

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 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

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

Eleanor Smith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the regular meeting on March 10th, 2021. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 ayes, carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #4, claim 162 thru 175 in the amount of \$6,869.97. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #4, claim 135 thru 161 in the amount of \$20,672.78. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 ayes, carried.

Public Input:

- None.

Communications:

- The Town Hall offices will be closed for Grievance Day on Tuesday, May 25th, 2021 at 6pm.
- Chairman Bill Simpson requested to hold meetings via zoom, the board agreed.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Percival spoke with the town board about Carver and permit concerns and expansion review. Mr. Albanese sent notice on the behalf town residents on file in the Clerk's office.
- Devon has issued an order on Rte 119 and did some work at another property on Rte 119. He gave notice to Church Hill Road and a Church St address. He also emailed a letter to APA and did a walk through at a Waterman property.
- Any questions or concerns, please call (518) 928-9360

Public Hearing: Asphalt Bid opening 6:15pm

The Asphalt bids were opened and read as follows:

Fical Rd, between StHwy 29 and East Rd, approx 6,800 ft and 18ft wide.

1. Empire Paving of Duanesburg, NY quoted:

Fical Rd	1,205 tn	\$62.77	\$75,637.85
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2. Hansen Aggregates of Jamesville, NY quoted:
Fical Rd 1,205 tn \$70.76 \$85,265.80

3. Callanan Industries of Albany, NY quoted:
Fical Rd 1,205 tn \$62.22 \$75,975.10

4. Cobleskill Stone of Cobleskill, NY quoted:
Fical Rd 1,205 tn \$61.00 \$73,505.00

- The Town Board tabled the Asphalt bid award until next month to be reviewed by Alan Cretser.

Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser would like to inquire into ordering more asphalt as the Chips money that was received was more than they anticipated of \$144,000; they received \$197,000.

Resolution 54

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 54 to allow the Highway Dept to order stone from Gorman. The road work would be around \$13,700 for the chip seal and around \$15,000 with us buying the stone. 2nd Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes, Carried.

Planning Board:

- The next planning board meeting will be held on June 7th, via zoom.

Youth:

- Due to the on-going Covid, they may have kids just show up on Saturday mornings if they want to participate. Alan Cretser said they would run softball and they need to schedule a work day.

Assessor:

- The Assessor's office completed the Tentative Tax Roll for 2021. The net change total assessed value is 631,049. A good portion was due to physical changes and at least 50% of these changes were made without building permits.
- The Star Exemptions have been entered in the system and checked against the Enhanced Star Summary IVP Edit Report.
- Open book will be held on Tues, May 4th, 11th and 18th from 6-8pm and Sat. May 15th from 10am till 1pm. Only 2 people at a time will be able to view the Tentative Tax Roll and you must wear a mask.
- On Grievance Day, May 25, 2021, taxpayers may call into the Board of Review if they have made an appointment during open book hours. They need to state their case and also submit a paper copy of their grievance to the board. They may also just send a paper copy of their grievance and proof to back up their grievance to the Assessor at the Town Board. No one will be allowed in the building on grievance night. This information must be received on or before May 25th, 2021.

Supervisor:

- The Supervisor, Todd Bradt's report is on file.

Historian:

- The Historian Evelyn Frasier was given a ledger of birth, death, baptismal and membership records of the Ephratah Methodist Church dated 1913, by Noel Levee, City of Johnstown Historian.
- There will be a bake sale on Saturday, May 22nd from 9-12 noon at the Ephratah Recreation Center.
- Karl Christensen donated two suitcases of Historical records to the Historian he had acquired over the years. He resided at 142 English Rd and was the owner of the previous Lassellville Store.

New Business:

- There had been complaints about the engine brakes; Longhorn is hauling.
- The Supervisor had an inquiry about putting Solar Panels back by the gravel pit. There would be money for leasing the land. The Highway Superintendant will check the acreage.

Resolution 55

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 55 to pay Green Pine \$275.00 and a salt invoice for \$2,029.54. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

Unfinished Business

- The Town spoke of doing a local law of no parking on the roads from Nov-May, as it is a problem when Highway needs to plow the roads and rules are not enforced.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to go into Executive session on employment history. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to come out of Executive session. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 ayes, carried.

Resolution 56

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 56 as the Tax Collector Vicki Lansburg's records are in good order with a job well done. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn the town board meeting. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes, carried. Time 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah