

Town Board Meeting
July 8, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held 8th day of July, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Douglas Ford

Councilman Brian Harrington

Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Renee Booplan from ASA, Elliot Norman from ASA, Jim Morris from the Eagle, Jim Buckley Highway Superintendent, LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement, Robbie McIntosh, Michael O'hara speaker on The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019 (763)

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

Renee Booplan and Elliot Norman were present at the Town Board Meeting from ASA. They were there to discuss the Cambridge Community Forest project. The ASA is partnering with local community members to create the Cambridge Community Forest on a 145-acre wooded property in the Town of Whitecreek, at the edge of the Village of Cambridge. This project is hoping to create: Trails for walking, hiking, cross-country skiing and mountain biking. Fishing on the White Creek and bird watching. There will be other outdoor educational programs, gathering place and picnic spot. It will also be demonstration site for sustainable forestry practices. The location is within walking and biking distance of downtown Cambridge, Cambridge Central School, daycares and youth programs. They are pushing that the Community involvement is the key to making this project a success.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#106 – 121	\$ 1,977.37
Highway	#70 – 80	\$13,807.08

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #31

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Bailey to approve the Supervisor's Report from June 2019.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Approving of the minutes

Resolution #32

Councilman Harrington motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes -0

Councilman Ford and Supervisor Fedler were absent for this meeting.

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Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes from the June 10th meeting with one correction on page 3 in the section of the County Partial Payments on Taxes. The Supervisor requested that it read clearer that should the county do partial tax payments why can't individuals save X amount of money every month. The Supervisor said that several different plans were looked at by the county in regards to partial payments. She feels that it would make more work for tax collectors in some cases. The Supervisor was trying to point out that if our taking payments is the same as a person saving on a monthly basis then what is the purpose of partial payments.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Councilwoman Wilmot was absent from this meeting therefore she did not vote.

It was mentioned that the sign that was at the meeting was from Safety days at Washington County Fairgrounds. Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley received Washington County Snow Plowing Champion for 2019. There is a simulator where the driving is regulated and he scored 100%. During this training the Highwaymen are able to receive required training needed, the day that they attended it was for the southern half of the county. The Supervisor mentioned about the EWR (Extreme Winter Recovery) money, it was restored during the last emergency Legislative Session. The Permissive Referendum for the Contracting of an Assessor through the county has been posted/published since the June 11th meeting and there has been no comment yet.

Verbal approval for Peckham Bill

The Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley requested a verbal approval for payment to Peckham's so can submit CHIPS paperwork. The amount is approximately \$187,000.00.

Resolution #34

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by councilwoman Wilmot to give Highway Superintendent verbal approval to pay the Peckham bill when received of an approximate amount of \$187,000.00.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

The Village of Cambridge has contacted the Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley, they will be paving the Yellow Brick Road, the Old Coila Road. The Highway Superintendent said if they pave should last for a while, the Town of Cambridge does have some money left in CHIPS thanks to the EWR. The Town Board questioned if the Historical Society had been contacted? The Highway Superintendent said yes that they had determined that it was deteriorating enough that something must be done. They have preserved portions of the yellow bricks throughout the village.

Dump meeting

The Supervisor reported that she and the Highway superintendent will be meeting with DEC on July 24th @ 10:30 PM about the old dump off Vly Summit Road.

The Supervisor gave the Town Board copy of email from Kevin Wood the Regional Materials Management Engineer from DEC on the update on the Agri-Cycle in regards to the PFAS compounds.

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She also gave them minutes from the Government Opts. Committee meeting from June 25, 2019 concerning the Board of Elections – discussing Electronic Poll books. There were questions in regards to the Agri-cycle/CTI Agri-cycle and where the material is going and whether or not it contains the PFOAs. The Supervisor said that any information that she receives is sent to the Board members and Town Clerk put a copy in the file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Planning Board Report

Planning Board meeting for Thursday, July 11, 2019 was cancelled, due to nothing on the agenda this month.

Town Clerk Report

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed the week of August 19th – 23rd as it is every year. Messages and emails will be checked throughout the week. Notice will also be put in the paper and on the website.

For the past couple months have been looking for someone to clean the town hall. I have found someone but they are requesting at least 12.00/hr. we only pay 11.50/hr. We currently only have 17 hours remaining for the rest of the year. I have spoken to the Supervisor and the Clerk to the Supervisor and for this year we could take money from the Town Hall Contractual if we run short. In 2015 we lowered the money allotted for cleaning the Town Hall from \$650 to \$450/yr. I am proposing that come time for the 2020 Budget we increase back to the original amount. I have reviewed the previous voucher and find that in the winter months of January through April we are cleaning the Town Hall approximately 3 times a month (when needed). The remaining months of the year (May – December) we have only been cleaning once a month. This really isn't enough. The cleaners have mentioned it is easier to clean when done regularly.

Cleaning of the Town Hall

Resolution#35

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to increase the per hour pay of the cleaning person for the Town Hall from \$11.50/hr to \$12.00/hr.

Vote: Ayes -5 Noes – 0

Code Enforcement

LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement Officer reported that had 4 new houses going up: Kenyon Road, Irish Lane, Center Cambridge Road, Conley Road maybe. Mr. Davis handed out a copy of the Town Law Authorizing Town Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. It was last adopted and updated in 1984. Mr. Davis thought that it is best to update so that the Town can enforce penalties when needed. He mentioned that on page 3 of the law need to remove section 7.4, the fees are minimal and really need to be updated. The Supervisor said that a committee should be created, so they originally set three members of the board, however if meeting is held there would be a quorum. So, the committee created was the Supervisor and Brian Harrington. LaVerne Davis left all the Code Enforcement books on the side shelf in the town hall so that anyone could review at their leisure.

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Privilege of the Floor

Robbie McIntosh a resident from the Town was present at the meeting and introduced Michael O'Hara to speak on The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019. Michael O'Hara is from Hudson; he is a former City Councilman and Commissioner of Public Works. He has been involved in this Citizen Climate Lobby for 5 years now. He briefly covered what the purpose of this Bill is and how it will help the citizens. If this bill is put in place it is hopeful that the greenhouse gases can be reduced by 40% in the next ten years. He said that his purpose of coming to the meeting is to encourage people at the local level to go to Elise Stefanik or their legislators to encourage to support this bill. He is encouraging the Town to take statements and to make a resolution to support this idea.

The board briefly talked about the time of the board meeting and setting the curfew again. Councilman Bailey said that he would like to change the meeting to an earlier time. Supervisor Fedler said that this time was convenient and gave everyone time to get home from work and have supper. Other Town Board members mentioned that they like the time of 7:30. In the past the curfew was set for 9:30 and it was decided to abide by that again.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge