

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 via Web-Ex. The following board members were 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.

The Ephratah Town Board received and accepted the March 11th and April 8th, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

The Ephratah Town Board agreed to pay General bills, Abstract #5, in the amount of \$4,527.50.

The Ephratah Town Board agreed to pay Highway bills, Abstract #5, in the amount of \$7,019.14.

Communications:

- The Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed May 25th, 2020 for the Memorial Day Holiday. It will be open the following day, Tuesday, May 26th from 10am-6pm.
- Top of the Hill Grill sent in notice to the Ephratah Town Board. David Waterman will be applying for a liquor license dba Waterman Entertainment LLC.

Public Input:

- None

Reports:

Tax Collector:

- Tax Collector, Vicki Lansburg spoke to the Town Board members on the extended payment collections through June 15th, 2020. Ms. Lansburg is accepting tax payments with the March 31st, 2020 interest via a locked drop box and or by mail.
- Any questions or concerns call 762-5688 ext 22 and leave a message.

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Devon Percival reported that Nestle has been doing well testing on property off Route 29 in Lassellsville.
- Mr. Percival has been working on a DEC report and continuing research on updated code.

Planning Board:

- Judy Townsend called to say they are planning for the next meeting to be held at 6pm, Monday, June 8th at the Ephratah Town Hall.
- Volunteers are encouraged to help with the Town clean up to be held on Saturday, May 10th, 2020. Supplies will be available at the Ephratah Town Hall at 9am.

Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser spoke on the new truck possibly being available in 60-90 days.
- The Highway Department has been sweeping and repairing roads.

Youth:

- There has been no activity to report at this time.

Assessor:

- Notice of Completion was published in the Leader Herald on May 5th, 2020.
- Ms. Yuenger is preparing for Grievance Day on May 26th, 2020 from 5-9pm. The Board of Review will be in attendance. All grievances must be submitted ahead of time and will be held via phone by appointment only. Taxpayers will be notified by mail of the BOR decisions, as it has been done in the past.
- Any questions or concerns please call (518) 762-1166 and Ms. Yuenger will do her best to accommodate.

Supervisor:

- The Supervisor, Todd Bradt, purchased flags, as he has in the past, for Veterans grave sites in Ephratah. The invoice was included in the General Bills, abstract #5.

Historian:

- Historian, June Frasier has been researching cemetery stones reported by Tony Corso on Tillboro Road that may have been accidentally moved years ago.
- Ms. Frasier has also been researching a dance hall in Ephratah years ago.

New Business:

- The Town Board discussed the Asphalt bids submitted on April 8th, 2020.

Resolution 45

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 45 to accept the Asphalt Bid from Hansen as follows: Hansen Aggregates of Jamesville, NY bid:

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

2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, carried.

- The Town Board discussed the Fulton County Resolution #123 Highway Mowing Contract for 2020.

Resolution 46

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 46 the Fulton County Highway Mowing Contract for 2020. The contract is for the mowing of county rights-or-way of 7.52 miles at \$425/mile for a total of \$3,196.00. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, carried.

Unfinished Business

- None at this time.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to end the Web-Ex Town Board meeting. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes, carried. Time 6:37pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah