

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, July 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 - absent
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.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the regular meeting on June 9th, 2021. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #7, claim 340 thru 352 in the amount of \$6,006.22. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 4 ayes, carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #7, claim 309 thru 339 in the amount of \$19,175.92. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 ayes, carried.

Communications:

- None at this time.

Public Input:

- Mr. Robert Smullen attended the Town Board meeting and took questions.
- He spoke on the American Rescue Plan Act and what municipalities may be spending the Covid related grant on.
- Mr. Smullen said they are trying to get a low-cost broadband bill passed for low-income households, for \$15/month. They may mix fiber cable and cell towers to get the 5G.
- The State has passed a 12-13 year old hunting provision.
- He also answered questions about the Ghost Gun Bill that the State is looking at, that would hold gun manufacturers liable. He also said there is a Federal law in place that exempts them from liability.

Public Hearing:

- The Public Hearing for Local Law 1 of 2021 was opened at 6:15pm for the “Winter Parking Ban on all Town Roads in the Town of Ephratah” from November 1st-April 30th each year.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Percival has been busy with several call, inspections and permits.
- He has completed the Code update training for 2021 with 12 credit hrs.
- Any questions or concerns, please call (518) 928-9360

Planning Board:

- Nothing at this time.

Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser said they have had issues with the mowers, as some are approx. 46 years old.
- They have been getting the trucks inspected, 4 of 5 are done.
- The highway department is planning to regrade Arthur Road.
- Mr. Cretser noted that the phone isn't working in the Highway Dept.
- Mr. Cretser spoke to the Town Board members about the boiler repair as the new estimate for this year was approx. \$16-1900.00 higher. Mr. Chorlton mentioned he would like to see a low water cut in place for the new boiler.

Resolution 64

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to accept Resolution 64 to have Wayne Burkedorf put in the new boiler system for \$7,888.23. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 4 ayes, carried.

Youth:

- On July 17th the Rec Center will be open for Little League Softball for any youth that want to show up and play.
- Mr. Cretser spoke of a 1,000 gal holding tank and will be doing more repairs.

Assessor:

- Ms. Lyn Yuenger said her office is working on the 2022 roll. They are now able to do all processing including splits and mergers.
- They are out to do data collections on new construction, demolitions and changes made without permits, as she has continually mentioned as an issue.
- Ms. Yuenger said her office will be adjusting land values to reflect current market values and continuing to try and raise the equalization rate.
- Any questions or concerns, please contact their office extension at (518) 762-5688.

Supervisor:

- The Supervisors report was submitted and on file in the Clerk's office.

Historian:

- The Historian June Frasier has had no new inquiries.
- Ms. Frasier and Deputy Abby Cretser asked the Town about removing bamboo from the Dempster cemetery. They will be checking into worth of the wrought iron fence and the cost associated to possibly restore it.

Unfinished Business:

Ivan Duesler made a motion to close the Public Hearing. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes, carried.

Resolution 65

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 65 to adopt Local Law 1 of 2021 "Winter Parking Ban on All Town Roads in the Town of Ephratah" 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 4 ayes, carried.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY
EPHRATAH TOWN BOARD
OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2021 entitled**

**“Winter Parking Ban On All Town Roads In The
Town Of Ephratah”**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ephratah has concerns about the safety of cars parked on the roadways in the Town during winter weather; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of Ephratah; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held on July 14, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. at Town Hall and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition of said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ephratah, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2021 prohibiting parking on all town roads during the winter time,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EPHRATAH HEREBY ADOPTS SAID LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2021 ENTITLED “WINTER PARKING BAN ON ALL TOWN ROADS IN THE TOWN OF EPHRATAH,” A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THIS RESOLUTION, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Ephratah, and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of the State of New York.

Ayes:4

Nay:0

Introduced: Ivan Duesler

Approved: Andrew Chorlton

		ABSENT	AYE	NAY
Supervisor	Todd Bradt		X	
Councilman	Ivan Duesler		X	
Councilman	George Cosselman		X	
Councilman	Andrew Chorlton		X	
Councilman	Eleanor Smith	X		

WINTER PARKING BAN ON ALL TOWN ROADS IN THE TOWN OF EPHRATAH

Local Law Number 1 of 2021

There shall be no parking on any town road located in the Town of Ephratah from November 1 of every year until April 30 of every year.

This Law shall supersede any prior laws passed prior to the date of the enactment of this said Law which may conflict with the purpose and intent of Local Law No. 1 of 2021.

New Business

- Supervisor Todd Bradt spoke on the American Rescue Plan Act and that him and the Clerk, Ms. Wesselmann had applied for the Covid relief grant.

Resolution 66

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to accept Resolution 66 to apply and accept any grant monies from the covid relief grant through the ARPA. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 4 ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn the town board meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes, carried. Time 6:54pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah