

Organizational Meeting

The Organizational Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held 9:00 A.M. on January 1, 2022 at the Ephratah Town Hall.

Roll Call found the following members present:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt
Councilman	Ivan Duesler
Councilman	George Cosselman
Councilwoman	Eleanor Smith
Councilman	Andrew Chorlton
Clerk	Cynthia Wesselmann
Hwy Superintendent	Alan Cretser
Attorney	Michael Albanese - absent

The meeting was opened with the salute to the flag led by Supervisor Todd Bradt.

Resolution 1

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 1 to set the official meeting day as the 2nd Wednesday of each month; Time to be set at 6 p.m. and place is Ephratah Town Hall. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 2

Eleanor Smith offered Resolution 2 to designate the Leader Herald as the official newspaper and NBT Bank as the official depository. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, Carried.

Resolution 3

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 3 to set the wages of the Town Highway Employees as per the 2022 labor contract. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 4

Eleanor Smith offered Resolution 4 to set the wages of the Town Officials as per 2022 Budget. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 5

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 5 to set the wages of the Assessment Board of Review @ \$80.00 for grievance day; \$13.20/hour for attending school and \$13.20/hour for working beyond grievance day. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 6

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 6 to appoint Michael Albanese as the Town Attorney with the salary of \$11,000.00 for 2022 year. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 7

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 7 to set the official town mileage at \$.585/mile 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 8

Eleanor Smith offered Resolution 8 to appoint Devon Percival as Code Enforcement Officer for the year of 2022 at a salary of \$8,800. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 9

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 9 to appoint Penelope Smith as the Assessor's Clerk with salary of \$13.20, not to exceed \$6,000.00 for 2022 year. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 10

Eleanor Smith offered Resolution 10 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to appoint Evelyn Frasier as the Town Historian at a salary of \$600, and a Deputy, Abbey Cretser, for \$300 for the 2022 year. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 11

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 11 to appoint Dan Robinson as Dog Control Officer with salary of \$3,300.00; enumerations to be \$1,000.00 when handed in to Clerk and mileage set at \$.585 /mile. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 12

Eleanor Smith offered Resolution 12 to authorize the Dog Control Officer to appoint a deputy, with no salary. Deputy to be Linda Robinson. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 13

George Cosselman offered Resolution 13 to appoint Cynthia Wesselmann as Registrar of Vital Statistics with salary to be fee collected. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 14

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 14 to authorize the Registrar to appoint a Deputy Registrar, to be Susan Groesbeck. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 15

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 15 to authorize the Town Clerk Cynthia Wesselmann to appoint a Deputy Town Clerk with a salary of \$13.20 per hour, not to exceed \$1,000.00 for 2022, to be Susan Groesbeck. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 16

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 16 to authorize Supervisor Todd Bradt to appoint Ivan Duesler as Deputy Supervisor with a salary of \$600 for 2022 year. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes, 1 Abstention (Ivan Duesler). Carried.

Resolution 17

_____ offered Resolution 17 to authorize Superintendent of Highways Alan Cretser to appoint _____ as his Deputy with a salary of \$1,750 for 2022 year. 2nd by _____. ___ Ayes. Carried. The Town Board tabled this until the next meeting of January 12th, 2022.

Resolution 18

Eleanor Smith offered Resolution 18 to appoint Vicki Lansburg as the Tax Collector for 2022, with a salary of \$4,000. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 19

_____ offered Resolution 19 to authorize Tax Collector Vicki Lansburg to appoint a Deputy, _____ with a salary of \$13.20 per/hour, per diem, not to exceed \$750 for the year 2022. 2nd by _____. ___ Ayes. Carried. The Town Board tabled this until the next meeting of January 12th, 2022.

Resolution 20

Eleanor Smith offered Resolution 20 authorizing Supervisor Bradt to appoint Lita Hillier as Budget Officer with a salary of \$6,000.00 and designate Lita Hillier as Bookkeeper for 2022 with a salary of \$6,000. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 21

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 21 to authorize the 2 Town Justices to employ a stenographer in the event of a court trial. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 22

Eleanor Smith offered Resolution 22 to authorize the Supervisor to pay all salaries monthly except Superintendent of Highways and Town Highway employees, which are to be paid weekly. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 23

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 23 to authorize the Supervisor to invest surplus monies in GMMA or CD's. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 24

George Cosselman offered Resolution 24 to appoint Peggy Booth, Mang Insurance, as Broker for MVP Gold and Excellus Health Ins. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 25

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 25 to enter into a memo of understanding with NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 26

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 26 to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utilities services including telephone & electric lights, and to purchase postage. All such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 27

Eleanor Smith offered Resolution 27 to appoint Todd Bradt as voting delegate to the Association of Towns Meeting in NYC. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 28

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 28 to designate all claims that are to be filed on monthly abstracts submitted no later than the **Friday** before the Town Board meeting, with the exception of emergency claims and last minute claims, which are to be handed in by 6 p.m. the Tuesday before the town meeting. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 29

George Cosselman offered Resolution 29 to create a petty cash fund for the Tax Collector for the amount of \$50, to make change only. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 30

Eleanor Smith offered Resolution 30 to create a petty cash fund for the Town Clerk for the amount of \$200. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 31

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 31 to appoint Howard Dutcher as the Health Officer, for the Town, for 2022 with a salary of \$590. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 32

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 32 to authorize the necessary 2021 year-end budget transfers to close the books as follows:

RESOLUTION to amend Res# to make changes to 2021 year-end budget transfers recorded January 1, 2022; changes/additions are starred:

To: A1220.2 – Supervisor E.Q.	\$535.84	
From: A1220.4 – Supervisor C.E.		\$535.84
To: A1330.4 – Tax Collector C.E.	\$496.53	
From: A1330.2 – Tax Collector E.Q.		\$496.53
To: A1355.2 – Assessor E.Q.	\$269.36	
From: A1355.4 – Assessor C.E.		\$269.36
To: A1620.4 – Buildings C.E.	\$8,000.00	
From: A1990.4 – Contingent		\$5,000.00
From: A1440.4 – Engineer C.E.		\$2,000.00
From: A1420.4 – Attorney C.E.		\$1,000.00
To: A1910.1 – Unallocated Insurance	\$1,356.77	
From: A9010.8 - Retirement		\$1,356.77
To: A5182.4 – Street Lighting C.E.	\$2,692.10	
From: A1010.4 – Town Board C.E.		\$ 692.10
*Delete A7510.4 – Historian C.E. (\$324.08)		\$ 0.00
From: A8020.41 – County Planning Svcs.		\$ 1,000.00
From: A9050.8 – Unemployment		\$ 1,000.00
*To: A7510.1 – Historian P.S.	\$ 100.00	
*From: A1010.4 – Town Board C.E.		\$ 100.00
(Salary change per 1/2022 Organizational Meeting)		
*To: A7510.4 – Historian C.E.	\$ 324.08	
*From: A1010.4 – Town Board C.E.		\$ 324.08
To: A9030.8 – Social Security	\$ 70.00	
From: A1010.4 – Town Board C.E.		\$ 70.00
To: A9055.8 – Disability	\$ 300.00	
From: A1010.4 – Town Board C.E.		\$ 300.00
To: A9060.8 – Health Insurance	\$3,833.58	
From: A1420.4 – Attorney C.E.		\$3,833.58
To: DA5110.1 – General Repairs P.S.	\$2,783.60	
From: DA5110.4 – General Repairs C.E.		\$2,783.60
To: DA9055.8 – Disability	\$ 800.00	
From: DA9010.8 – Retirement		\$ 800.00

2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 33

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 33 authorizing Alan Cretser, Superintendent of Highways to designate the following roads as Seasonal Limited Use Highways under Section 205-a of the Highway Law effective immediately for January 1, 2019:

- Jinkes Hollow

- Arthurs Road
- East Road, from Tom Shears to the Town of Ephratah town line
- Green Street, between Sam's camp and Lansburg's
- Howard Road
- Irish Settlement Road, starting after the first camp at a point approximately 200 feet South from the most Northern entrance of County Hwy 119.
- Swamp Road
- Tillboro Road, From Charles Lyons west, down to Steve Cornaire's.
- Turn Hill Road, from State Hwy 10 South to Joe Kurts
- Gottung Road
- Fical Corners West, from Larry Dwight's west to the Town of Ephratah town line

2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 34

Eleanor Smith offered Resolution 34 authorizing Town of Ephratah to enter into a Planning Service Agreement with Fulton County Planning Department, whereby the Town of Ephratah would commit to spend up to \$1,000 to pay for Planning Service that may be needed during the 2022 year, noting the first ten hours are free. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 35

Eleanor Smith offered Resolution 35 to authorizing a second person to sign an official document on any checks if the original person is unable to sign. The original, person along with the second signee are as follows:

- Supervisor Todd Bradt: 2nd signee to be Ivan Duesler
- Clerk Cynthia Wesselmann 2nd signee to be Todd Bradt
- Tax Collector Vicki Lansburg 2nd signee to be Todd Bradt

2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes. 1 Abstention (Ivan Duesler), Carried.

Resolution 36

Ivan Duesler offered Resolution 36 to adopt the Procurement policy in place for the Town of Ephratah. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 37

Eleanor Smith offered Resolution 37 to adopt the Anti-Harassment Policy in place for the Town of Ephratah. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 38

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 38 to pay General bills, abstract #13, 596 thru 606 in the amount of \$11,577.88. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Resolution 39

Andrew Chorlton offered Resolution 39 to pay Highway bills, abstract #13, 607 thru 625 in the amount of \$16,268.13. 2nd by Ivan Duesler. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes. Carried.

Time: 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A Wesselmann
Town Clerk