

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, June 12<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	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.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes Carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #6, Claim 61 thru 78 in the amount of \$4,826.83. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #6, Claim 99 thru 117 in the amount of \$9,299.45. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes, Carried.

### **Communications:**

- Clifford Duesler sent notice of his resignation from the Board of Review.
- Fulton County Solid Waste hired a new Ephratah Transfer Station attendant, David Ringer.
- R.G.L. Volunteer Fire Department 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair and Town wide sales will be held July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 9am-6pm located at 4800 State Hwy 29, Johnstown, NY. Free to the public, rain or shine.
- Fulton County Republican Primary will be held at the Town Hall on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- Fulton County Solid Waste will offer the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, call for an appointment at (518) 736-5504.
- Solid Waste also noted the Clean Wood-Clean Fill program needs to be preapproved.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to accept the resignation of Clifford Duesler to the Board of Review with a sincere thanks from all for his many years of service and a job very well done. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, Carried.

### **Public Input:**

- Nicki Weaver spoke as a concerned resident on neighboring blight and safety issues. The Code Enforcer Devon Percival and Mrs. Reggerio spoke on protocol and procedure and how it is being addressed at several different levels for public safety.

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- There were nine new permits issued.
- Completed the application for the 2020 US Census New construction program.
- Mr. Percival has spoke with several people that may build in the area.
- Sent notice for a trash and maintenance issue in Rockwood.
- Working on local code chapter 64, unsafe buildings to match new ICC codes.
- Any questions or concerns the Code Enforcement Officer Mr. Devon Percival can be reached at (518)928-9360.

### Planning Board:

- The meeting was held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with a quorum present.
- They will be reviewing a single lot division for Lori Souza at 257 Kringsbush Road.
- They addressed the Town Board and Code Enforcer regarding violations with blight and safety issues within Ephratah.
- They are planning a fall workshop on a reverse mortgage.

### Highway:

- Highway is getting ready for blacktop, hauling dirt and getting ready to mow.
- The new truck has been ordered and should be done next March-April, 2020.
- They are working on rebuilding the screen plant.
- They will be getting certified at a Dig safely class coming up.

### Youth:

- Softball season is starting with opening day on 7/13/19.
- They will be painting the ERC floor. Help is welcomed and interested parties can contact Alan or Ethan Cretser at (518) 993-2054.

### Assessor:

- The Assessor, Ms. Yuenger, reported on Grievance Day held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There were 15 being acted on. There were thirteen denied and two of them were changed. One of the two was a stipulation and the other was an agreed correction of errors.
- All changes have been made and the 2019 Final Tax Roll will be printed on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The office will begin data collection for the 2020 Tentative Roll and will be able to act on any Split mergers.
- Ms. Yuenger anticipates problems when 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.

### Supervisor:

- Nothing to report at this time.

### Historian:

- The Historian, Ms. Frasier, reported they had a good response with cemetery donations and possible volunteers for repairs to the fence and stones.

### **New Business:**

#### **Resolution 59**

George Cosselman made a motion to offer Resolution 59 to appointed Eleanor M. Smith to the Town Councilman position opening, (unfortunately due to the late Thomas Miles who passed away on April 19, 2019) term to end 12/31/19. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes, Carried.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- None at this time.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes, Carried. Time: 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah