

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ephratah Town Board was held at 6 PM on Wednesday, July 8th, 2026 at the Ephratah Town Hall. Roll call found the following members present:

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

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 June 10th, 2026. 2nd by George Cosselman. 3 Ayes, carried.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to pay General bills, abstract #7, claim 296 thru 308 in the amount of \$4,593.26. 2nd by George Cosselman. 3 Ayes, carried.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to pay Highway bills, abstract #7, claim 304 thru 316 in the amount of \$48,245.42. 2nd by George Cosselman. 3 Ayes, carried.

Communications:

- The clerk is working on a foil request for a resident and may need everyone's help at some point; as there were a lot of questions.

Public Input:

- None

Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer:

- Code Enforcement, Devon Percival, said the tickets out for court had been moved to August.
- Mr. Percival will be meeting with the Health Dept at the Buddhist camp on Hart Rd to walk the property. They would like to do something like transit housing on the property and are still in discussions.
- The DEC and APA had allowed Heidelberg to run off the old Carver permit until July. As of July 1st, Heidelberg and Carver do not have an active mining permit in Fulton County. DEC sent the permit to DART, as it had not been completed. DART is the Database for active mining permits. The DEC and APA have not got back to Code Enforcement at this time.

Planning Board:

- The Planning Board has another subdivision on Gray Rd. The resident wants to subdivide six acres with her son. There is also another in the works on Kringsbush Rd.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, August 31st at the Ephratah town hall.

Highway

- The Highway Superintendent, John Polenski Jr. said that Fulton County Highway Department would be working on the bridge in Garoga. The tentative dates would be August 3rd thru August 30th for the road to be closed.

- The Town of Ephratah Highway Department is scheduled to finish the New Turnpike Rd on August 13th and 14th.
- They had a bid for the truck out front but would like to decline, as the truck is worth more than \$25,000. Currently it is on Market Place for \$38,500.
- Mr. Polenski Jr. said they have been working to put in a culvert pipe on Green Street and have posted the 5-ton weight limit signs on town roads.
- The town should be getting the CHIPS money within the next couple of weeks for reimbursement for New Turnpike Rd.
- Mr. Polenski Jr said the first spring mowing was done with the new tractors. They have only spent 15% of their budget, saving money going with the new mowers.
- A concerned resident called about a headstone that was taken; that has since been returned.

Youth:

- Nothing at this time.

Assessor:

- The Assessor's hours are Tuesday's from 6pm to 8pm as usual, and by appointment; as necessary.
- The Final Tax Roll is now available for review in the Assessor's office.
- NY State has been sending letters to all impacted STAR recipients. Letters to property owners may request income verification or may be informing them that their (or their spouses') income, age or residency is affecting their eligibility to receive the STAR exemption. This goes for the STAR credit and STAR check for both Basic and Enhanced STAR recipients.
- Mrs. Tabor will be going out this month and next for data collection on properties that have building permits. She is also going to properties that they have asked her to reassess their properties. They will be called prior to the visit.
- Building applications are available on the town website. Code Enforcement will let you know the cost.

Supervisor:

- The Supervisor, Todd Bradt, gave out the financial report and is on file for review.

Historian:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

George Cosselman made a motion to set a Public Hearing for Spectrum, a cable TV franchise within the Town of Ephratah. The public hearing will be set for August 12th, 2026, at 6:15pm. 2nd by Eleanor Smith. 3 Ayes, carried.

Resolution 120

Eleanor Smith made a motion to accept Resolution 120 to purchase a motor from Action Equipment in the amount of \$2,000 for the screen plant. 2nd by George Cosselman. 3 Ayes, carried.

Eleanor Smith made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting. 2nd by George Cosselman. 3 Ayes, carried. Time 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Wesselmann
Town Clerk, Town of Ephratah