

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the regular meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 5 ayes, carried.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #8, claim 425 thru 431 in the amount of \$5,565.35. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Charlton. 5 Ayes

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #8, claim 400 thru 424 in the amount of \$92,878.43. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

### **Communications:**

- Fulton County Solid Waste sent notice that the Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for the Labor Day holiday. They will be open on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am till 6pm.
- NYS Ag and Markets sent a satisfactory Municipal Shelter Inspection Report for the James A Brennan Humane Society.
- NYMIR sent notice of a NYS Sexual Harassment Policy adding the hotline number for employees to call. Call 1-800-427-2773 to obtain free legal counseling for any complaint of sexual harassment in the workplace.

### **Public Input:**

- None

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Devon Percival said T Mobile is upgrading the Cromer Road tower to include AT&T and Verizon.
- Carver received a response from the APA wanting explanations for the increases requested; their permit expires in October.
- Mr. Percival has had multiple calls related to zoning and upcoming local activity. There hasn't been anything new with Blue Triton.
- Mr. Frank hasn't moved any cars as requested.
- Mr. Percival's report is on file, and he can be reached at (518) 928-9360.

#### Planning Board:

- They have a September meeting planned.

#### Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser reported that the blacktop is done on the roads.
- Mr. Cretser said M-Shaw was in the pit on Monday and saw no issues, and the paperwork is all in order.
- He also reported that the first mowing is done and will be doing the second mowing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September.

#### **Resolution 66**

George Cosselman made a motion to accept Resolution 66 to set the time for a Public Hearing for Local Law 1 of 2022 “Four Way Stop Signs at Wohlgemuth and Tillboro Roads” during the Town Board meeting on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes, carried.

#### Youth:

- The last day of Softball is on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Ephratah Rec Commission. They have had between 20 and 25 participants.

#### Assessor:

- They are able to do split mergers and assessment changes for the 2023 Tentative Roll.
- The Village of St. Johnsville has filed a petition to the court for unequal assessment against the Town. The complaint was sent to the Town Attorney Michael Albanese.
- Ms. Yuenger said they will be doing data collections on building and or demolition permits. They will also collect any construction being done without permits when they run across it.
- Any new Star applicants for Basic Star need to apply on line with the State.
- Any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor’s office at (518) 762-5688.

#### Supervisor:

- The Supervisor’s financial report was submitted and on file.

#### Historian:

- The Historian, June Frasier and her Deputy, Abby Cretser are putting together a recipe 2023 Calendar for a fund raiser.
- They are also having a bake sale at the Ephratah Rec Commission on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> on the last day of soccer.

#### New Business:

- The Bookkeeper, Lita Hillier put the budget sheets out and would like them back before the next Town Board meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Resolution 67**

Eleanor Smith made a motion to accept Resolution 67 to authorize the Supervisor, Todd Bradt, to sign any official documents on behalf of the Town of Ephratah. In the event he is unavailable, the Deputy Supervisor, Ivan Duesler would be authorized to sign. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, carried.

**Resolution 68**

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 68 to authorize the purchase of a 2023 HV 607 International Tandem truck for \$248,000. The Town will be financing a bond through NBT bank in the amount of \$150,000, to be paid in three equal installments of \$50,000 a year starting 2/1/2023. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, carried.

**Resolution 69**

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 69 to enter into a Snow Plowing contract with the Fulton County Highway Department for the 2022-23 year. The Snow Plowing Contract is for Highway to pay the Town for snow and ice control on 7.52 miles (on certain County Roads) at \$5,500/mile for a total of \$41,360.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes, carried.

**Resolution 70**

Eleanor Smith made a motion to accept Resolution 70 to elect to opt out of Governor Hochul's new gun law reform laws and proposed changes, thereby sending a message of disapproval for the new gun law legislation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

- The Union Negotiations meeting was cancelled with no new meeting date set at this time.

**Resolution 71**

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to accept Resolution 71 to authorize Devon Percival to purchase eight security cameras for the Town of Ephratah for \$658.98 plus the cost of the 60' cable. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 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 6:35pm

Sheriff Richard C. Giardino attended after the Town Board meeting to drop off the Fulton County Sheriff's Office Department Statement and is for review and on file. He spoke to the Town Board members and residents on recent activities and answered questions pertaining to the new gun law legislation proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah