

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 at the Ephratah Town Hall. Roll call found the following members present:

Supervisor	Todd Bradt
Councilman	Ivan Duesler - absent
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 December 9th, 2020. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 4 ayes, carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #1, claim 1 thru 8 in the amount of \$10,547.43. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 ayes, carried.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #1, claim 9 thru 12 in the amount of \$9,038.12. 2nd by George Cosselman. 4 ayes, carried.

Public Input:

- None

Communications:

- The Ephratah transfer station will be closed on Monday, January 18th, 2021 for the Martin Luther King holiday. The station will be open on Tuesday, January 19th from 10am to 6pm.
- Fulton County DSW sent a letter stating that the resolution pertaining to electronics disposal at the landfill was rescinded and that residents could continue to drop off their electronics at their transfer stations.

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Mr. Devon Percival informed the Town Board of the new code on Climatic and Geographic Design Criteria, pertaining to new construction rules, and the 2020 code update has been completed.
- Mr. Percival is working with a resident on purchasing a property and a subdivision review on Weaver Rd. Also he informed the Town Board of a home owner trying to establish property lines for possible solar panels on Church Street. Mr. Percival advised against this because it still did not meet the Town Code minimum road frontage requirements.
- There were two new permit applications approved; a new deck rebuild and a new barn.

Resolution 41

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to accept Resolution 41 to accept the updated Town Code with the new code on Climatic and Geographic Design Criteria pertaining mainly to new construction rules. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 4 ayes, carried.

Planning Board:

- Chairman Bill Simpson had received a call pertaining to a new subdivision they are working on.
- The Planning Board is also working on filling the vacancy positions with possibly two

new members and will still need an alternate member.

Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser said they have been working with reduced staff, three employees every other day, due to the pandemic.
- Mr. Cretser informed the Town Board that the Town of Guilderland submitted an offer of \$25,000 for the truck on bid.
- He has heard that the state may be reducing Chips and asphalt funds by 20%. He would like to pave as much of Fical from Rte 29 to Rte 119 as possible, as it has been at least 14 years since it was last paved. With the amount of funds that may be available, they may be able to pave to the crossing of East Rd. The dimensions would be approx. 1 ½ x 19' wide, with approx. 12-1300 tn. He will hold off on the bids until they know more.

Youth:

- The youth commission continues to be shut down due to the Covid restrictions. He is not sending out sponsor letters for donations until he knows more.

Assessor:

- The Assessor, Lyn Yuenger said they are sending out the Agriculture exemptions that need to be returned by March 1st, 2021.
- Also, if anyone is turning 65 in the year 2021 and qualifies for the Enhanced Star they would need to come in and fill out the paperwork before March 1, 2021. The people that already have the Enhanced Star and senior exemption do not need to come in and apply (through the State's executive order due to the pandemic) it will be done automatically.
- Ms. Yuenger and Penny Smith are continuing with curbside data collections.
- Any questions or concerns please call (518) 762-1166.

Supervisor:

- Nothing to report.

Resolution 42

George Cosselman made a motion to accept Resolution 42 to accept the Ephratah Contract of \$58,500 for 2020, \$59,500 for 2022, \$60,00 for 2023, and \$60,500 for 2024. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 4 ayes, carried.

Historian:

- Not in attendance, nothing to report.

New Business:

Resolution 43

George Cosselman made a motion to accept Resolution 43 to appoint Todd Bradt as the voting delegate. 2nd by Andrew Chorlton. 4 ayes, carried.

Unfinished Business

- None at this time.

George Cosselman made a motion to adjourn the town board meeting. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 4 Ayes, carried. Time 7:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah