

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, April 10th, 2019 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
Clerk	Cynthia Wesselmann
Hwy Superintendent	Alan Cretser
Code Enforcement Officer	Devon Percival
Attorney	Michael Albanese – absent

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

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the March 13th, 2019 regular meeting minutes. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #4, Claim 37 thru 50 in the amount of \$3,563.94. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes Carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #4, Claim 60 thru 73 in the amount of \$21,041.33. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Communications:

- Paula Keppler sent in a letter to be considered for the vacant member position on the BAR.
- The Hon. Dominic Arena has completed the 2019 Continuing Judicial Education Program with certificate on file.

Resolution 51

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 51 to appoint Paula Keppler to the Board of Review filling the vacancy with term to expire 12/31/2023. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Public Input:

- None

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issues a certificate of compliance for English Rd and Co Hwy 119. There was a compliance certificate for a septic on Rte 29 in Rockwood.
- Updating federal forms and issued notice to remedy for property with trash on 67.
- Fielded calls for upcoming projects on East Rd, Church Rd and two possible along 29.
- Old State Road tower will be getting a standby generator installed for AT&T.
- Issued 1 permit for Rudy for machine shed on New Turnpike Rd and 1 for Church Rd.
- 21 Active permits in the town. 4 are currently listed as new construction, 6 as additions and 11 alterations.
- Any questions or concerns Mr. Devon Percival can be reached at (518)928-9360.

Planning Board:

- There was no meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 10th, 2019.
- Saturday, May 4th they will be holding the town wide Clean-up Day. They will be meeting at the Ephratah Town Hall at 9am. Supplies will be provided.

Highway:

- The Highway Superintendent, Alan Cretser, reported that they took the plows off and put the mower on, and are trimming back trees and limbs.
- The Highway Dept has an MSHAW training for the gravel pit on 4/11.
- Mr. Cretser is trying to combine a training class with the County Highway Department or do a 2hr online training in order to be certified excavator operators to dig ditches.
- Mr. Cretser wanted to talk about a new truck, as it takes 16 months to get them in. He looked at a tandem western star for \$233,000 that some options could be trimmed off the price. He would like to the sand out the back feature.
- A sinkhole complaint on Rte 140 was referred to the County Hwy Dept. The back, dirt roads are soft this time of year. The Highway Dept did put some stone on the Denure Rd. There is debris on another road that DEC is aware of and will be cleaning it up.

Resolution 52

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 52 allow the Superintendent Alan Cretser to look into the specs and purchase a new Tandem Western Star truck for the Highway Department for approximately \$233,000, as it may take 16-18 months to get in. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes carried.

Bid Opening

At 6:15 p.m. the Asphalt bids paved with approximately 1 ½” of 403.17 type 6F Top Tillboro Road to be 2 ½”, T-3 Mod Binder were opened as follows:

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| 1. Cobleskill Stone Products Inc
PO Box 220, 112 Rock Rd
Cobleskill, NY 12043 | Kringsbush 770 ton \$65.15/ton, \$50,165.50
Tillboro 585 ton \$59.55/ton, \$34,836.75
Bolster Hill 860 ton \$65.15/ton, \$56,029.00
Total Bid: \$141,031.25 |
| 2. Hanson Aggregates
PO Box 513
Jamesville, NY 13078 | Kringsbush 770 ton \$70.55/ton, \$54,323.50
Tillboro 585 ton \$63.60/ton, \$37,206.00
Bolster Hill 860 ton \$70.60/ton, \$60,716.00
Total Bid: \$152,245.50 |

George Cosselman made a motion to table the asphalt bid result until next month; the Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser will review them. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, carried.

Youth:

- The work inside the building is done and the field is drying up. The ERC will be having a thank you dinner at 4pm to honor Kalub Blackwell for his excellent work at the ERC with the Boy Scout project.
- The Ephratah Recreation Commission will be having the Easter Party on April 13th at 2pm. There will be an egg hunt divided up by age groups at 2:30.
- Softball signups will be held on May 4th from 9am until 1pm. They do need one more coach. The Car Show is planned for a Thursday in August, 2019.

Assessor:

- The Assessor, Ms. Yuenger’s report is on file. They have completed the Enhanced Star IVP required and now have 100% of the eligible parcels entered in the Real Property System.
- A legal notice will be published in The Leader Herald and the Change of Assessment Notices will be sent to property owners.
- Ms. Yuenger plans to attend a class on Correction of Errors in Johnstown.

- The Assessor's office will hold Open Book on Tuesday evenings during the month of May and on Saturday, May 18th from 9am until 12noon. Grievance Day will be held on Tuesday, May 28th, 2019 from 5-9pm at the Ephratah Town Hall.

Supervisor:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Historian:

- The Historian, Ms. Frasier, met with Nancy Amy from the Poughkeepsie area. Ms. Amy donated a ledger dating back to 1840-1845 from William Lassell, the old Lassellville Store owner.
- Ms. Frasier researched the Gristmill in Ephratah finding records dating back to 1831. The store originally was built during the Revolutionary War and had burnt down. Looking at the old maps it was decided that the Gristmill was Lee Holland's house. The property owner at the time owned three parcels including the Brookside and had went bankrupt; the parcels were then sold separately. It was a store of some sort and converted into a house somewhere in the 1920's, per Ms. Frasier.
- The Historical Society is planning a bake sale during the Car Show in August.
- They are having a meeting next week and would like people to join the Historical Society.

New Business:

Resolution 53

George Cosselman offered Resolution 53 to pay the National Grid contract bill of \$4,366.90 to get the work started on the LED Lighting. The Town will be reimbursed up to \$5,115.00 with the grant NYSIRTA will be applying for on Ephratah's behalf. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, carried.

- Bill Finch wrote in a letter stating he would like to donate approx. 12 acres of landlocked land he has on Co Rte 119 to the Town. The Town Board decided to decline and not to accept the offer.
- The Adirondack Park Agency sent in a letter asking for support for a plan for cell coverage in the Adirondack Park. The Board decided that the coverage would not apply to the Ephratah area.

Resolution 54

George Cosselman offered Resolution 54 to approve the Tax Collector, Paula Keppler's audit of the books for the tax year of 2018, with a comment of nice job and very well done. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, Carried. Time: 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah