

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, April 11, 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
Attorney	Michael Albanese

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

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the March 14, 2018 regular meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles 4 Ayes, Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract # 4, Claim 52 thru 69 in the amount of \$5,418.17. 2<sup>nd</sup> by. Andrew Chorlton 4 Ayes, Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #4, Claim 60 thru 83 in the amount of \$8,448.29. 2<sup>nd</sup> by. Ivan Duesler 4 Ayes, Carried.

### **Communications:**

- Eleanor Smith posted a flyer for a spaghetti and meatball dinner to benefit the Ephratah Rural Cemetery on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5.50 for children 5-11 and under 5, free. The dinner will be held at the H. C. Benefit Club. There will be a raffle for an iPad.
- Judge Dominic Arena received a certificate of completion for the continuing judicial education program.
- Fulton County Planning Board sent in a list of those who attended the Land Use Workshops sponsored by FM Planning Boards. 5 members of the Ephratah Planning Board received credit towards recertification.

### **Public Input:**

- None

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- The Code Enforcer, Mr. David Rackmyre Jr., issued four new permits, two certificates of compliance, and one violation notice was sent.
- The court case for an illegal trailer was held with the judge fining of \$100. A permit and variance form was filled out and they have until 9/27/2018. If the variance isn't met by that date, they will have to remove the trailer and face further court fines.
- Any questions or concerns please call (518) 568-5140 and leave a message, or try his cell phone number at (518) 848-2930. His report was submitted and on file.

### Planning Board:

- The Town Wide Clean-up was re-scheduled to May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Ephratah Town Hall. The clean-up starts at 9 AM at the town barn where volunteers can get supplies and their pick-up routes.
- The Planning Board's next meeting is on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM
- The Planning Board still has vacancies for two alternates.
- Chairperson Judith Townsend, Rosalyn Wood, William Claes, Nikki Weaver, and Bill Simpson attended a training for Local Officials at FMCC on Hot Button Land Uses receiving credit for 2 hours and Walkable Communities for 1 hour.

### Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Cretser reported that one truck has broken down. They have started sweeping the roads with a rented sweeper.
- Mr. Cretser said that they have their M-Shaw training April 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-3:30 at the Meco Fire House.
- Mr. Rackmyre has offered to do the CPR training on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> also needed for the M-Shaw training. They need to recertify every two years.

### Youth:

- The Easter Party they had a fantastic turnout with about 52 kids and a lot of fun.
- Sign-up sheets are at the school to be handed out for softball and soccer.
- They have coaches all set for softball and will be getting sponsor letters out the week of the 16<sup>th</sup>. The same sponsors year after year have been fantastic to the ERC.
- The first sign-up for softball and soccer is May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm. The second sign-up is on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm. Softball starts July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

### Assessor:

- The Tentative Tax Roll for the Town of Ephrath has been completed and is ready to be printed next week at Teal Property. After the roll is printed they will begin the process of sending out the change in assessment notices to all tax payers whose assessed value was changed.
- Grievance Day will be the fourth Tuesday in May (May 22, 2018) from 5:00 till 9:00pm at the Town Barn. Open book will be every Tuesday night in May and one Saturday. The forms for grievance are available if anyone needs them.
- The Tentative Roll will be available to view on line through the [fultoncountyny.gov](http://fultoncountyny.gov) image mate online site. The information may be reviewed by appointment, call Lyn Yuenger at 762-5688 ext 23.

### Supervisor:

- Nothing to report.

### Historian:

- Ms. June Frasier has been research and is waiting to get into the Dempster Cemetery to complete some information.
- Ms. Frasier and her Deputy Ms. Cretser have been working on a grant for a sign for the Yauney Mill but that may not come to fruition as her and the consultant have different information. She is hoping to come to an even ground and get the grant but will not bend on the information she believes is accurate.
- Ms. Frasier is also hoping to have a work crew help with some of the cemetery's this summer and continue her research.

### **New Business:**

- The Supervisor spoke with the Attorney about the right a way at the Dempster Cemetery and he has spoken with the current tennant about stuff in the way of entering the cemetery. He will be taking him a copy of the deed with the easement that may not be mentioned in his copy. It would also be in a mortgage title policy with the previous owner.

## Public Hearing

The public hearing was opened at 6:15 p.m. The Asphalt bids were opened for #403.17 type 6F Top as follows:

- Murry Hill Rd and Old State Rd approximately 6400 feet in length, 18' wide and with approximately 1065 tons of top.
- Old State Rd between Murry Hill Rd and State Hwy 29, approximately 2112 feet in length, 18' wide and with approximately 350 tons of top.
- Schoolhouse Rd between Old State Rd and St Hwy 29 approximately 2200 feet in length and 17' wide with approximately 350 tons of top.
- East Rd between end of blacktop and Fical Road, approximately 5280 feet in length and 18' wide with approximately 875 tons of top.

1. Hanson Aggregates

PO Box 513 \$51.75, \$51.75, \$51.75, \$51.75/ton  
Jamesville, NY 13078-0513 Total Bid: \$136,620.00

2. Cobleskill Stone Products Inc

PO Box 220, 112 Rock Rd \$56.40, \$56.40, \$56.40, \$56.40/ton  
Cobleskill, NY 12043 Total Bid: \$148,896.00

3. Empire Paving

1900 Duanesburg Road \$58.08, \$58.08, \$58.08, \$58.08/ton  
Duanesburg, NY 12056 Total Bid: \$153,331.20

4. Callanan Industries

PO Box 15097 \$62.85, \$68.85, \$68.85, \$64.70/ton  
Albany, NY 12212 Total Bid: \$171,742.75

5. New Castle Paving, LLC

1 Madison Street Suite 100 \$54.63, \$54.63, \$54.63, \$54.63/ton  
Troy, NY 12180 Total Bid: \$144,223.20

- The Town Board and Highway Superintendent decided to table the award until next month.

## Public Hearing

The public hearing was opened at 6:30 to amend and or rescind Local Law 3 of 2011, "Amendment to Stop Intersections". There were no public comments.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to close the public hearing. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes, Carried.

## Resolution 43

Andrew Chorlton offered resolution 43 to rescind Local Law 3 of 2011, "Amendment to Stop Intersections" and revert back to the original stop sign location, leaving the sign where it currently is on Old State Road. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, Carried.

The Town Board audited the Tax Collector Paula Keppler's books, her Deputy Vicki Lansburg sat in on the audit for support and observation. The Town Board found the books in good order with a comment of good job, and well done.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes, Carried. Time: 6:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah