

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, August 12th, 2020 at the Ephratah Town Hall. Roll call found the following members present:

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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-absent |
| 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 meeting minutes from the regular meeting on July 8th, 2020. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

Eleanor made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #8, claim 47 thru 53 in the amount of \$3,432.00. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #8, claim 70 thru 89 in the amount of \$13,456.18. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

Communications:

- NYS DEC Hunting & Fishing Licenses are available for purchase at the clerk's office.
- The Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Monday, September 7th, for the Labor Day Holiday. The station will be open Tuesday, September 8th from 10am till 6pm.

Public Input:

- Assemblyman Robert Smullen was in attendance and gave a little background on himself and current events. Mr. Smullen took questions freely and let the people know that he can be reached at his office in Johnstown. He did say that with tax revenues down and a budget deficit, monies from the State maybe subject for review.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Devon Percival issued a notice for trash built up, they are working on cleaning up.
- Mr. Percival has been inspecting permits, has a sub division on New Turnpike and is waiting on updates from Co Hwy 140.
- Mr. Percival consulted with the town board and attorney regarding the procedure to condemn properties.

Planning Board:

- They are planning a September meeting pending the Holiday schedule and may be meeting on the 14th.

Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser was not in attendance but the parking lot is done with blacktop and he has the new truck in getting the tires replaced.
- Mr. Cosselman expressed concerns about trucks that need to be covered.

Youth:

- Nothing to report.

Assessor:

- Assessor Lynn Yuenger's report is on file.
- They received a claim for small claims court and will move to have it dismissed.
- Ms. Yuenger is taking courses to continue updating her certification with more credits.
- The county rolled over to 2021 processing. The assessor's office is doing data collections as they receive permits.
- Any questions or concerns please call (518) 762-1166.

Supervisor:

- Supervisor Todd Bradt informed the Town Board of his meeting with Bill VanGorder with NBT regarding Insurance.
- Mr. Bradt had the phone system issues worked on and seem to be resolved.

Historian:

- Historian, June Frasier has been working with a property owner on Tillboro Road and the family cemetery history.

New Business:

- None at this time.

Unfinished Business

- None at this time.

George Cosselman made a motion to end the town board meeting. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes, carried. Time 7:02pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah