

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, April 12, 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.

George Cosselman made a motion to accept the March 8, 2017 regular meeting minutes. 2nd by Ivan Duesler, 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract # 4, Claim 51 thru 69 in the amount of \$5,758.98. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #4, Claim 32 thru 53 in the amount of \$10,073.22. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Communications:

- Fulton County Civil Defense and Fire Coordinator Steven J. Santa Maria sent an email commending Fire Chief Marc Souza and Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser for providing a high level of service to the residents in their time of need and a great spirit of cooperation between departments.
- The Honorable Dominick Arena handed in his certificate of completion for the Continuing Judicial Education Program.

Public Input:

- Jeanette Kadaraitis wanted the Town Board to know she still had concerns about a neighboring property leaning towards her property and wanted to protect herself. She said the Code Enforcer put a sign on the house and is addressing the concerns. She inquired about a variance to move the trailer back. Supervisor Bradt said she can apply for a variance through the Planning Board by contacting Judy Townsend ahead of time. They meet again on June 12th.
- Terry and Nickelin Weaver spoke of a water issue on their property next to the road and that the plows had dug up the lawn over the winter trying to divert the water. They would like the lawn repaired and asked if a ditch or culvert could be put in. Highway Superintendent Cretser spoke of concerns with digging next to a bridge or the power lines. He felt the water issue may be a result of the house and lawn put in within fairly recent years. Cretser said he would look into it for them as well as the repairs to the lawn.

Public Hearing

At 6:15 p.m. the Asphalt bids were opened for the following roads: Murray Hill Rd between STHWY 10 and Hart Rd (approximately 8500 feet in length and 18 feet wide with approx 1403 tons of #403.17 Type 6F Top), School St between end of blacktop and STHWY 10 (with approximately 3900 feet in length and 18 feet wide and approx 645 tons of #403.17 type 6F top) and Church Hill Rd between STHWY 10 and Fulton Co Hwy 140 (approx 1200 feet in length and 18 feet wide and approx 200 tons of #403.17 type 6F top).

The bids were as follows:

1. Cobleskill Stone Products Inc PO Box 220, 112 Rock Rd Cobleskill, NY 12043	Murray Hill \$53.95/ton, \$75,691.85 School St \$53.95/ton, \$34,797.75 Church Hill \$53.95/ton, \$10,790.00 Total Bid: \$121,279.60
2. Gallo Construction Corp 50 Lincoln Ave Watervliet, NY 12189	Murray Hill \$58.82/ton, \$82,524.46 School St \$58.82/ton, \$37,938.90 Church Hill \$58.82/ton, \$11,764.00 Total Bid: \$132,227.36
3. Hanson Aggregates PO Box 513 Jamesville, NY 13078	Murray Hill \$51.25/ton, \$71,903.75 School St \$52.05/ton, \$33,572.25 Church Hill \$54.90/ton, \$10,980.00 Total Bid: \$116,456.00
4. Callanan Industries, Inc PO Box 15097 Albany, NY 12212	Murray Hill \$55.85/ton, \$78,357.55 School St \$57.85/ton, \$37,313.25 Church Hill \$60.85/ton, \$12,170.00 Total Bid: \$127,840.80
5. Peckham Road Corp 375 Bay Road, Suite 100 Queensbury, NY 12804	Murray Hill \$57.75/ton, \$81,023.25 School St \$57.75/ton, \$37,248.75 Church Hill \$57.75/ton, \$11,550.00 Total Bid: \$129,822.00

Supervisor Todd Bradt said they would be reviewed and given consideration. Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser noted all bidders were reputable companies.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Two new permits were issued to 218 Gray Rd for a single family residence and 4301 STHWY 10 for an addition.
- Two certificates of compliance were issued.
- A permit was submitted by Paul Greenslete and request for a variance to install a 1990 single wide manufactured mobile home at 351 Murray Hill Rd. They've sent in pictures and it is in good condition. They are requesting an approval on the variance from the Town Board to install.

Resolution 49

Councilman Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 49 to accept the permit and approve the variance for Paul Greenslete to put a 1990 single wide manufactured mobile home at 351 Murray Hill Road. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 ayes, carried

- Glenn and Wendy Blanchard is requesting a variance for their daughter and son in law Jenny and Ed Rachon to put a 1997 Titan Mobile Home across from their home on Fical Road.

Resolution 50

Councilman Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 50 to accept the permit and approve the variance for Glenn and Wendy Blanchard's daughter and son in law Jenny and Ed Rachon to put a 1997 Titan mobile home pending a sub-division approval from the Planning Board. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 ayes, carried.

- The Code Enforcer sent out seven violation notices.
- Mr. Rackmyre sent a notice to all three children (next of kin) regarding the property on School Street.

- Trayhan's place may need a reminder about the yellow mustang blocking a right of way.
- Mr. Rackmyre will be out of town from April 27th till May 2nd, 2017.

Planning Board:

- The next scheduled meeting is on June 12, 2017.

Highway:

- Highway Superintendent, Alan Cretser said they have been digging ditches, getting ready for blacktop, cutting firewood, taking plows off and cleaning up from the winter. Cretser said the highway department hopes to start sweeping next week.
- Mr. Cretser said they put up a road closed sign on Tillboro Road as it is still in rough shape from the winter.
- Mr. Cretser has a meeting with FEMA as the State had declared a State of Emergency for the March 14th snow day. Cretser has associated costs listed for that time period and there may be FEMA money available.
- The State Budget includes the Chips program and Pave NY monies that may be the same as last year along with the FEMA money for extreme winter recovery. Bradt said they had also approved the mowing for the town's.

Youth:

- The Easter party on Saturday, April 8th was a success with more than 65 kids. Alan Cretser acknowledged Aunt June Frasier, Judy Townsend and his wife Jake Cretser as they were a huge help with the party. They had 1300 eggs on the field and split the children up in age groups.
- The Calendar of events is available for the ERC and the upcoming season. Sponsor letters will go out next week. Softball sign ups are May 6th from 9am-1pm, and May 20th, 2017 from 10am – 1pm. The first day of softball is July 15th, 2017 at 9am.

Assessor:

- Any Split Mergers will not be on the new roll, they can not be done now until the 2018 Tax Roll.
- The new computer is in and getting the RPS program put on it at the IT Dept.
- Change of assessment notices will be printed and mailed at the end of April.

Supervisor:

- Bradt had nothing to report.

Historian:

- Historian Evelyn (June) Frasier has been doing research on families in Garoga. The Rensselaerville Historian Society sent in cemetery records she is reviewing. The next Historical meeting is on Wednesday, April 19th. The meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month.

New Business

- Glenn Blanchard is looking to donate land for the Fical Cemetery if the Town could make a parking lot for that. It would help the parking at the Cemetery. With the Sub-Division and Split he is currently doing, he would also divide that part off. Attorney Albanese said they should get a survey description of the easement that he wants, i.e. roadway and parking lot. Supervisor Todd Bradt will follow up with them.

Unfinished Business

- Audit the Tax Collector, Paula Keppler's books and records.

Resolution 51

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 50 to acknowledge the audit of the Tax Collector, Paula Keppler. They found the books and records to be in good order with an excellent job done. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes, Carried.

- After reviewing the Asphalt Bids Alan Cretser acknowledged that Hanson Aggregates was the lowest bid by approximately \$5,000.

Resolution 52

Thomas Miles offered Resolution 51 to award the Asphalt Bid to Hanson Aggregates of PO Box 513, Jamesville, NY 13078. The Bid includes Murray Hill Rd at \$51.25/ton for \$71,903.75, School St at \$52.05/ton, \$33,572.25, and Church Hill Rd at \$54.90/ton, \$10,980.00. The total Asphalt Bid awarded to Hanson Aggregates is \$116,456.00. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, Carried. Time: 7:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah