

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at the Ephratah Town Hall. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and State of Emergency, the town board members chose to discuss town business over the phone.

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| Supervisor               | Todd Bradt         |
| Councilman               | Ivan Duesler       |
| Councilman               | George Cosselman   |
| Councilman               | Andrew Chorlton    |
| Councilwoman             | Eleanor Smith      |
| Clerk                    | Cynthia Wesselmann |
| Hwy Superintendent       | Alan Cretser       |
| Code Enforcement Officer | Devon Percival     |
| Attorney                 | Michael Albanese   |

The Ephratah Town Board agreed to pay General bills, Abstract #4, in the amount of \$2,958.24.

The Ephratah Town Board agreed to pay Highway bills, Abstract #4, in the amount of \$11,226.03.

### **Communications:**

- The Ephratah Town Offices are closed to the public. People can call and leave a message and someone will get back to them as soon as possible.
- The Tax bill due date has been extended to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. They can be mailed in or left in the drop box out front.
- The Office of the Court Administration on March 15<sup>th</sup> has suspended court activities until further notice. Any questions, leave a message for Judge Keppler or Judge Arena at (518) 762-6161.

### **Public Input:**

- None

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Percival reported a new barn being built and work on a house.
- He had eviction issues on route 10 and had to deal with 2 property management companies to clean up the mess, his report is on file.

#### Planning Board:

- President Judy Townsend called to say there has been no activity and the next meeting will be held on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ephratah Town Hall.

#### Highway:

- Getting the trucks ready for summer and opened up seasonal roads.
- They are working on some of the dirt roads.

#### Youth:

- The Easter party was cancelled.

#### Assessor:

- The Assessor, Lyn Yuenger has completed the Tentative Tax Roll for 2020. Assessment notices will be sent to taxpayers whose assessment changed.
- Notice of Completion will be published in the Leader Herald on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

- Ms. Yuenger is waiting for direction from ORPS on how Grievance Day will be handled because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.
- Any questions or concerns please call (518) 762-1166 and Ms. Yuenger will do her best to accommodate.

Supervisor:

- The Supervisor was disappointed with a couple of the Highway employees have caused some issues and it will be noted in their personnel file.
- Mr. Bradt mentioned that highway employees Alan Cretser and Steve Cornaire have went above and beyond during this State of Emergency.

Historian:

- None at this time.

**New Business:**

- The Asphalt bids were opened by the Town Clerk and read as follows:

1. Empire Paving of Duaneburg, NY quoted:

|             |        |         |             |
|-------------|--------|---------|-------------|
| Mud Rd      | 924 tn | \$65.45 | \$60,475.80 |
| Smith Rd    | 370 tn | \$67.90 | \$25,123.00 |
| Parking lot | 425 tn | \$71.60 | \$30,430.00 |

2. Cobleskill Stone of Cobleskill, NY quoted:

|             |        |         |             |
|-------------|--------|---------|-------------|
| Mud Rd      | 924 tn | \$68.30 | \$63,109.20 |
| Smith Rd    | 370 tn | \$68.30 | \$25,271.00 |
| Parking lot | 425 tn | \$70.20 | \$29,835.00 |

3. Hansen Aggregates of Jamesville, NY quoted:

|             |        |         |             |
|-------------|--------|---------|-------------|
| Mud Rd      | 924 tn | \$59.00 | \$54,516.00 |
| Smith Rd    | 370 tn | \$62.75 | \$23,217.50 |
| Parking lot | 425 tn | \$67.00 | \$28,475.00 |

4. Peter Luizzi & Bros Contracting Inc of Albany, NY quoted:

|             |        |         |             |
|-------------|--------|---------|-------------|
| Mud Rd      | 924 tn | \$69.25 | \$63,987.00 |
| Smith Rd    | 370 tn | \$73.50 | \$27,195.00 |
| Parking lot | 425 tn | \$69.00 | \$29,325.00 |

5. Callanan Industries of Albany, NY quoted:

|             |        |         |             |
|-------------|--------|---------|-------------|
| Mud Rd      | 924 tn | \$64.64 | \$59,727.36 |
| Smith Rd    | 370 tn | \$71.71 | \$26,532.70 |
| Parking lot | 425 tn | \$62.26 | \$26,460.50 |

- The Town Board will act on the Asphalt bid award next month.

**Unfinished Business**

- The Town Board tabled the 2020 Town of Ephratah State of New York Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution until they confer with the Town Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah