

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, August 8, 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 - absent
Councilman	Andrew Chorlton - absent
Clerk	Cynthia Wesselmann
Hwy Superintendent	Alan Cretser
Code Enforcement Officer	David Rackmyre, Jr - Absent
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 July 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes. 2nd by George Cosselman 3 Ayes, Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #8, Claim 114 thru 120 in the amount of \$5,123.31. 2nd by. George Cosselman 3 Ayes, Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #8, Claim 144 thru 164 in the amount of \$153,001.76. 2nd by. George Cosselman 3 Ayes, Carried.

Communications:

- The Assessor and Town Clerk received notice of 4 Small Claims Assessment Review petitions from property owners in the Town of Ephratah.
- The Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Monday, September 3, 2018 for the Labor Day Holiday. They will be open Tuesday, September 4th from 10am to 6pm.
- The Town received notice from the NYS Dept of Tax & Finance that the equalization rate for the Town of Ephratah had a 9.8% change and is now 69.00% (down from 74% last year).
- NYS Dept of Ag & Mrkts sent in the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report for the James A Brennan Memorial HS as a Satisfactory Inspection. They also sent in the Dog Officer Inspection Report and that also had a satisfactory inspection rating for Daniel Robinson, the Dog Control Officer representative.

Public Input:

- None

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Rackmyre Jr's report and permits were submitted and on file at the Town.
- Mr. Rackmyre Jr. had several code related calls and various code related inspections.
- The Town Board discussed various code related issues that they said the Code Enforcer, Mr. Rackmyre Jr. should be writing tickets for, they'll contact him.
- Any questions or concerns please call (518) 568-5140 and leave a message, or cell phone number at (518) 848-2930.

Planning Board:

- Judy Townsend reminded everyone about the town wide garage sales. Signs and Ads have been posted around town noting that it is from 9-6pm town wide, at the ERC and Nature Trail, and the Caroga Creek Raceway from 2pm till closing.
- The next meeting is still planned for September 10th at 6 pm.

Highway:

- The Highway Superintendent reported that they have been mowing and getting sand ready. They have also been working on the sanders.
- The Mang Insurance report noted that the shut off switches on the trucks need to be looked at, Mr Cretser is working on that.

Youth:

- Softball started July 14th at 9am.
- The car show is this Saturday, August 11th from 11am till 2pm.
- The Insurance report may note that grass on the playground needs to be cut down.
- Soccer starts October 8th and the shirts have been ordered.

Assessor:

- The Assessor, Ms. Yuenger requested that she get the copy of the permits when they are issued. She noted that it would be helpful so they would not need to go driving around and looking for new construction and or demolition.
- Ms. Yuenger received 4 small claims hearing requests. If anyone has not filed all the petitions within the 10 days, she will be placing a request for their dismissal.
- They will continue processing sales and prep for the small claims hearings.

Supervisor:

- Nothing to report.

Historian:

- Ms. Frasier said they will be having the bake sale for the Historical Society this Saturday, August 11th, at the ERC Car Show.

New Business:

Resolution 49

George Cosselman offered Resolution 49 to renew the \$1,000.00 yearly contract with the Planning Board to continue using their services as needed. 2nd by Ivan Duesler, 3 Ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to set a public hearing for RGL Contract \$1,500 increase in the budget for September 12, 2018 at 6:15 pm. 2nd by George Cosselman. 3 Ayes, carried.

- The Supervisor set up a meeting with the Highway employee union representative, Dan, for next Thursday, August 16th at 4pm, as they're contract is up this year.

Resolution 50

George Cosselman offered Resolution 50 to pay Fairchild's 4th quarter mowing bill in the amount of \$491.75. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 3 Ayes, carried.

Unfinished Business:

- The Town Board is still waiting on Charles Ackerbauer to finalize the paperwork for the 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. 3 Ayes, Carried. Time: 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselman
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah