

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 5 ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #9, claim 426 thru 432 in the amount of \$4,099.49. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 5 ayes, carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #9, claim 433 thru 443 in the amount of \$32,394.90. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 ayes, carried.

### **Communications:**

- None at this time.

### **Public Input:**

- None at this time.

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Devon Percival has received calls from residents complaining about Carver. He referred them to the APA directly to file complaints. Mr. Percival said they were not aware of some of the APA restrictions limiting the hours of operation.
- Mr. Percival is in communications with the Guang Huan Mi Zong, a Buddhist retreat on Hart Rd, as they will be doing repairs and putting up a pole barn.
- Mr. Percival spoke on the 5G Roll Out. T-Mobile will be upgrading the Tower of America on the Old State Rd, expanding 5G coverage. He explained the 3ft radio equipment on poles would be a minimum of 1,000 ft away from structures and would increase coverage that is currently 3G. He said as long as you are on the main road, you should have service.
- Any questions or concerns, please call (518) 928-9360

#### Planning Board:

- Nothing at this time.

#### Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser said they started sand. They had to pull the shaker box off and they have equipment that needs new bushings.

- They started work on Tillboro Rd, it has layers of blacktop and gravel.
- Mr. Cretser sent the Chops and Pave NY monies out.
- There was a call about a down wire he doesn't believe they did that.

### **Resolution 69**

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 69 to pay Greco's in the amount of \$1,420.47 and Dunham's in the amount of \$1,998.49. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

### Youth:

- Alan Cretser reported on Softball saying that some nights were good and other nights they only had a few kids playing.
- Soccer is starting on Saturday mornings at 10am.

### Assessor:

- The Assessor's report is on file. Lyn Yuenger reported that they filed a correction of errors on one school tax bill.
- Ms. Yuenger plans to be reassessing vacant land and adjusting assessments on properties for sale. She believes there could be potential problems with the equalization rate within a few years and her office is working to address that.
- Any questions or concerns, please contact their office extension at (518) 762-5688.

### Supervisor:

- The financial report was submitted and on file.

### Historian:

- The Historian June Frasier reported they had completed the research on the Corso property dating back to 1799-1899. She had also met with Mr. Odell regarding information on the Gray Family.
- She also wanted to acknowledge Alan, Abby and Ethan Cretser for doing work at the cemetery and spraying the fence.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- The Code Enforcer, Devon Percival, plans to contact Attorney Michael Albanese regarding Junk vs. Junkyards.

### **New Business**

- The Supervisor Todd Bradt set the time for the Budget Meeting to be Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm, at the Ephratah Town Hall.
- Mr. Bradt said that Bonnie Sweet had offered to clean the Ephratah Town Hall going forward. The Town Board agreed that that would be a good idea.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to adjourn the town board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, carried. Time 6:38pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah