

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 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 - absent

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

George Cosselman made a motion to accept the December 13, 2017 regular meeting minutes and the January 1, 2018 Organizational Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes, Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract # 1, Claim 1 thru 11 in the amount of \$6,344.65. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #1, Claim 1 thru 11 in the amount of \$5,142.75. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, Carried.

### **Communications:**

- A reminder that the Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. They will be open Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 6pm.
- The Fulton County Public Health sent in a schedule for the 2018 Rabies Clinic. The first scheduled clinic will be on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, behind the Public Health Building on Rte 29.
- The Ephratah Rod & Gun had applied for and was issued a license for the Games of Chance as they have done yearly.
- The Town received the Hon. John F. Keppler Jr's Justice 2017 Year End Report.
- The Town Board received a thank you note from the Wood's for the gift certificate given to the Zoning Board.

### **Public Input:**

- None

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- The Code Enforcer issued three new permits, four certificates of compliance and there were no violation notices sent out and one ticket issued.
- Mr. Rackmyre spoke to the owner of the trailer on Hart Road and they are in the process of filing the paperwork with the county.
- 55 Permits and 33 violations were issued in 2017
- Any questions or concerns please call (518) 568-5140 and leave a message, or try his cell phone number at (518) 848-2930.

#### Highway:

- Highway Superintendent, Mr. Cretser said they have been plowing snow and keeping up on the maintenance of the trucks in between plowing.

Youth:

- They are waiting on the calendar of events for 2018 to be printed.

Assessor:

- Exemption renewals are coming in at a good rate. Lynn will call taxpayers who haven't returned their form after January 31<sup>st</sup> in order to get them sent in by March 1, 2018 deadline.
- We are continuing to collect data on parcels that have made improvements since January 1, 2018
- Reminder to let anyone turning 65 in 2018 to apply for Enhanced Star before March 1st.
- While doing data collection, many properties have either no permits or are in violation of code(s), i.e. blight in the town needs to be taken care of.
- Asked that a charge for permits be again considered. Permits would allow her to assess improved properties. If people do not get a permit, they should be warned and or fined. Ms Yuenger said that the rest of the community pays for people that do not get permits and she would like to see something done about that.

Planning Board:

- Judy couldn't make the meeting tonight.
- The Planning Board still has vacancies for two alternates.
- There is no meeting scheduled for January.

Supervisor:

- Report submitted and on file.

Historian:

- There will be no meetings from January thru March.
- They are selling Historian Calendars for the Historical Society at \$10.00 each, available at the town hall and various other places.
- The Deputy Historian Abby Cretser finished scanning photos for the archives.
- The application for a grant for a sign for the Yanney Mill was sent in.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 35**

Ivan Duesler offered resolution 35 to appoint Abby Cretser as cleaning person at a rate of \$10.40 per hour as needed. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, carried.

**Resolution 36**

Ivan Duesler offered resolution 36 to appoint Vicki Lansburg as Deputy Tax Collector with a pay of \$10.40 per hour. Ms. Lansburg would also be listed as a second signature on the Tax Collector's account, term to end 12/31/2018. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 ayes, carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, Carried. Time: 6:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah