

Town Board Meeting

April 9, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 9th day of April at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Brian Harrington

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Absent: Councilman Douglas Ford

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, AAaron Jansen The Eagle, Jason Guzzo Hudson Valley Wireless, Laura Oswald Broad Band Presentation, Robbie McIntosh, Terry Hamilton, Alan Wrigley Town Attorney, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent

The Supervisor called the meeting to order and immediately led in the Pledge Allegiance to Flag.

Presentation on Broadband

Laura Oswald from County and Jason Guzzo from Hudson Valley Wireless were present at the meeting to do presentation on NY Broadband For all Program. Laura Oswald did overview of the Program that was announced in 2015. The program calls for \$500 million in State funds to be allocated to service providers offering the lowest bids for upgrading existing service or providing new service to specific geographies. Overall, of an available \$500 million in State funding available to invest across 62 Counties in NYS, Washington County will see a total investment in of \$24,506 million (3 times greater that if funding were simply divided up per County). Four providers that submitted bids were selected by the state to receive funding to increase access to broadband service in County. The sheet that Mrs. Oswald handed out gave the Phases and the amount of money that was allotted. The final round of the program included CAF eligible census blocks and awards were specific to an entire census block and required. These specific awards are listed on the Program summary which is available in the town Clerks Office. The anticipated/likely timing for deployment is also included on this Program Summary. The providers have until end of 2019 to complete "middle mile" infrastructure and an additional 2 years to complete the "last mile" installation to homes/businesses.

Highway Report

Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent reported that winter was winding down, but they still have been out plowing or sanding several times. Have had to cut up some downed trees due to high winds, and have done some trimming back along the roads. Boom arm mower has been out on Whiteside, Irish, and English Road. They have also been out cold patching potholes. The broom is on the tractor and have started sweeping. They have also started some of the grading. The highwaymen built a wooden bed for the grey pickup. It's looking like a late spring. The Highway Superintendent doubts very much that they will be paving in time for the first CHIPS deadline.

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that someone is ripping and tearing through their road (Petthey's Road). The Highwaymen have leveled the trenches and graded the road and everytime this person rips the road

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up again. The Supervisor mentioned that this is why the grader has been left at the Fedler farm. She mentioned that obviously this person doesn't appreciate the tax payers money.

It was also mentioned that the CHIPS money has been awarded and Town of Cambridge will see a \$755.02 increase from last year. Supervisor mentioned that everyone should check out the nice job that the Highwaymen did on the wood frame of the pickup. They spent approximately \$450.

Supervisor Fedler brought up the sale of scrap metal and where the money should be deposited. In the past it has been put in minor sales. It has been discussed with Margaret Shaw Clerk to the Supervisor and it was thought to be good idea to put the money from scrap sales in parts and repairs.

The Supervisor reminded the Highway Superintendent about the floor in LaVerne's Office needs to be fixed. She also said that the Highway Handbook needs to be changed as discussed last meeting.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she took the taxes back to the Washington County Treasurer on Friday, April 6, 2018. The amount that was returned to the County Treasurer unpaid was \$232,908.95. The fishing season has started as of April 1st and new guides are available in Town Clerk's Office.

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that there was no Planning board Meeting this month due to last minute cancelations by the landowners.

Enid Kotchnig Property

Alan Wrigley was present at the Town Board meeting to discuss the Enid Kotchnig property that has been willed to the Town of Cambridge. It was suggested by Attorney Alan Wrigley that the Town Board go into Executive Session to discuss this matter.

Resolution #22

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Bailey to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Enid Kotchnig property.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Resolution #23

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to exit out of Executive Session.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler reported that going to gather more info on this topic and will discuss again at the May meeting.

Tour of the Battenkill

The Supervisor has been contacted by Brendan Maguire Event Director of the Tour of the Battenkill. They are looking for a resolution of support for the race which will be held on Saturday April 28th, 2018.

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Resolution #24

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Bailey to support the Tour of the Battenkill which will occur Saturday, April 28th, 2018.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Sale of scrap

Resolution #25

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Harrington when scrap is sold to deposit that check into line item DA5130.4 which is parts and repairs.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Auditing of Bills

General	#47 – 67	\$ 3,135.74
Highway	#38 – 56	\$14,370.33

Supervisor Fedler discussed the Court Security bill that was submitted a couple of months ago. She mentioned that she investigated because the amount per hour was not the 15.00/hr or less that was agreed on last year with the prior Town Justice. She had found that it is hard to find an inexpensive Court Officer unless they are retired or part timer. She mentioned that she would allow this bill to go through. The Town of Cambridge is still looking for a Court Officer to work on Court nights and hoping to find a Retired or part timer we can afford.

Resolution #26

Transfer of Funds

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilman Harrington to transfer from Contingent A1990.4 to A8160.4 Landfill Contractual (for testing-Phoenix) in the amount of \$477.40.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Margaret Shaw the Clerk to the Supervisor spoke with Lang Wang the Village Clerk and he feels Phoenix got off with their billing cycle last year and that is why our total last year was so small (\$555.83). Thankfully, we left our budgeted amount at the same as the prior year but have already gone over that by \$758.14 with this current bill. We should have another bill in November if we follow suit to prior years.

Resolution #27

Supervisor's Report

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Harrington to approve the Supervisor's Report from March 2018.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Resolution #28

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Approving of the Minutes

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2018 as amended: with the first amendment being page 3 in the Longevity Plan section, Supervisor requested that it be stated that this plan is specifically for the men not including elected officials. The second correction on page 3 under the Town of Cambridge Audit for Court records it should be conversation not conservation. The third correction being in the same section it should be noted that Matt Chivers said for the Town Board to work with Judge Molea. The fourth correction on the bottom of page 3 where it talks about Bridge NY- State Program Scott Tracy passed on to another company for Bridge Grant .

Vote:

Ayes – 4

Noes – 0

The Supervisor handed out paperwork on Site Plan Review Resource Summary with links to the Site Plan for Town of Greenwich, Salem and Jackson. She suggested that the Board Members review these for the next meeting and get up to date with things. That way they could bring forward what they would like to see in a Site Plan. She said that would like to move forward with baby steps. Councilman Bailey mentioned that they had some info they received with their Elected Officials training. Right now in the research stage of the Site Plan review process.

Aaron Jansen the reporter from the Eagle suggested that Board members speak with Zane from Town of Hebron, their Site Plan Review doesn't not have any teeth. He suggested that if have Site Plan Review make sure that it has teeth.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge