

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on December 14, 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 - absent
Clerk	Cynthia Wesselmann
Hwy Superintendent	Alan Cretser
Code Enforcement Officer	David Rackmyre, Jr - absent
Attorney	Michael Albanese - absent

The meeting was opened with Salute to the Flag led by Supervisor Todd Bradt.

There was a moment of silence in honor of the late Judge Joseph Dickenson who passed away on November 23, 2016. Joe was the current town justice for the past 12 years and was due to retire at the end of his term on December 31, 2016. He will be sorely missed by all.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from November 9, 2016 Regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract # 12, Claim # 143 thru 161 in the amount of \$8,106.36. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #12, Claim # 167 thru 188 for the amount of \$211,332.54. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. Carried.

### **Communications:**

- The Town received notice from the Fulton County Dept. of Solid Waste that Ephratah Transfer Station will be open regular hours on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. However, they will be closed on Monday December 26, 2016 for the Christmas Holiday. The station will be open Tuesday December 27, from 10 am to 6pm.
- The Town received notice from the Fulton County Dept. of Solid Waste that the Ephratah Transfer Station will be open regular hours on Saturday, December 31, 2016 but will be closed Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 for the New Year's Holiday. The station will be open Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am to 6pm.
- The Town received notice from the Fulton County Dept. of Solid Waste that the transfer station will be closed Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for Martin Luther King Day. However, the station will be open on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 from 10 am to 6 pm.
- The Western Fulton County Senior Center, the Leona Trumbull Center, sent in a thank you letter for the Town's annual donation to our Senior Center.
- The Fulton County Dept. of Solid Waste sent notice of the new single stream Recycling that will begin March 1, 2017. Ephratah residents that take their recycling to the transfer station will be putting the recycling in the a-frame loose. The biggest change with single-stream recycling is that they no longer want recyclables in plastic bags. They will not be accepting or recycling plastic bags. They will now be accepting and recycling pizza boxes. Any questions residents can pick up a calendar or flyer at the town hall or call the recycling hotline at 736-5504.

- Fulton Co Office for Aging is accepting nominations for the 2017 New York State Office for Aging Senior Citizen's Day Recognition to be held in May 2017 at the Hart Lounge in the Eff, Albany, NY. The notice said Please help us select & honor exceptional senior volunteers in Fulton County. Nominations with a list of their accomplishments need to be returned to the Fulton Co Office for Aging, Attn: Margaret Scanion, at 19 N William St, Johnstown, NY 12095 by February 1, 2017.

**Public Input:**

None

**Reports:**

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Dave was absent, he was at his full time employment.
- One permit issued to 741 Old State Rd for a car port.
- Two certificate of compliances were issued.
- Violation sent to 829 New Turnpike – trash and debris.
- Tickets served to 153 Church St and 4637 State Hwy 29, both scheduled for court on December 29, 2016.
- Any questions or concerns he can be reached at 568-5140.

Planning Board:

- They met on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and selected officers.  
Chairperson – Judith Townsend  
Vice Chairperson – William Simpson  
Secretary – Daniel Richardson
- They had a request for a Sub-Division by James Miosek at 505 County Hwy 119, St Johnsville, NY.
- After review, they approved the Sub-Division for James Miosek. It is being filed with the County Clerk's Office and the Town Clerk has a copy on file.
- The Town Clean-up is planned for the first Saturday in May.

**Resolution 80**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 80 to accept the Planning Board Officers as follows:

Chairperson	Judith Townsend
Vice Chairperson	William Simpson
Secretary	Daniel Richardson

2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler, 4 Ayes. Carried.

Highway:

- The new truck is in and drives and handles nice.
- Alan would like to get rid of the 1991 International truck. It may be worth between \$4 and 5,000. He will get a hold of Auctions International. The Plow and wing will be sold with it.

**Resolution 81**

George Cosselman offered resolution 81 for the truck to be placed at auction with a minimum bid price of \$4,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles, 4 Ayes. Carried.

Youth:

- They are closed for the season, with nothing going on.
- They are discussing the next years' calendar. They may have the soup and sandwich fund raiser on the last game day in October from 11am-4pm instead of 4-7pm as they have done in the past. They may have a better turn out by having it right after soccer awards so people don't have to come back later.

Assessor:

- Exemptions notices were sent out and are coming back at a fairly good rate. They will process these after January 1, 2017.
- Anyone signing up for a new Star B or Enhanced Star must do so with the state. The Assessor's office has cards that explains how to sign up with the state.
- The Assessor's office will be closed December 27, 2016 for Christmas break.

Supervisor:

- Supervisor's report submitted.

Historian:

- June hasn't had much going on this month for historian.
- The meetings are normally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is on a Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> 2016, at 6pm, at the Town Hall.

**New Business**

Thomas Miles made a motion to have the 2017 Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2017 at 9am, at the Town Hall. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman, 4Ayes. Carried.

**Unfinished Business**

- None to report.

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

Time: 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah