

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at the Ephratah Town Hall. Roll Call found the following people present:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt
Councilman	Ivan Duesler
Councilman	George Cosselman - absent
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.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the August 8, 2018 regular meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #9, Claim 121 thru 136 in the amount of \$5,986.01. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #9, Claim 165 thru 187 in the amount of \$10,138.04. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes, Carried.

### **Communications:**

- The Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Monday, October 8, 2018 for the Columbus Day Holiday. They will be open Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 6pm.
- Supervisor Todd Bradt spoke on a couple of the Share Services that the County came up with. They would be changing out all the lights to LED and they spoke of a standardize tax collecting system that would have a \$1,000/year savings.

### **Public Input:**

- None

### **Public Hearing:**

- The RGL Fire Contract Public Hearing opened for public input at 6:15pm. The Supervisor will be adding a held harmless agreement to the contract. The Fire Department is asking for an increase of \$1,500.00 per year for the next three years.
- The fire company needs to have cancer insurance via Governor Como for any interior fireman for five years after service and while there are in service. They may need to open the contract back up after January for this, as the details are not known yet. This insurance may be up to \$3,000.

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Rackmyre Jr was absent due to family medical issues.
- Permits were submitted and on file.
- Any questions or concerns please call (518) 568-5140 and leave a message, or cell phone number at (518) 848-2930.

#### Planning Board:

- Chairperson, Judy Townsend gave report of their quarterly meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. They didn't have a quorum and have tabled all business until the next meeting.
- Shawn Duesler submitted a variance request that is pending.

- They had phone calls regarding signage along Route 10 for following state laws.
- Ms. Townsend inquired about CT Male doing work and was told that was the County.
- The meeting has been rescheduled to Monday October 8, 2018 at 6pm.
- The Fall Workshop will be held on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm that will cover services offered to residents covered by the Fulton County Senior Center.

#### Highway:

- The Highway Superintendent explained they put up signage along Route 10 saying Town of Ephratah State and Local Ordinances enforced. They did change some faded signs as well.
- They are waiting on the salt contract to put up salt. That has not been awarded yet.
- They hauled millings they needed last week from Route 29.

#### Youth:

- Soccer started Saturday but didn't have a lot of kids come that were signed up.
- The last day of soccer is October 13<sup>th</sup>, they have trophies ordered.
- There will be a Soup & Sandwich fundraiser on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> as well from noon until 4pm.
- October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm they will be having a Halloween Party.
- The Sponsor Dinner will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm.
- They are talking about having the Car Show next year on a Thursday night instead of a Saturday.
- Supervisor Todd Bradt said Alan Cretser did a nice letter to the editor.

#### Assessor:

- The Assessor, Ms. Yuenger is out of town. Her report was submitted and is on file. She also submitted a pamphlet on the 2019 Changes to Exemptions for Property Owners Age 65 and Over. The State will be taking over the senior enhanced exemptions.
- Ms. Yuenger attended a 6 credit hour class on "What is Income", completing the 12 credits required by the state.
- She has 5 small claims hearings scheduled for September 20 at the Fulton County office building she has prepared for.
- They will be collecting date and continue to process sales.

#### Supervisor:

- Nothing to report.

#### Historian:

- Ms. Frasier spoke to the Supervisor about the falling down fence at the Michael Cemetery along the road. The Highway Supervisor Alan Cretser agreed to look at it.
- She is working on archives, trying to find a church baptism from 1806 but not being successful. She was successful with another genealogy search.
- The Historical Society was donated a piece of the Twin Towers from 9/11 by Howard Brott. It was part of the antenna that stood at Tower I at the World Trade Center. The base was used to make a 9/11 Memorial, Eagles Rising. Howard Brott also did a sculpture for FMCC. There will be a special thank you sent to Mr. Brott.
- There will be a sign dedication for the Yanney Mill (aka Yaunie Mill) on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am. It will be held on the corner of Yanney Rd and County Rte 140 on Rob May's lawn. Refreshments are to follow at the firehouse.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Resolution 51**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 51 to accept the Fulton County Highway Snow and Ice removal contract of 7.52 miles for the Town of Ephratah at \$5,000./mile, totaling \$37,600. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes, Carried.

- The Town Board received the Union Contract for the Highway negotiations that looks fair overall. They agreed that the Attorney Michael Albanese will need to review it before they can approve it.

### **Resolution 51**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 51 to accept David Rackmyre Jr.'s resignation as Code Enforcement Officer as of September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He is retiring from the Gloversville Fire Department and would have to have a break in service. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes, Carried.

### **Resolution 52**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 52 to appoint David Rackmyre Jr. as Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Ephratah as of September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes, Carried.

- The Town Board will be having a Budget Meeting on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Ephratah Town Hall at 6pm.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to set the Public Hearing for Preliminary Budget for October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at the Ephratah Town Hall. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes, Carried.

### **Resolution 52**

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 53 to accept the RGL Fire Contract for 2019 with a \$1,500/year increase. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 3 Ayes, 1 abstention (Todd Bradt), Carried.

### **Public Input:**

None.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to come out of Executive Session for Personnel. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, Carried. Time: 6:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselman  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah