

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, July 10th, 2024 at the Ephratah Town Hall. Roll call found the following members present:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt
Councilman	Andrew Chorlton - absent
Councilwoman	Eleanor Smith
Councilman	George Cosselman
Councilwoman	Paula Keppler
Clerk	Cynthia Wesselmann
Highway Superintendent	John Polenski Jr.
Code Enforcement Officer	Devon Percival
Attorney	Michael Albanese

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 June 12th, 2024. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 4 ayes, carried.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #7, claim 303 thru 312 in the amount of \$8,498.43. 2nd by Paula Keppler. 4 Ayes, carried.

Paula Keppler made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #7, claim 294 thru 302 in the amount of \$12,257.78. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 4 ayes, carried.

Communications:

- Ag & Markets sent notice that the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report was completed 5/29/24 and was satisfactory.

Public Input:

- NYS Assemblyman Robert Smullen attended the town board meeting and was checking in to see if he can be of assistance with any questions or concerns. He can be reached locally at the Fulton County Office Building at 223 West Main St., Johnstown, NY or call (518) 762-1427.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Devon Percival said he had spoke with representative with Bedrock and they may or may not be going forward with the solar project on Rte 29.
- There is no new news on Carver. They are operating on a restricted permit.
- Mr. Percival is checking on a couple of permits going on and new structures.
- The court dates planned had been post postponed.
- He will be getting together with the Planning Board to approve a single wide.
- Mr. Percival answered questions regarding the upgrades to the 5 mg watt transformer. The upside is that it is radio feed and can pull from other feeds if one is down. The danger is if there is a fire, and was put out with a hose and water; the electric could come back through the water and electrocute someone.

Planning Board:

- Code Enforcement said there is one variance request to sign off on.

Highway

- Highway Superintendent, John Polenski Jr. said that the Highway Department has put cold patch in Rockwood and fixed drainage. The oil and stone worked well and should extend the life of the roads.
- They have opened up the yard more by removing the old salt shed. The Deputy, Steve Cornaire, is laying out the drainage.
- Highway is done with mowing and is also compliant with the fuel code. They have also done work and repairs on Denure Rd and the graffiti has been taken care of on School House and Old State Rd.
- The blacktopping is being tentatively scheduled for the first week of August.
- Mr. Polenski Jr. addressed the board about a town wide speed limit of 40mph with support from the Town Board. The road signage would cost approx \$38.52/sign.
- Mr. Polenski Jr. attended the Highway Superintendent Schooling in Ithaca, NY.

Paula Keppler made a motion to set a public hearing for 6:15pm at the next meeting. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 4 Ayes, carried.

Youth:

- They had opening day for Softball on Saturday, all are welcome to attend.
- They will be scheduling clean up days for volunteers to help clean up the walking path.

Assessor:

- The Assessor, Lyn Yuenger, said they have the 2024 final Assessment roll in the office if anyone would like to review it. They have office hours on Tuesday evenings from 6-8pm. The Legal notice was printed in the Leader Herald on July 1st. Any questions or concerns please contact the Assessor's office at (518) 762-5688.

Supervisor:

- The Supervisors financial report was handed out and is on file for review.

Historian:

- Abby Cretser will be changing out the display. She also plans to fix, repair and replace damaged stones. They were notified the Veteran's flag had been damaged and broken. They will be looking to replace.
- They have taken down blue markers (Historian signs) in Rockwood and plans to spray paint and put them back up. They have ordered two new signs for in front of Granny's Ice Cream.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to adjourn the town board meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 Ayes, carried. Time 6:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah