

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on January 11, 2017 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.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the minutes from January 1, 2017 Organizational Meeting. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes. Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to accept the minutes from December 14, 2016 Regular meeting. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract # 1, Claim # 1 thru 16 in the amount of \$19174.47. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #1, Claim # 1 thru 8 for the amount of \$7,579.72. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communications:

- The Town received an application for the Games of Change from the Ephratah Rod & Gun Club, 372 State Hwy 67, Fort Plain, NY 13339 on December 22, 2016. A background check was satisfied through the Sheriff's Dept and the license was renewed and issued for January 1, 2017.
- The Fulton and Montgomery County Planning Boards will sponsor the New York State Department of State Training for Local Officials at the Fulton Montgomery Community College on Wednesday February 8, 2017. Members of the BAR, Planning Boards, and others are invited to attend. There is no general fee to attend this training. Call the Fulton County Planning at 736-5660 for more information and to preregister by February 6th.
- The Ephratah Rod & Gun Calendar 2017 is posted with monthly events. Also see the All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Posting for Sunday's, Jan 15, Feb 19th, March 19, and April 9, 2017.
- Residents can start Single Stream Recycling at the Transfer Stations. Recycling Guides will be available at the clerk's office. Any questions contact the Fulton County DSW Recycling at 736-5504.

Public Input:

None

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- 56 Permits were issued in 2016.
- 26 Violations were issued in 2016.
- 10 Tickets were issued in 2016.
- Court for 153 Church St has a conditional discharge.
- The Party for 4637 was also advised to have it cleaned up by Jan 26, 2017.

- New permit issued at 529 CO Hwy 119 for a wood stove.
- 2 certificates of compliance were issued.
- David C. Rackmyre Jr stated that he has met all required continuing education training to retain his certified Code Enforcement License.
- There is a company looking to put a Solar Farm in the area, there is no other info at this time.
- Any questions or concerns he can be reached at 568-5140.

Planning Board:

- The Planning Board will meet on March 6th, 2017.
- Glenn Blanchard did let his term expire in December. They will plan to put Lyn back in as a member.

Highway:

- They had the gauges in the new truck re-calibrated.
- Truck #7 received a bid of \$5,300 at auction.
- Alan put in the budget to replace the grade-all with a wheeled excavator. It is less than half the price of a grade-all. He will check into the specs and into going out to bid.

Resolution 36

George Cosselman offered resolution 36 for truck #7 to be sold at auction with a bid price of \$5,300. 2nd by Ivan Duesler, 5 Ayes. Carried.

Youth:

- They are working on the schedule of events.
- They are planning to re-appoint Ethan Cretser's term.

Assessor:

- Exemptions are still coming back at a fairly good rate. The Assessor's office will notify renewals that haven't signed up for the deadline of March 1st, 2017.
- There are still new Star exemptions that have not received their Star rebate check from the State, Lyn believes it should be given back to the local level.
- They will be collecting building permits. Land is as it stands on March 1st, Taxable Status Day.
- Lyn's report states anyone taking down a building and or any other structure, please get a demolition permit from the code enforcer (they are free) so I can adjust your inventory and assessments accordingly.
- The Assessor's Office is open on Tuesday evenings from 6-8pm and by appointment at 762-5688 ext 23.

Supervisor:

- Lita could not attend tonight, as she is in Mayfield.

Historian:

- June wasn't in attendance this evening.

New Business

- None to report.

Unfinished Business

- None to report.

George Cosselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, Carried. Time: 6:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah