

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 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
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 January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #2, Claim 9 thru 23 in the amount of \$6,721.08. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #, Claim 9 thru 35 in the amount of \$21,879.89. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes, Carried.

### **Communications:**

- Fulton County Dept of Solid Waste sent notice that the Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for President's Day. They will be open the day after on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 6 pm.
- Penelope Smith sent in her resignation letter for the Board of Review.
- Cynthia Wesselmann sent in a letter of interest to be considered for the Board of Review taking Penelope Smith's place with term to expire 9/30/2019.
- Supervisor Todd Bradt commented on Fulton County Ambulance Service closing and now Ephratah will be all St. Johnsville and RGL would now be JAVAC. Oppenheim is still St. Johnsville and MOVAC. He would like the County to get a CON for control of where the ambulances go.

### **Resolution 38**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 38 to accept Penelope Smith's resignation from the Board of Review. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, carried.

### **Resolution 39**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 39 to appoint Cynthia Wesselmann to the Board of Review, term to expire 9/30/2019. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, carried.

### **Public Input:**

- None

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Code Enforcement Officer Devon Percival did a inspection on Mud Rd. They are cleaning up debris.
- Mr. Percival checked on Church Hill Rd and the repairs were made. They also applied for a permit for the upstairs.

- Mr. Percival also issued a permit for a garage on Hatch Rd.
- Mr. Percival is working on updating a NYS DEC annual report and site. He would like to have it submitted before April. The site is compiled of all the current activities and active permits. He will also be updating business inspections, checking for fire extinguishers and alarms yearly.
- Any questions or concerns Mr. Percival can be reached at (518)928-9360.

#### Planning Board:

- The next meeting is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There is nothing to report at this time.

#### Highway:

- The Highway Superintendent, Alan Cretser, reported that they had a very expensive month. “You have issues and they have to be taken care of. The repairs have been made.
- Mr. Cretser spoke on replacing the radios and is for now going to place a repeater at the Youth Commission as a demo, at no cost to the town, to see how that goes. The cost is around \$10,000 to put one in.
- The mower for the excavator has been ordered. The purchase price was \$600 less.
- Mr. Cretser said next month he would like to get the paperwork ready to go out for blacktop bids. He plans to pave Kringsbush Road from the town line to Route 29 and four tenths of a mile on Tillboro Rd of a base. He stated that it costs a lot of money every year to grade and maintain that hill. Then go back up to Bolster Hill to the town line and continue on Bolster Hill until we run out of blacktop. He does not know about monies from the CHIPS program, Pave NY, or the Sever winters yet. Mr. Cretser heard that Hansen will be paving Route 10 and Rte 29 this year.
- Friday morning Ephratah had an issue with water across the road on Eaker Rd. Palatine did not close their end of the road.
- Mr. Cretser had paperwork stating we are not responsible for replacing mailboxes.
- Carl Christenson was in and said there was an excellent job done on the English Rd.

#### Youth:

- The Ephratah Recreation Commission is waiting on the electrician to replace a box and put a switch inside the building.

#### Assessor:

- The Assessor, Ms. Yuenger reported they have received 161 of the 178 of the exemptions and continue entering and updating data on the RFP.
- Anyone turning 65 years if age in 2019 should get in touch with the Assessor’s office for details about the exemptions that may be available to them. There is no exception to the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

#### Supervisor:

- No report.

#### Historian:

- The Historian, Ms. Frasier and her Deputy, Abby Cretser had nothing to report.

#### **New Business:**

- Supervisor Todd Bradt got in touch with Tom Wind regarding a NYSIRTA grant. The proposal states that National Grid would own the street lights and the costs for the LED lighting would reduce the overall street lighting costs throughout the year.

#### **Resolution 40**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 40 accept the proposals for the Association of Town’s 2019 Legislation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, Carried.

- Mr. Bradt and the Town Board members spoke on an appointed Tax Collector for the Town of Ephratah. Mr. Bradt and the Town Board members agreed they would need to set a public hearing proposing a local law to appoint a tax collector yearly.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to set a public hearing on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6pm to propose making a Local Law to appoint the Town of Ephratah Tax Collector yearly. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Councilman Ivan Duesler was excused from the meeting as he had a prior engagement.
- The Town Board audited the Judges books for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

### **Resolution 41**

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 41 determining that the Town Board audited the Hon Jack Keppler's judicial records for the 2018 year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, and found them to be in good order with a job well done. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes, carried.

### **Resolution 42**

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 42 stating the Town Board audited the Hon Dominic Arena's judicial records for the 2018 year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, and found them to be in good order and commented that he had done a great job! 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes, carried.

- The Town Board audited the Town Clerk's books for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

### **Resolution 43**

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 43 stating the Town Board audited the Town Clerk's books held by Cynthia Wesselmann for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. They found the books to be in good order and commented a job well done. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes, carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 4 Ayes, Carried. Time: 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah