

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, June 14, 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 - absent
Attorney	Michael Albanese - absent

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

George Cosselman made a motion to accept the May 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler, 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract # 6, Claim 84 thru 104 in the amount of \$6,176.55. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #6, Claim 67 thru 81 in the amount of \$6,736.07. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

### **Communications:**

- Fulton County Department of Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator Dianne Woske sent in information about two programs this summer at the landfill: household hazardous waste day Saturday, August 12, 2017 and latex paint exchange, every Saturday morning June – August 26 7:30- 11:30
- Emily Yuenger received her certificate for Board of Assessment Review Training on May 11, 2017
- Fulton County Office of Aging is having a senior picnic on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Concordia Park from 10-3. Tickets are \$8. Call 736-5650 to reserve.
- Cynthia Wesselmann received her Certificate of Training from New York State Town Clerks Association earning 10 ½ credits.
- RGL #1 Fire Department is having its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Craft fair and town wide sales on Saturday July 29, 2017. Contact Dan Robinson 762-7658 for any information on being a vendor. Booths are \$10.00 -\$20.00.

### **Public Input:**

- None

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Seven new permits were issued.
- Three Certificates of compliance were issued.
- One house was posted uninhabitable on Rte 10.

#### Planning Board:

- The Planning Board has two Alternate positions open.
- The Planning Board has found that in dealing with Sub-Division requests the majority of the requests are for simple land splits for the purpose of sale. They would like the Town Board's approval to amend the Sub-Division Regulations to cover the simple split situations. They would also like a waiver of the EAF, public announcements, and the public hearings for this category. Jim Mraz was

consulted and the EAF should be kept as a component of SEQR to protect the town. He also suggested simply changing the definition of minor subdivision to deal with 3-4 divisions. That would leave simple plot splits exempt. The Planning Board requests to simplify this procedure for our residents with the Town Board changing the Minor sub-division definition as covering 3-4 lots and requests a motion to pass this exclusion of simple splits. This has been tabled so that Mr. Bradt can speak with Mr. Albanese. There needs to be a public hearing to adopt the subdivision regulation and a hearing to amend it.

- The Fall Workshop will be about Reverse Mortgages or services available in Fulton County for senior citizens and shut-ins.
- The next meeting will be September 11, 2017.

#### Highway:

- Highway Superintendent, Alan Cretser said they have been working on ditches on Murray Hill Road, Church Hill and School Street.
- Trucks and trailers were taken out for inspections.
- Mr. Cretser is looking for someone to do training for lock out, tag out, and work place violence. This would be a 5-hour training.
- An inspection was done by M-Shaw that went well. They may spot check again if back in the area.
- The new excavator will be here at the end of the month.

#### Youth:

- The first day of softball is on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am. After that they will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6pm. Teams are set, shirts are ordered, and same group of coaches will be working with the teams.
- The Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show will be held August 12<sup>th</sup> from 11-2 at the Ephratah Recreation Complex. The rain date is August 13<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$10 entrance fee for vehicles. For more information, contact Alan Cretser 993-2954, Sara Gray 762-7383 or Michelle Vickery 705-5530 or visit our Facebook page.

#### Assessor:

- Open book was held four days during the month of May with a total of 8 people coming in to view the roll.
- Grievance Day was held Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 5pm to 9pm at the Town Barn. Ten parcels had grievances filed. Changes were made on five of the ten by the Board of Review.
- Notice was received from ORPS that the tentative 2017 State Equalization rate for the Town of Ephratah will be 74%.
- The 2018-19 school year Enhanced STAR income limit will remain unchanged at \$86,000.
- The assessor cannot enter splits/mergers until we roll over to 2018 as the current year.
- Lynn will be attending a one day seminar entitled Valuation of Amish Construction in Watertown on August 18, 2017 for 6 credit hours which will go toward the 12 needed each year.

#### Supervisor:

- Report delayed as bookkeeper is out due to injury.

#### Historian:

- Oxen yoke that has "Ephratah" on it is going to be donated to the Town of Ephratah.

#### **New Business**

- Cindy Breh called Thomas Miles inquiring about selling lots in Finch Cemetery. Lots cannot be sold, and any abandoned cemetery belongs to the Town.

**Resolution 54**

Thomas Miles made a motion to amend and increase the Highway budget to include monies from the State: Chips \$108,809.68, Pave NY \$23,476.38, Severe Winter \$19,389.06. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5Ayes, Carried.

**Unfinished Business**

- Glen Blanchard will donate a piece of land for a parking lot for Fical Cemetery. Michael Albanese will draw up a contract and send it to Glen. The land will then be surveyed.
- County Wide Shared Services will be putting County Wide Assessment on the ballot for next year.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman 5 Ayes, Carried. Time: 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah