

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, March 10th, 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– absent

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

George Cosselman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the regular meeting on February 10th, 2020. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #3, claim 100 thru 109 in the amount of \$3,662.53. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 ayes, carried.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #3, claim 83 thru 99 in the amount of \$7,616.77. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 ayes, carried.

Public Input:

- None.

Communications:

- Andy Paliling sent in a letter of interest to be considered as a Planning Board member.

Resolution 46

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 46 appointing Andy Paliling to the Planning Board as a member, term to expire 12/31/27. The Planning Board and terms are as follows:

PLANNING BOARD: 7 YEAR TERM

William Simpson-Chairperson	Expires:	12/31/2025	7 year term
William Claes-Vice Chair	Expires:	12/31/2021	7 year term
Rosalyn Wood-Secretary	Expires:	12/31/2023	7 year term
Daniel Richardson	Expires:	12/31/2022	7 year term
Chris Pedro	Expires:	12/31/2024	7 year term
Andy Paliling	Expires:	12/31/2027	7 year term
Kathy Oughton	Expires:	12/31/2026	7 year term

Alternates:

2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 ayes, carried.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Devon Percival is working with residents on Bolster Hill Rd and Rte 29 in Rockwood. He issued a permit for New Turnpike Rd and is fixing a NYS training issue.
- Mr. Percival spoke with the town board about Carver and the truck traffic times. Their current permit time is 7am and the town board would like them to follow the permitted times.
- Any questions or concerns, please call (518) 928-9360

Planning Board:

- Chairman Bill Simpson updated the planning board names and contacts, and provided all with an updated schedule of meeting dates. The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 7th. They are held the beginning of every quarter on the Monday before the Town Board meeting.
- Mr. Simpson welcomed the new members and may hold virtual meetings in the future.

Resolution 47

Eleanor Smith made a motion to accept Resolution 47 supporting the original EPA permits for Carver without changing as it would negatively impact the local town residents. The Town Board would like Carver to abide by the original EPA permitted times. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, Carried.

Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser said they had put new lights and a ceiling fan in the ladies restroom.
- Mr. Cretser said the CHIPS and PAVE NY monies have been reinstated. He would like to go out to bid for blacktop to pave Fical Rd from Rte 29 to the cemetery.
- Mr. Cretser also stated that residents cannot park vehicles on the road and prevent the snowplows from plowing stemming from a recent incident.
- He also wanted the board to know that there are loggers on the Gray Rd, English Rd and Mud Rd.

Resolution 48

Eleanor Smith made a motion to accept Resolution 48 to post in The Leader Herald the asphalt bid for approx 1200tn to pave a portion of Fical Rd. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

Resolution 49

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 49 posting in the paper the 5tn weight limit on all of the town roads. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

Youth:

- The youth commission will not be accepting sponsorship money again this year as they will not be doing the regular teams. Due to the ongoing Covid, they may have kids just show up on Saturday mornings if they want to participate.

Resolution 50

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 50 to re-appoint Alex Vickery to the Youth Commission for another 5 year term ending 12/31/25. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 ayes, carried.

Resolution 51

George Cosselman made a motion to accept Resolution 51 to contract with AT&T for the Highway Supervisor's cell phone for \$35/month as it is a cheaper plan and better service for the area. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 ayes, carried.

Assessor:

- The Assessor, Lyn Yuenger's report is on file. They have completed data collections as of March 1st. They will have open book in May and grievance will be held on May 25th. Grievances need to be turned in before that evening.
- Any questions or concerns please call (518) 762-1166.

Supervisor:

- The Supervisor's financial report was submitted and is on file in the clerk's office.

Historian:

- The Historian, June Frasier has been working with Pat Whitehead on some genealogy she requested. She is also working with Kelly Farquhar; as the original family had settled around the Gray Rd.
- They are planning a walk through some of the cemeteries to portray some of the people, i.e. Peter Getman was in the Revolutionary War.
- They are planning a couple fundraisers this year. There will be a bake sale on Saturday, May 22nd from 9-12 noon at the Ephratah Rec Center and they are talking about putting together another calendar for next year.

New Business:

- The Town Clerk read an email from Waterman Entertainment LLC in Rockwood intending to renew the liquor license and asked the town to wave the 30 day notice as they had previously notified the town.

Resolution 52

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 52 that Waterman Entertainment may continue to apply for the liquor license but the town would not wave the 30 day notice as they would need to get in touch with the Code Enforcement Devon Percival. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

Unfinished Business

- The Town Board audited the Judges books; as they do yearly.

Resolution 53

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 53 that the Town Board audited the honorable John Keppler Jr. and the honorable Dominic Arena's Judges records and determined that they were both in good order, with a job very well done. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn the town board meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, carried. Time 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah