

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at the Ephratah Town Hall. Roll Call found the following people present:

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| Supervisor | Todd Bradt |
| Councilman | Ivan Duesler |
| Councilman | George Cosselman |
| Councilman | Thomas Miles - absent |
| 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 September 12, 2018 regular meeting minutes. 2nd by George Cosselman 4 Ayes, Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #10, Claim 137 thru 147 in the amount of \$24,183.23. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes, Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #10, Claim 188 thru 216 in the amount of \$13,993.58. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Communications:

- The Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed for Veteran's Day, Monday, November 12, 2018. They will be open the following day, Tuesday, November 13th from 10am till 6pm. The transfer station will also be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday, November 22, 2018. They will be open the following Saturday, regular hours.
- JoAnn Dickenson's term ended September 30th, 2018 with the Board of Review. She has submitted a written request to exclude her from any re-election at this time.
- The Ephratah Recreation Commission sent out invitations for dinner at the ERC on November 3rd at 6pm for sponsors and others for their contributions and support.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept JoAnn Dickenson's request not to renew her term on the Board of Review at this time. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Public Input:

- None

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Rackmyre Jr. issued 7 new permits and sent out 1 violation for trash and debris.
- Mr. Rackmyre Jr. will be attending classes in Albany to earn more credits needed.
- Mr. Cosselman addressed some concerns with concrete and debris on Smith Rd. Also mentioned was a house next to Cosselman's with a open hole and debris that could be a hazard. The Board also discussed an ongoing zombie property on Church Rd in Rockwood that the bank has not registered the deed to yet and the debris on the Church Rd property in Lassellsville.
- The Planning Board denied the appeal for a variance for Mr. Duesler's, attorney Mr. Albanese will be sending a letter.
- Any questions or concerns please call (518) 568-5140 and leave a message, or cell phone number at (518) 848-2930.

Planning Board:

- No report submitted.

Highway:

- The Highway Superintendent reported that the Salt Contract passed and they were done screening sand.
- They have gone through the sanders and they are in good shape. They will be looking into getting a couple tires.
- Mr. Cretser spoke at the Budget hearing about the front door. The cost to replace would be approx. \$3,000 if they frame it in themselves.
- Mr. Cretser has a couple of quotes for a high-pressure sprayer, electric, 20amps, and runs with a generator.

Resolution 53

George Cosselman offered Resolution 53 for the Highway Department to purchase a high-pressure sprayer for approx. \$3,000. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Resolution 54

George Cosselman offered Resolution 54 for the Highway Department to enter into an agreement with the Fulton County Landfill to exchange a stainless-steel sander the Highway Department has for the use of an 850 dozer and operator from the Landfill for one week of use in the Ephratah pit. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Public Hearing

- The Public Hearing for the 2019 Preliminary Budget was opened for public input at 6:15 pm. The Supervisor, Todd Bradt said the budget does include a 2% increase but the overall dollar figure was down. They did leave money in the budget for a laborer in the Highway Department, as one is retiring, and money for a per diem Summer mower.

Youth:

- Saturday, October 13th is the last day of soccer. That day the ERC will also be holding a Soup and Sandwich luncheon fundraiser from noon until 4pm.
- The sponsor dinner will be held on November 3rd, the letters went out.
- Alan Cretser would like to move a power box and put new lights up in house. Mr. Cretser said that Devin Percival has said that he would help with this. Mr. Rackmyre Jr. has noted they will need to have this inspected. The Supervisor advised the Board that they have money in the Youth to take care of this.

Assessor:

- The Assessor, Ms. Yuenger will be attending class on December 7th, 2018 in Hudson, NY entitled Ethics and the Assessor.
- Ms. Yuenger has completed all 5 Small Claims Hearings and is waiting for the Hearing officer's decision on 2 of them.
- They collected data on September 29th and will be collecting and taking pictures again on Thursday, October 11, 2018. At this time, they have 33 permits to collect.
- Their office will be sending exemption renewals and IVP (Income Verification Program) applications out in early November along with a letter explain what the IVP program entails. It explains that it is mandatory to have the IVP filled out and everyone is required if you are getting the Enhanced Star Exemption. The State will then determine their eligibility for the exemption. After this year any new people applying will need to apply with the State or they will lose their Star exemption.

Supervisor:

- Nothing to report on.

Historian:

- Ms. Frasier said they have been working with the clerk on more genealogy requests including the Smith family out of Rockwood.
- They had a sign dedication last Saturday for the Yanney Mill.
- Abby Cretser and Alan Cretser are in the process of getting pricing for the Michael Cemetery fence.
- Ms. Frasier has a handwritten ledger from approx 1885-1912 she may copy for the clerk.

Public Hearing

- The public hearing was closed with no public comment.

Resolution 55

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 55 to accept and adopt the 2019 Budget. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes, Carried.

New Business:

Resolution 56

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 56 to accept the James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society Contract Agreement 2019, for \$1,500. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Resolution 57

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 57 to accept the Highway Department Union Contract with President's Day added. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes, Carried.

The Board discussed the Senior Center giving up a trip budgeted and using the money to make repairs to the Senior Center. The Supervisor, Mr. Bradt noted that Audit and Control said they could use the money allotted for maintenance and repairs.

Resolution 58

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 58 to allow the Senior Center to use the money allotted for the last trip on repairs of approx. \$800. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Unfinished Business

- None noted at this time.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to go into an Executive meeting for Personnel issues at 6:43 pm. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes, Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to come out of the Executive meeting for Personnel at 7:02 pm. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes, Carried. Time: 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah