

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at the Ephratah Town Hall. Roll Call found the following people present:

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 meeting was opened with Salute to the Flag led by Supervisor Todd Bradt.

George Cosselman made a motion to accept the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 organizational meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #1, Claim 1 thru 13 in the amount of \$8,664.53. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes Carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #1, Claim 1 thru 7 in the amount of \$2,995.57. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes, Carried.

### **Communications:**

- The Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> for the Martin Luther King Holiday. The station will be open Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10am to 6pm.

### **Public Input:**

- None

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Percival reported on: new construction on Rte 29; Valley Rd and Rte 10 the occupancy is an issue; Tate's place on Rte 67 posted as unsafe and do not occupy.
- Mr. Percival sent letters to four locations regarding excess vehicles and a follow up request on solutions.
- Code Enforcement Officer, Devon Percival can be reached at (518) 928-9360.

#### Planning Board:

- There has been no activity at this time.
- The next meeting is planned for March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6pm.

#### Highway:

- Superintendent Alan Cretser reported on plowing snow, sanding ice, and tree removal.
- The Highway Department has received their new computer.
- Mr. Cretser will be working with DEC to replace a culvert pipe near what is considered a trout stream and proper remediation.
- Mr. Cretser requested the Town Board allow them to purchase the 2yr extended full warranty on the Hyundai excavator. He explained that they would test fluids for the warranty and that the price would be worth it if the DEF system needed any work.

### **Resolution 38**

George Cosselman offered Resolution 38 to purchase the full extended warranty on the Hyundai wheeled excavator in the amount of \$6,805. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes, carried.

#### Youth:

- Mr. Alan Cretser reported that the youth commission was pretty much closed for the season with no activities to report at this time.
- They are working on the 2020 calendar and a date for the car show.
- The ERC is grateful to the community for the bottle return monies taken in and that it added up to \$2,800 in 2019. Alan and Abby take the bottles to a local bottle return redemption and receive .05 cents per can.

#### Assessor:

- The Assessor, Lyn Yuenger reported that exemption renewals have been sent and are not being returned very quickly. If you know of any seniors remind them to return their exemption if they have not already done so.
- Anyone turning 65 in 2020 can apply for the Enhanced Star and if eligible the Senior Exemption. They need to apply before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at the assessor's office.
- The local number for questions regarding the Star Exemption is (518) 457-2036. The Assessor's office will continue to be open on Tuesday evening from 6-8pm and can be reached at (518) 762-1166.

#### Supervisor:

- Mr. Bradt has nothing to report at this time.

#### Historian:

- The Deputy Historian, Abby Cretser, reported the next meeting will be held in April.
- They are selling Historian Calendars as a fund raiser for \$7.00 each.
- Ms. Cretser has a new project she would like to start including interviewing some of the longtime local residents for information that could be lost over the years. She would like to capture the information in a videotaped interview.
- There are trees down in the Fical and Michael Cemeteries. They will hopefully get help cleaning up the Dempster Cemetery as well and doing more work on the fences in the spring.

### **New Business:**

#### **Resolution 39**

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 39 to pay three more invoices including Workman's Comp to Fulton County in the amount of \$12,438.25; Noble Ace in the amount of \$1.96; and Century Linen in the amount of \$247.87. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 5 ayes, carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

- None

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, Carried. Time: 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah