

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, May 9, 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 April 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes. 2nd by Thomas Miles 5 Ayes, Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract # 5, Claim 70 thru 79 in the amount of \$4,725.43. 2nd by. Andrew Chorlton 5 Ayes, Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #5, Claim 84 thru 101 in the amount of \$10,234.66. 2nd by. Ivan Duesler 5 Ayes, Carried.

Communications:

- Summer laborers are needed at the Fulton County Solid Waste Department, 24 hours a week at \$13.69 per hour. Applicant needs to be over 18 and a resident of Fulton County. Applications may be obtained on line at www.fultoncountyny.gov and sent to David Rhodes, Director.
- Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day and will be opened the following day, May 29th from 10-6.

Public Input:

- None

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- The Code Enforcer, Mr. David Rackmyre Jr., issued six new permits, three certificates of compliance, and one violation notice was sent for trash and debris.
- Eight hours of the twenty-four required for annual training have been completed.
- Mr. Rackmyre has sent in a letter of interest to be considered for the vacant County Planning Board seat.
- 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 5th at the Ephratah Town Hall. The clean-up started at 9 AM at the town barn. Only five groups showed up.
- The Planning Board meeting was on May 7th at 6 PM. A quorum was present.
- The Planning Board still has vacancies for two alternates.
- Kevin and Donna Sweet put in for a simple land split. The split was agreed to unanimously.
- A suggestion was made to establish a separate numbering system for simple splits now that they are not included in Sub-division regulations. Motion was made and passed.
- The next meeting will be June 11th at 6 pm.

Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Cretser reported that plows are off and equipment is being serviced because trucks need to be inspected this month.
- Mr. Cretser said that they have taken their CPR and M-Shaw classes and are now up to date.
- Dirt roads on the south end have been graded.

Youth:

- Sign-up for softball and soccer was May 5th with approximately 40 children signed up.
- The second sign-up is on May 19th from 10am-1pm. Softball starts July 14th at 9am. After sign-up, shirts will be ordered. They have enough coaches signed up for the season.

Assessor:

- The Tentative Tax Roll for the Town of Ephratah has been completed and there are two copies available for viewing by taxpayers during open book. The Tentative Roll will be available to view on line through the fultoncountyny.gov image mate online site. The information may be reviewed by appointment, call Lyn Yuenger at 762-5688 ext 23.
- 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 Saturday, May 19th. The forms for grievance are available at the town barn and online at www.tax.ny.gov if anyone needs them.
- 223 change of assessment notices were sent with a net change in assessment of +\$2,337,012.

Supervisor:

- Nothing to report.

Historian:

- Ms. Frasier and her Deputy Ms. Cretser have received the grant for a sign for the Yaune Knitting Mill. There will be a September dedication for the sign.
- A car has been parked on Dempster Cemetery property through the winter and it needs to be moved. The Supervisor will be taking the owner of the car a copy of the deed with the easement.
- Ms. Frasier and Ms. Cretser went to the Region 5 Waterville Historian's meeting.
- Next meeting will be May 16th at 6pm.

New Business:

Resolution 44

Ivan Duesler offered resolution 44 to appoint Michelle Vickery to the Ephratah Rec Commission for a five-year term to expire 12/31/2022. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, Carried.

Resolution 45

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 45 to award the Asphalt Bid to Hanson Aggregates of PO Box 513, Jamesville, NY 13078. The bid includes Murray Hill Rd between Hart and Old State Road approximately 6400 feet in length, 18' wide and with approximately 1065 tons of #403.17 Type 6F Top at \$51.75/ton for \$55,113.75; Old State Rd between Murry Hill Rd and State Hwy 29, approximately 2112 feet in length, 18' wide and with approximately 350 tons of #403.17 Type 6F Top at \$51.75/ton for \$18,112.50; Schoolhouse Rd between Old State Rd and St Hwy 29 approximately 2200 feet in length and 17' wide with approximately 350 tons of #403.17 Type 6F Top at \$51.75/ton for \$18,112.50; East Rd between end of blacktop and Fical Road, approximately 5280 feet in length and 18' wide with approximately 875 tons of #403.17 Type 6F Top at \$51.75/ton for \$45,281.25, for a total of \$136,620.00. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to approve the County Highway Fund Spending Agreement. 2nd by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes, carried.

Resolution 46

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 46 to amend the budget for money received from the CHIPS program of \$102,880.12 with the cumulative roll over balance of \$9,369.82 equals \$112,249.94. We also received money from the PAVE NY in the amount of \$23,483.41 and Extreme Winter EWR in the amount of \$19,389.06 which would need to be spent first for the paving. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, Carried.

Unfinished Business:

Glen Blanchard is waiting on Charles Ackerbauer to finalize the paperwork for property donated to the town for a parking lot beside the Fical Cemetery.

George Cosselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes, Carried. Time: 6:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah