

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, June 9th, 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.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the regular meeting on May 12th, 2021. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 5 ayes, carried.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #6, claim 272 thru 286 in the amount of \$8,061.84. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 ayes, carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #6, claim 248 thru 271 in the amount of \$38,048.38. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 ayes, carried.

### **Communications:**

- The Ephratah Transfer station will be closed Monday, July 5th, 2021 for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. The station will be open Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 6pm.
- Fulton County Dept of Solid Waste is holding Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 7am to noon. Fulton County residents can make an appointment to drop off acceptable HHW by phone at (518) 736-5504 or on-line at <https://www.fultoncountyny.gov/department-solid-waste> at no cost. No Businesses are allowed at this drop-off.
- The Fulton County Solid Waste has a drop off at the landfill for the Latex Paint Exchange every Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup>. Residents can drop off or take good paint at the exchange on those Saturday mornings.
- Judy Townsend sent in a note and wanted to acknowledging Gray's for donating the flowers for the Ephratah Rec Commission that she planted. Everyone agreed that was nice of Gray's to donate the flowers and Judy to plant them.
- A Republican Primary Election will be held Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6AM to 9PM at the Ephratah Town Hall. The County Treasurer position is on the ballot.

### **Public Input:**

- None.

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Percival said the updated Carver permit included the house. He continues to get calls of them working outside the permitted time. They have an extension through October. Others have applied for permits and have been on hold, as they may be behind with the pandemic.

- Mr. Percival is working with Encon checking on an issue on the Old State Rd.
- He has had inquiries on the Irish Settlement composite with talks of possible campers and or a log cabin being put in.
- He is working with an attorney to resolve unregistered vehicles and a clean-up.
- Mr. Percival also spoke of a salvage yard that could be a safety issue with a truck and the children in the area.
- Any questions or concerns, please call (518) 928-9360

#### Planning Board:

- Mr. Simpson plans to hold the next planning board meeting in September unless he gets any calls for it sooner.

#### Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser is working with the Town of Palatine and will be reimbursing them for about 400 ton for Eaker Road with the Chips monies.
- Mr. Cretser spoke to the Town Board members about the boiler repair. They also spoke of the issue of parking on the Town roads when they are trying to plow in the winter.
- Mr. Cretser noted that the invoice for the chips seal will be reimbursed.

#### **Resolution 62**

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 62 to have Wayne Burkedorf get pricing on the new boiler, with labor costs of approx \$6,000.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

#### **Resolution 63**

Eleanor Smith made a motion to accept Resolution 63 to hold a public hearing at the next Town Board meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm, for Local Law 1 of 2021 “Winter Parking Ban on All Roads in the Town of Ephratah” from November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

#### Youth:

- On July 17<sup>th</sup> the Rec Center will be open for Little League Softball for any youth that want to show up and play.
- Mr. Cretser spoke with Mr. Rhodes at Fulton County Solid Waste about going in on next year’s asphalt bid to pave the transfer station and part of the ERC for parking. The also spoke of other upgrades to the station and Rec Center as part of next year’s budget.

#### Assessor:

- Grievance Day was held on May 25<sup>th</sup>. There were two stipulations and four grievances. The Board denied 3 and made a small reduction on one.
- Ms. Yuenger has again expressed her concerns about the lack of permits and work being done. She feels this needs to be addressed as it is very time-consuming driving around and checking. Work is now being started on the tentative 2022 roll.
- The State has lowered the equalization rate to 64.90. The Assessor will be looking at the values placed on vacant land.
- 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 bake sale went very well.
- Historian June Frasier has met with different ones interested in genealogy and the area. They were very impressed with her knowledge and the upkeep of the Ephratah Cemetery.
- Ms. Frasier had inquired about if the Dempster Cemetery had been mowed and other concerns with cutting and maintenance needed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**New Business**

- The Town Board amended the budget to reflect the Chips monies received.

**Resolution 64**

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 64 to amend the budget to reflect Chips monies received. The new dollar amount adds up to Chips \$174,916.99, Pave NY \$39,923.16 and Extreme Winter was \$33,707.13. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn the town board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, carried. Time 6:47pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah