

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, January 9, 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

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

Thomas Miles made a motion to accept the December 12th, 2018 regular meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Organizational meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Miles. 5 Ayes Carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #1, Claim 1 thru 8 in the amount of \$7,951.86. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes Carried.

Thomas Miles made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #1, Claim thru 8 in the amount of \$11,140.58. 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, January 21, 2019 for Martin Luther King Day. They will be open the day after, Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am to 6 pm.
- The Ephratah and Rod sent in their application to renew their permit for Bell Jar/ Games of Chance for 2019.
- Dominic Arena sent in his Certificate of Completion for the Continuing Judicial Education program.

### **Public Input:**

- None

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Newly appointed Code Enforcement Officer Devon Percival checked on an issue with a trailer that needs to be removed by a deadline in March, 2019. Mr. Albanese said Mr. Duesler needs to contact his lawyer, as they thought he understood that.
- Mr. Percival issued a ordered remedy for a furnace on Church Hill Rd to be repaired.
- He is also working on updating files on Church Road and the Rockwood area issues. The Town Board expressed their concerns about the blight and unpermitted building issues within the town. Mr. Percival plans to update records and permits all around the town evenly.
- The building permit applications have been updated.
- Any questions or concerns Mr. Percival can be reached at (518)928-9360.

#### Planning Board:

- The next meeting is scheduled in April, 2019. There is nothing to report at this time.

### Highway:

- The Highway Superintendent, Alan Cretser, reported that they are servicing vehicles and removing snow. Mr. Cretser said they plan to draw more sand.
- The town pickup truck has been repaired and returned.
- Mr. Cretser asked the board about purchasing the mower with a 5-foot brush hog from the state bid contract because the 1973 & 1974 mower are not in good repair. The bid price on the budgeted mower has risen by \$2000.
- Mr. Cretser said the two-way radios are becoming obsolete, as there are dead spots in Ephratah. Mr. Bradt mentioned Ephratah has the second highest elevation in Fulton County. Mr. Cretser will need to look into repairing or replacing them in next year's budget.

### **Resolution 36**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 36 for the Highway Dept to purchase a new mower off the state bid contract in the amount of \$16,500.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, carried.

### Youth:

- The Ephratah Recreation Commission calendar of events has been posted for 2019.
- Alan Cretser reported that Caleb Blackwell is doing an amazing job on the Boy Scout project at the Ephratah Rec Commission. Mr. Cretser said Caleb is redoing a lot of the inside and it looks beautiful.
- The electrician will be replacing a box and putting a switch inside the building.

### Assessor:

- The Assessor, Ms. Yuenger reported 103 of the 163 exemptions have been received.
- They have been key punching in exemptions, finalizing data collections and adding the new permits before the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- Anyone turning 65 years of age in 2019 should get in touch with the Assessor's office for details about the exemptions that may be available to them.

### Supervisor:

- The State Comptroller was in to review the 2% Tax Cap records and they were found to be in order.

### Historian:

- The Deputy Historian, Abby Cretser, reported that the Highway Department put in new cabinets for the Historical Society and they look great.
- Ms. Cretser is selling Town of Ephratah Historical Society cups, mugs, glasses and mason jars for \$12.00 each. She will be ordering more cups.
- Their next meeting is planned for April.

### **New Business:**

#### **Resolution 37**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 37 to update Lita Hillier's Standard Work Day hours to 9.74 hours and that has been posted. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, Carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

- The LED lighting through NYSIRTA was tabled as the speaker was not in attendance.
- The Town Board reviewed and tabled The Association of Towns 2019 Legislation.

George Cosselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes, Carried. Time: 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah