

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, January 12<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 - absent
Code Enforcement Officer	Devon Percival
Attorney	Michael Albanese

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 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 ayes, carried.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the Organizational meeting on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 ayes, carried.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #1 claim 26 thru 35 in the amount of \$9,192.01. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 ayes, carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #1, claim 13 thru 24 in the amount of \$14,424.60. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 ayes, carried.

### **Communications:**

- The Ephratah Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day, holiday day. It will be open on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am thru 6pm.
- The Ephratah Rod & Gun renewed their permit for Games of Chance for 2022.

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Code Enforcement, Devon Percival has finished the 24 credits for his renewal of his Code Enforcement Certification.
- Mr. Percival spoke on Carver looking to increase the amount of blasts.
- Any questions or concerns, please call (518) 928-9360.

#### Planning Board:

- The Planning Board next meeting is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. They may be meeting before with a couple pending splits of property, one being Gray's.

#### Highway:

- Highway Superintendent Alan Cretser was absent.
- Supervisor Todd Bradt said they received a check from the insurance company for the truck as totaled. Mr. Bradt is going to contact Bill VanGorder with NBT and speak with them about a more equitable amount for the truck.

#### Youth:

- They are shut down for the winter.

Assessor:

- The Assessor Lyn Yuenger said to let anyone turning 65 in the year 2022 needs to go to her office to sign up for any exemptions before the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- Ms. Yuenger stated that Ag exemptions still need to be sent in to their office before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- She also would like to see more tickets issued for the blight and properties without building permits.
- Any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's office extension at (518) 762-5688.

Supervisor:

- The Supervisor reported the bookkeeper, Lita Hillier will be submitting a final year-end report.

Historian:

- The Deputy Historian, Abby Cretser said they are continuing to work on sorting and cleaning out files.

**Resolution 40**

Eleanor Smith made a motion to accept Resolution 40 appointing Ethan Cretser to the Ephratah Recreation Commission, 5yr term to expire 12/31/2026. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 5 Ayes, carried.

**New Business**

- Supervisor Todd Bradt said they would be auditing the Judges and Clerk's books at the next Town Board meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Resolution 41**

Ivan Duesler made a motion to accept Resolution 41 to adopt the Executive State order allowing senior exemptions to be automatically renewed for 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 5 ayes, carried.

**Resolution 42**

Eleanor Smith made a motion to accept Resolution 42 to accept the necessary year end budget changes to amend the 2022 Org Mins. Changes included the Historian account amounts of \$324.08 and \$100.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Duesler. 5 ayes, carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Mr. Albanese advised on the no smoking policy Local Law 1&2 of 2011 includes all forms of tobacco.
- Mr. Polenski stated during a public comment the cannabis laws while driving would be a DWAI (Driving While Ability Impaired).
- The Ambulance Service has been at staying at the RGL Station #1 in the Rockwood Garoga Lassellsville area now 24/7.

Ivan Duesler made a motion to adjourn the town board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Cosselman. 5 Ayes, carried. Time 6:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah