

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on November 9, 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.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from October 12th, 2016 Regular meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract # 11, Claim # 135 thru 142 in the amount of \$3,238.69. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #11, Claim # 159 thru 166 for the amount of \$10,468.10 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communications:

- The Town received notice from the Fulton County Dept of Solid Waste that Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Thursday November 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. They will reopen Saturday regular hours.
- DEC is having a public hearing at the Town of Johnstown Town Hall on November 15th at 5:30pm regarding state lands in Fulton County. It pertains to the Rockwood and Lassellsville State Forest in the Peck Hill area. They are looking for any public input on what to do with this land and how to make this area more user friendly.

Public Input:

- Kathy Oughton stated that Zoning wasn't accepted at the last meeting and she did not see that in the newspaper. Todd said he had spoke with Morgan and there was a mention.

The Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget was opened at 6:15pm for the 2017 Town of Ephratah Budget.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Ten new permits were issued. The report is on file.
- The violation sent to the bank for the 4646 State Hwy 29 has been addressed.
- Two violation notices were sent.
- Code related calls and inspections done.

George Cosselman recommended that Dave hold office hours one night a week for a couple of hours.

Planning Board:

- The next meeting is December 12th, 2016. The new meeting dates will be posted soon.

Highway:

- The new truck is at Gage's and they should get it soon.
- Highway purchased the screen plant from Stratford. They brought it down and it is in the pit. It will be inspected and put into service next year.
- The Supervisor is still evaluating truck #7 and the transmission.
- They had a visit Monday from M-Shaw which was expected. They had a good meeting and it was very informative.
- They are cleaning up and getting ready for winter. They have another sander to put on.

Youth:

- They are closed for the season.
- Alan would've liked more in attendance for the Sponsor Dinner.
- They are working on the calendar for next year.

Assessor:

- Absent, report is on file. Lyn will have office hours this week Thursday 6-8pm because of elections Tuesday.
- They are collecting data from parcels with new permits up until March 1, 2017.
- They will be mailing renewals out for the Enhanced Star, Senior, Agricultural, and Non-profit exemptions soon.
- All Enhanced Star and Senior Exemptions that began with the 2016 tax roll will need to be renewed with the state, not the local assessor.
- Anyone applying for a new Star B will need to do so with the state at www.tax.ny.gov. Any questions Lyn can be reached at the office at 762-5688 ext 23, or at home 765-1166.
- Lynn attended a mini course in Fonda to complete the 12hrs needed by the state for appointed assessors.

Supervisor:

- Supervisor's report submitted.

Historian:

- June has some new records donated to the town, a big thanks Thomas Miles. There is a record of the first Fical Cemetery trustees from 1894 and other records for trustees of the church. Also there were school records of students from 1946 in Lassellsville and others from 1850-1851 of the Scotch Bush Lassellsville area that listed 7 students.
- She will be meeting with Michael Gendron as he is a keeper of old school records in the area.

New Business

- The Brennan Humane society contract was presented with the same contract as previous years.

Resolution 78

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 78 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to enter into an agreement with James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society for the year of 2017. The cost will be \$1,500.00 for the 2017 year beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 2017. Quarterly payments of \$375.00 is due January 1, 2017. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Unfinished Business

- There were no comments on the Public Hearing for the 2017 Budget.

Thomas Miles made a motion to close the Public Hearing. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton, 5 Ayes. Carried

Resolution 79

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 79 to adopt the preliminary budget of \$1,421,997.00 the amount to be raised by taxes of \$829,409.00 as the annual budget for the Town of Ephratah for the fiscal year 2017.

Resolved: Whereas, the town board has met at a time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the preliminary budget, and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon, Now therefore be it resolved that the town board does hereby adopt such preliminary budget as amended as the Annual Budget as so adopted, be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of the town board and be it further resolved, that the town Clerk or Budget Officer of the town, shall prepare and Certify in duplicate copies of said annual budget as adopted by this board together with estimates if any, adopted pursuant to section 202-A. sub-division 2 of the town law, and deliver a copy thereof to the supervisor of this town, to be

presented by him to the board of supervisors of the County. This resolution was 2nd by Thomas Miles.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The budget for 2017 of this town is hereby adopted.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman, 5 Ayes. Carried

Time: 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah