

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, September 9th, 2020 at the Ephratah Town Hall. Roll call found the following members 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 - absent

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 August 12th, 2020. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #9, claim 54 thru 65 in the amount of \$31,034.39. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 ayes, carried.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #9, claim 90 thru 110 in the amount of \$126,826.59. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 ayes, carried.

Communications:

- The Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Monday, October 12th for the Columbus Day Holiday. The station will be open Tuesday, October 13th from 10am till 6pm.
- The Town received notice from the NYS Agriculture and Markets that the Dog Control Officer Dan Robinson's place was inspected and passed with a satisfactory report on file.
- The Town received the municipal shelter inspection report from the NYS Ag & Markets that the James Brennan Memorial Humane Society had their yearly inspection and they also had a satisfactory rating.

Public Input:

- None at this time.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Devon Percival is working on a property split review on State Hwy 29. He is also working on a site plan review for Co Hwy 140.
- Mr. Percival has attended training for the 2020 Energy Code update.
- He has a call out to two engineers to look at buildings for structural safety. The Town Board has suggested issuing tickets.
- Supervisor Todd Bradt said he had a complaint about fireworks that had spooked a neighboring horse; NYS regulates fireworks.
- There have been complaints on Carver for the dust and hours kept. Mr. Percival contacted the APA for Carver's permit for the hours permitted.

Planning Board:

- They are planning a September 14th meeting at 6pm, at the Town Hall.

- They have two sub-divisions coming up and nominations for elections at the next December meeting.

Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser said they had made a new turn around on the New Turnpike Road.
- Mr. Cretser said they were having an issues with the tarp arms breaking on the truck.
- They had help from various departments that he was very appreciative of. They are planning to repave and repair parts of the Fical Road.
- The Highway Department is getting ready for winter.

Youth:

- The youth is shut down at this time due to the concerns with the coronavirus.

Assessor:

- Assessor Lynn Yuenger's report is on file.
- Ms. Yuenger took a six-hour course called Adjustments to Sale Prices via Web-ex and has completed her yearly required 12 credits; her assistant sat in as well.
- Ms. Yuenger continues to express her concerns about the lack of permits, properties in deplorable condition and getting the blight under control.
- Any questions or concerns please call (518) 762-1166.

Supervisor:

- None at this time.

Historian:

- Historian, June Frasier has concluded that any cemetery that was once on Tillboro appears to have been moved to the Ephratah Rural Cemetery. She gave a copy of the Peter Getman 1827 deed and related documents to the Corso property owner for future reference. She is still working on some of the family plots and spoke with Eleanor Smith about the Ephratah Cemetery, Section E, Gray plot, and the Getman Stone.

New Business:

- Supervisor Todd Bradt had collected budgets and scheduled a budget meeting with the Board members on September 23rd at 6pm, at the Ephratah Town Hall.

Resolution 52

Ivan Duesler made a motion to offer Resolution 63 to enter into the Snow Plowing Contract with the Fulton County Highway Department. The acceptance of the proposal by the Town of Ephratah to undertake snow removal and ice control is for the winter of 2020-2021 on 7.52 miles of the County roads designated at \$5,000 per mile. The total contracted price is \$37,600.00 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes, Carried.

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 6:28pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah