enhanced Star will have to enroll with the State instead of enrolling here. She will provide the information to the Town Board and web site when she gets it.

Supervisor:

- Lita to provide.

Historian:

- The Historian Evelyn Frasier (aka June) helped Karen Elmsry with information on the Shaver history on grave stones at the Ephratah Cemetery. They were moved from the farm and not Tillboro Road Cemetery. The information that they were was incorrect and she wasn't sure who to contact to correct that.
- June gave Amy Hinderliter the information on the approval for the Lexington clients to help with clean up at the Tillboro Cemetery.
- June announced a flyer and that Glen Bentz had agreed to speak at their next meeting in October.

**Join us, the Ephratah Historical Society on October 19, 2016 to hear Glen Bentz at the Ephratah Town Barn at 6:30pm. Come hear the Speaker and Reenactor about the Indians of the Mohawk Valley, their life and customs.**

**New Business**

- The Town Board Zoning Workshop will be held at the Ephratah Town Hall at 6pm. This was announced in the Leader Herald and noted that all meetings are open to the public.

**Unfinished Business**

- A Resolution is needed to amend the Highway revenue with Pave NY money received.

**Resolution 64**

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 64 to amend the Highway Revenue Account DA3501. The account will be increased to reflect the Pave NY money received in the amount of \$23,477.16. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes Carried.

- Tabled until the next meeting, the Town Board will discuss any certificates allowed for the BAR members for all their hard work and efforts.

George Cosselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting noting the record time. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk  
Town of Ephratah