

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, July 10th, 2019 at the Ephratah Town Hall. Roll Call found the following people present:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt
Councilman	Ivan Duesler
Councilman	George Cosselman
Councilman	Andrew Chorlton - absent
Councilwoman	Eleanor Smith
Clerk	Cynthia Wesselmann
Hwy Superintendent	Alan Cretser
Code Enforcement Officer	Devon Percival - 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 May 8th, 2019 regular meeting minutes. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #7, Claim 79 thru 86 in the amount of \$3,580.86. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 4 Ayes Carried.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #7, Claim 118 thru 130 in the amount of \$5,484.56. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Communications:

- None

Public Input:

- None

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Completed three in-process inspections for new roof, deck and house.
- Issued eight new permits
- Dealt with a complaint regarding fencing and the Ag and Market rules
- Informed property owners that they are required to have a building permit for their new barn.
- Six active permits from last year have not been renewed and the owners have been notified without response. Stop-work orders will be sent out.

Planning Board:

- The next meeting will be held on September 9th, 2019 at 6pm.
- They have not heard further on a single lot division for Lori Souza at 257 Kringsbush Road.

Highway:

- Highway is ready for blacktop, and has a call in to Cobleskill Stone.
- Mowing has been started.
- The new truck should be here the end of December.
- Dig Safely class was completed at the Meco Fire Department with all members now certified.
- Started to screen gravel.
- A call was put in and New Turnpike now has a line down the center.
- Extreme winter recovery act from the state was reinstated with the amount being \$19,000.

- Route 10 has been started.
- A highway employee may be retiring soon and hiring a new person has been budgeted so we may hire in September to begin training.
- Repaired potholes on Tillboro Road.

Youth:

- Softball season starts Saturday 7/13/19 at 10 am.
- The ERC floors have been painted.
- Working on finding one new soccer coach.
- Car show is Thursday August 22th from 5-8pm.

Assessor:

- 2019 Final Assessment roll has been printed and filed with the state.
- All changes have been made and the 2019 Final Tax Roll will be printed on June 24th.
- The office has begun data collection for the 2020 Tentative Roll.
- The assessor anticipates problems with the 2019 school bills because of the changes in the Star program. Unfortunately, all problems will have to be handled with Real Property in Albany who can be reached at 518-457-2036.
- The Assessor's office hours are Tuesday evenings from 6-8pm. Other hours by appointment.

Supervisor:

- Nothing to report.

Historian:

- The Historian is doing research for Matt Swartz.
- They will be switching the material in the display cabinet.

New Business:

Resolution 60

Ivan Duesler made a motion to offer Resolution 60 to amend the budget with monies from Extreme Winter which will increase the budget by \$19,389.06 and Pave New York which will increase the budget by \$23,484.66. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 4 Ayes, Carried.

Resolution 61

Eleanor Smith made a motion to offer Resolution 61 to pay the bill for the New Turnpike stripping to pay Seneca Pavement in the amount of \$882.75. 2nd by Ivan Duesler 4 Ayes, Carried.

Unfinished Business

- None at this time.

George Cosselman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 4 Ayes, Carried. Time: 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah