

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 at the Ephratah Town Hall. Roll call found the following members present:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt
Councilman	Andrew Chorlton
Councilman	George Cosselman
Councilwoman	Eleanor Smith
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.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the regular meeting on May 14th, 2025. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #6, claim 252 thru 279 in the amount of \$8,782.49. 2nd by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #6, claim 280 thru 290 in the amount of \$13,793.66. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 5 ayes, carried.

Communications:

- The Fulton County Dept of Solid Waste will be having a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day on Saturday, August 2nd, 2025 from 7AM - Noon. Residents need to call (518) 736-5504 or go on fultoncountyny.gov for a scheduled time to bring in waste.
- The 4th of July holiday will not affect the Ephratah transfer station hours.

Public Input

- None at this time.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Code Enforcer, Devon Percival reported that the Dollar Store building was running approximately 6 weeks behind schedule. The NYS DOT would like the Dollar Store to put up signs because of the materials being delivered.
- Mr. Percival said that there is a property on Rte 67 that would not be a buildable property because it has a shared well. He mentioned a few other projects going on in the town such as: a resident is building on Rte 10 in the same footprint, there is also a deck being added to a home on Fical Road. Also on Fical Rd, another resident is putting up a storage shed. There is also a house is going in on Kringsbush Rd.
- Mr. Percival also noted that Heidelberg does not have a blasting permit/mining permit; but they can still sell aggregate out of there.
- Bedrock Solar said they were still planning to develop a solar site on Rte 29. Mr. Percival said they will have permit fees due.
- The Brookside Tavern is waiting on an approval from the Department of Health regarding the septic system.

Planning Board:

- There is a possible subdivision being considered on New Turnpike Road.

- The Planning Board will be meeting in September.

Highway

- Highway Superintendent, John Polenski Jr. reported that they are doing work on East Road; putting in a culvert. Noting that Fical Road was also built up.
- Mr. Polenski Jr. met with DEC regarding Cemetery Road.
- Heidelberg will be paving the Old State Road and Woods Road. The highway department will be laying fiber matting on Ft Plain Water Shed Road, Olstrum Road, and Church Street on Thursday, June 12th.
- Mr. Polenski Jr. said that the Highway schooling was very informative.
- The Highway Department has started to mow along the shoulders of the road.
- The Town Board may consider radios and would like more information on 5 radios at a cost of \$249.00 and the phone bill associated.

Youth:

- Nothing to report.

Assessor:

- The Assessor Lyn Yuenger reported that no one came in for open book and that they had 10 Grievances and 1 stipulation.
- Any questions or concerns, they are available on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 pm at the Town, or call the Assessor's Office at (518) 762-5688.

Supervisor:

- The report was given out to the Town Board members and is on file

Historian:

- Nothing to report.

New Business:

- The Rockwood Cemetery is running out of funds and asked the Town about covering the fourth mowing bill of the season. They are in need of new board members to help with raising funds to pay for maintenance, and would like to continue to sell lots.

Resolution 69

George Cosselman made a motion to accept Resolution 69 to pay the 4th mowing bill of \$275.00 for the Rockwood Cemetery . 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes, carried.

Resolution 70

George Cosselman made a motion to accept Resolution 70 to extend the Assessor's term that end's on 9/30/2025. The Assessor, Lyn Yuenger's term has been extended thru 12/31/2025. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 5 Ayes, carried.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting. 2nd by Paula Keppler. 5 Ayes, carried. Time 7:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah