

## Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 - absent
Clerk	Cynthia Wesselmann
Highway Superintendent	John Polenski Jr.
Code Enforcement Officer	Devon Percival - absent
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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 4 ayes, carried.

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to pay General bills, Abstract #7, claim 323 thru 333 in the amount of \$3,316.96. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 4 Ayes, carried.

George Cosselman made a motion to pay Highway bills, Abstract #7, claim 306 thru 322 in the amount of \$224,598.15. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 4 ayes, carried.

### **Communications:**

- NYS Agriculture and Markets completed and sent in the municipal shelter inspection for the James A Brennan Memorial Humane Society and it was satisfactory.

### **Public Input**

- None at this time.

### **Reports:**

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

- Code Enforcer, Devon Percival had a call concerning garbage on Rte 67. They would like Code Enforcement to address.
- There was also a complaint on New Turnpike about a garbage truck.
- We have received the flood zone map from FEMA.

#### Planning Board:

- Mr. Barker was in for a simple subdivision request on New Turnpike Rd.
- The Planning Board will be meeting in September for the quarterly meeting.

#### Highway

- Highway Superintendent, John Polenski Jr. and his deputy Steven Cornaire reported that the mower with sickle bar parts were costly and not doing a good job. They spoke on flail mowers that hook to tractors and run off the pto; and that they like the hammer blades on those mowers.
- Mr. Polenski Jr. reviewed and updated the insurance policy saving the town money that will be reimbursed. He will also be doing an updated list for tool values that could add to the policy.
- The fiber matting they put down and shoulders are all done.
- They met with DOT and want to make the intersection smaller on Rte 67 and Turn Hill to fix a water issue with the culvert.

- Highway has a position open for an MEO that they will be advertising. They did hire a laborer.
- The Highway Dept will not be doing the Cemetery Rd project this year but may do the culvert. DEC may still want them to do the work next year.

### **Resolution 71**

Eleanor Smith made a motion to accept Resolution 71 to purchase 6 of the push to talk radios, with gps that runs off satellite for \$1,549.50 for the first month and \$96.00 for the monthly service thereafter. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes, carried.

### **Resolution 72**

Eleanor Smith made a motion to accept Resolution 72 to purchase a Frontier Flail mower for \$6,814.20. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Chorlton. 4 Ayes, carried.

### **Resolution 73**

Andrew Chorlton made a motion to accept Resolution 73 for the Highway Dept to put a small turnaround pad in by the Rod and Gun giving the Town a right of way. The Rod and Gun would like to participate and DEC would stock. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 4 Ayes, carried.

### Youth:

- Nothing to report.

### Assessor:

- Desire Tabor gave the Assessor's report. The final tax roll has been filed with Real Property. The roll is on file and available for review in the town clerk's office on Tuesday evenings from 6-8pm.
- The Assessor is still not getting building permits, they are available on line.
- 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:

- The historical marker is up by Granny's for Old State Rd.
- Abby Cretser received notice acknowledging the NYS Indian burial grounds and that they would like notice of any findings.

### New Business:

- None at this time.

George Cosselman made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Smith. 4 Ayes, carried. Time 7:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann  
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah