

Regular Meeting

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

Roll Call found the following people present:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt
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
Attorney	Michael Albanese

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

Thomas Miles made a motion to change Resolution 60 in the September minutes to read override the 2% Tax Cap for the 2018 Town of Ephratah Budget if needed. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes, Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the September 13, 2017 regular meeting minutes. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract # 10, Claim 149 thru 160 in the amount of \$6,799.00. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #10, Claim 158 thru 177 in the amount of \$12,895.27. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, Carried.

Communications:

- The Fulton Co DSW sent notice in that the Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Saturday, November 11th for the Veteran's Holiday.
- The Fulton Co DSW also sent notice that the Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Thursday November 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The station will be open Saturday, November 25th regular hours.

Public Input:

- None.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- The Code Enforcer issued nine new permits, 5 completed and there was 1 violation notice sent out.
- NYS DEC contacted Mr. Rackmyre about a possible leaking septic system. They will usually send a finding report in the mail.
- Mr. Rackmyre received a call from The NYS Dept of Health inquiring about a property in the town. He has returned the call and is waiting on a response.
- Mr. Rackmyre asked for the Town Board's approval for a request for a permit, for a 1980's (approx 86' or 87') trailer from Mr. James Hindeliter. They would like to replace the burnt trailer with a newer one and would need the board's approval because it is older than twelve years old. They have the building permit and are waiting on the Town Board's approval. It does meet the requirement with code.

Ivan made a motion to approve the building permit for the Hindeliter's trailer to be removed and replaced with the newer trailer. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes, carried.

- He will be out of town the week before Thanksgiving week, and he has some family commitments and will be unavailable the Monday before Thanksgiving.
- The Town Board and Mr. Rackmyre spoke of a couple of code violations. The Rockwood business was given until next week to address issues.

Planning Board:

- They are planning a fall workshop but they do not have a date yet.

Highway:

- Highway Superintendent, Mr. Cretser said they have been going through the sanders, getting ready for winter.
- Mr. Cretser had a logger inquire about using the access road to log off Hal Wheeler's property and what the Town would need. The Supervisor Todd Bradt said they would need a certificate of liability insurance for a million dollars worth of insurance.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to allow the logger to use the access road pending an approval on the Certificate of Liability Insurance. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton, 5 Ayes carried.

Youth:

- The last day of soccer is Saturday, October 14th, 2017. The Soup and Sandwich will also be held then from noon until 4pm. The cost will be \$6.00 each for a sandwich and drink, .children under 12 the cost is \$4.00 each.
- The Sponsor Dinner will be held on November 4th at 6pm, Board members were invited to attend.
- The Youth Commission is working on next year's calendar. The Car Show is planned for the second Saturday in August.
- The girls club is taking food collections to make food baskets for some of the older folks in town. Contact Sara Gray or Alan Cretser to donate.

Assessor:

- Ms. Yuenger's report was given and is on file with the clerk. It read as follows:
- I am continuing to collect data and enter it on the property record cards and into the computer.
- The exemption renewals will be printed at Real Property this week and I will begin the process of sorting thru them and getting them ready to mail by the beginning of November.
- If you know anyone who will be turning 65 in the year 2018 and they already have a Basic Star Exemption please remind them that they need to come in and see me before March 1,2018 to sign up for the Enchanced and or Senior Exemption. If the person hasn't had an exemption in the past they need to sign up with the state before March 1, 2018..
- I am registered and planning on attending the Assessors course in Oneonta on October 27th.

Supervisor:

- Nothing to report.

Historian:

- The Historian Ms. Evelyn Frasier will be attending a District Seven Conference for Historians in Deansboro, NY on Saturday with her Deputy Abby Cretser.
- They have the paperwork ready to apply for the Historical Society Charter that expires in October.

- Abby has been working on getting historical books in order and rearranging at the Town Hall.

New Business:

- The Town Board all received copies of the Tentative Budget.

Resolution 63

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 63 to accept and take the Tentative Budget and make it into the Preliminary Budget. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget on November 8th at 6:15pm at the Ephratah Town Hall. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes, carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to set the time and date for Halloween Trick or Treat in Ephratah as Tuesday, October 31st from 5pm until 8pm.

Resolution 64

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 64 to adopt the proposed “Local Law Extending A Real Property Tax Exemption For Cold War Veterans” by Fulton County. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes, carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Ivan Duesler made a motion to close the meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, carried. Time 6:32pm.
- Ivan Duesler made a motion to reopen the meeting for unfinished business. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes, carried. Time 6:36pm

Resolution 65

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 65 to allow the Town to act as the seeker for the amendment to Simple Splits in the new Local Law 1 of 2017 Sub Division Regulations and that the town would be allowed to use the Short Environmental Assessment Review Form Part I. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes, carried.

Resolution 66

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 66 to accept the findings of the seeker in the Part I short form and that it has been determined that on Part II that there would no environmental impact. Part II of the Short form reflects that. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, Carried. Time: 6:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah