

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, May 8<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 and a moment of silence in remembrance of Councilman Thomas Miles that had passed away on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, led by Supervisor Todd Bradt.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #5, Claim 51 thru 60 in the amount of \$5,385.50. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes Carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #5, Claim 74 thru 98 in the amount of \$15,085.79. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, Carried.

### **Communications:**

- Fulton County DSW sent in notice that the Ephratah Transfer Station would be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019 for the Memorial Day holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am-6pm.

### **Public Input:**

- None

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Three business compliances completed.
- Issued 2 stop work orders without permits and unsafe practices.
- Issued 4 new permits for new decks, adding utilities and general upgrades.
- Fielded multiple calls for people upgrading properties.
- Any questions or concerns the Code Enforcement Officer Mr. Devon Percival can be reached at (518)928-9360.

#### Planning Board:

- There was no meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6pm at the Ephratah Town Hall.
- On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> they held the town wide Clean-up Day with a small group in attendance. They covered approx. 8-10 miles of road.

#### Highway:

- The new brush hog is hooked up on the excavator and is working well.
- They have done the maintenance on the trucks with winters off and summers on.
- Highway Supervisor, Alan Cretser said that they have finished sweeping the roads. He also noted that they had first plowed last year on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and went all the way through April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with the employees only having one Saturday and Sunday off.
- The Highway Department will be taking a Dig 911 2 hr Training class.

- Mr. Cretser informed the Town Board of the differences between the Western Star and the International trucks. The complete package for the Western Star modified to the needs of the Highway Dept with a Henderson plow of \$500.00 more would be \$231,553.00 complete. Pricing was taken from the Onondaga County bid. After much discussion the Town Board agreed to order and purchase the western star and keep the old truck for hauling sand and as a backup.

### **Resolution 55**

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 55 allow the Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser to purchase a new Western Star truck. It comes with a manual and will be modified for the Highway Department including a Henderson plow complete for \$231,553; as it may take until February or March of 2020 to get in if it is ordered now. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes carried.

### Youth:

- The Easter party was a success with approximately 60 kids in attendance.
- Attendance was down with the first softball signups. The next signup is May 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am till 1pm. The first day of softball is on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
- Sponsor letters went out and they need one more coach.
- The work inside the building is done and the electrician will be doing repairs.
- Interested parties can contact Alan or Ethan Cretser at (518) 993-2054.

### Assessor:

- The Assessor, Ms. Yuenger's report is on file.
- The 2019 Tentative Tax Roll has been printed and verified as of May 1, 2019.
- The first open book was held on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm with one tax land owner asking about their change of assessment.
- Ms. Yuenger said her office is still waiting on the State to issue a final equalization rate; the assessment roll was left at the 69%.
- They are also waiting for the State to issue the final exemption list for the Enhanced Star exemptions.
- The Assessor's office will hold Open Book on Tuesday evenings during the month of May and on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 12noon. Grievance Day will be held on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 5-9pm at the Ephratah Town Hall.

### Supervisor:

- Nothing to report at this time.

### Historian:

- The Historian, Ms. Frasier, attended the regional Historical Society meeting in Richfield Springs. They had a Body Poser mapping person in attendance. She is a professional used when mapping cemetery grave sites to be moved for future reference if needed.
- Ms. Frasier mailed to maps 2 maps to Oregon and also mailed 2 books to Oklahoma for people she had been in contact with.

### **New Business:**

#### **Resolution 56**

Ivan Duesler made a motion to offer Resolution 56 to award the asphalt bid to the lowest bidder Cobleskill Stone Products Inc of PO Box 220, 112 Rock Rd., Cobleskill, NY, 12043. The asphalt includes Kringsbush Rd of 770 tons of #403.17 type 6F top for approx. 4400 ft in length and 18' wide at \$65.15/ton for \$50,165.50; Tillboro Rd between Old Blacktop and Shawn Duesler approx. 2200 ft in length and 17' wide of 585 tons of T-3 Mod Binder at \$59.55/ton for \$34,836.75 and Bolster Hill between Town Line and Saltsman Rd approx. 4900 ft in length and 18' wide with 860 tons of #403.17 Type 6F top at \$65.15/ton for \$56,029.00 with a total bid of \$141,031.25. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes, carried.

**Resolution 57**

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to offer Resolution 57 to accept the Fulton County Highway contract of \$425/mile with two passes twice a year for the 7.52 miles of the County roads. The total of the contract is \$3,196 with payment to be made by the end of October, 2019 and all other provisions as stated within the contract. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 4 Ayes, Carried.

**Resolution 58**

Ivan Duesler made a motion to offer Resolution 58 to enter into agreement to spend Highway Funds of \$228,518.00 for general repairs of the 42.85 miles of all town roads. 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: 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah