

Regular Town Board Meeting
November 3, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 3rd day of November at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler
Councilman Douglas Ford
Councilman Gerald Skiff
Councilman Robin McMurray
Councilwoman Susan Herrington

Others present: Henry Peabody, Terry Hamilton, Ashleigh Morris reporter for the Eagle, Alan Davis Highway Superintendent, Robbie McIntosh, Bruce Bailey

Supervisor Fedler called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM and immediately led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#193 – 213	\$20,256.45
Highway	#143 – 154	\$38,344.55

Approving the Supervisor's Report

Resolution #64

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to approve the Supervisor's Report for October 2014.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Transfers

Resolution #65

Councilman Skiff motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to transfer money: from contingent A1990.4 to A1972.4 in the amount of \$636.70 for payment to reduce taxes, the second transfer was from contingent A1990.4 to assessor contractual A1355.4 in the amount of \$305.00, the third transfer was from contingent A1990.4 to A3310.4 signs in the amount of \$156.67, the fourth transfer was from contingent A1990.4 to A9010.8 State Retirement in the amount of \$1,154.60, the fifth transfer was from DB9060.8 medical insurance to DB9010.8 state retirement in the amount of \$14.69.

Vote: Ayes -5 Noes – 0

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #66

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to approve the minutes from the October 6th 2014 Town Board Meeting, Budget Workshop October 9th and October 15th. There was one correction in the October 15th minutes on page 3, the very last paragraph it should read there are General A & B accounts, Highway DA and DB and a T&A account also.

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Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she had received a letter that was submitted by Melissa Stannard for her resignation from the position of Deputy Town Clerk; the Town Clerk read the letter to the Town Board.

Letter of Resignation

Resolution #67

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to accept the letter of resignation submitted by the Deputy Town Clerk Melissa Q. Stannard.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 1

Supervisor Fedler asked about the position and a replacement. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt said that she would like to wait until she speaks with her other MJ Root.

There were no reports for the Assessor, Planning Board and Code Enforcement.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Alan Davis reported that he added the 2005 Truck, Hydraulic hose machine, Hydraulic Hose assortment to the inventory list and it would be filed with the Town Clerk. The Highway Department has gotten the trucks ready for winter. The sander has been mounted on Truck 8. Culvert and driveway repairs have been done. The ditching and grading have been done in the spots that it was needed. They have also have cut some trees and brush that was needed on lower Gillis Road. The scrap and junk has been taken to Brownells. The Cambridge Highway Department worked with Nationalgrid to remove some trees. The Highway Department attended a Seminar in Lake George, on October 28th sponsored by NYMIR “Drive to Survive”. Highway Superintendent Alan Davis said it was very informational and the speaker was excellent. The Truck #3 has had 8 recap tires installed.

Fuel Oil Bids

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt opened the Fuel Oil bids. The first bid received was from G.A. Bove Fuels. They proposed to deliver #2 Fuel Oil, On-Road, and Dyed Kerosene to the Town of Cambridge at a mark-up of .20 cents per gallon. The Base price will be determined by average posted price in “The oil price daily” (Formally the Journal of Commerce) for Albany, N.Y. on the date of delivery.

The second bid received was from Doug’s Oil, INC.

Fuel Oil

Cost of October 27, 2014	\$2.539
Cents Over Cost	<u>\$.190</u>
Total \$	\$2.729

Kerosene

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Cost of October 27, 2014	\$2.999
Cents Over Cost	<u>\$.190</u>
Total \$	\$3.189

<u>Diesel</u>	
Cost as of October 27, 2014	\$2.569
Cents Over Cost	<u>\$.190</u>
Total \$	\$2.759

Councilman Ford said if the Town was happy with Doug's Oil last year and the price is good why not remain with the same provider.

Resolution #68

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to accept Doug's oil, INC. bid at the lowest bid of \$.19 over their cost as listed above.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Town Board

Councilwoman Herrington shared information on the Child Protective Services. She mentioned that they did an audit on the quality of the program and Washington County has reduced their abuse numbers. The County is below the State average but still above the national level. The Supervisor reported that all of the Counties sent back letters saying how can the state audit something like this. She mentioned that it has never been audited like this before and the counties weren't happy. They are trying to compare things that are so far apart that it is hard to quantify whether it is better or worse.

County Report

Supervisor Fedler reported that Meals on Wheels are looking for a pier diem driver they will pay \$8.93/hr. Information will be posted on the bulletin board in the Town Hall with Summary of the programs that are offered by the Office of the Aging. Dana Haff the Supervisor of the Town of Hartford is requesting that churches, schools and Fire Departments ring the bells for a full minute Veterans Day at 11:00 a.m.. Steve Haskins the new DPW Superintendent will start on November 7, 2014. He was present at the DPW meeting today at the county. The Solar project for the County has been rejected by the committee, Finance and it was brought up again by a projected letter and it was again defeated. They also had a presentation in Ag and Planning by Jared Woodcock, he has been hired by the new coordinator of the SUNY Ag Program. The Supervisor mentioned other than that it is all budget. Councilman Skiff asked how the budget was looking. Today was the first presentation of the county budget, the next ones will be in Salem Wednesday, November 5th @5:30 pm, Greenwich Wednesday, November 5th @7:30pm at the VFW, Whitehall Thursday, November 6th @5:30pm at the Town Hall, Granville in the Town Hall November 6th @8:00pm. Supervisor Fedler mentioned right now the budget is a 2.85% increase for the county budget.

Old Business

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Supervisor Fedler said to finish out the Old Business they needed to close out the Bridge Reserve Account and transfer to DB2770. The supervisor said the last time that she checked she thought it was \$3.94, but she wasn't sure that was the exact amount.

Resolution #69

Councilman Skiff motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to Close out the Bridge Reserve Account and transfer the money to DB2770.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

New Business

Supervisor Fedler said that they needed to update the Appointment Policy. Supervisor Fedler said that the letters of interest and the interviewing by the Town board has stopped the process of people applying for the position. She mentioned in the event that there was no interest in the position after advertising for 30 days they needed to modify this in the Appointment Policy. Currently the open positions are on the BAR and the Planning Board. The Supervisor said that they do need to find someone for the BAR because classes start in February. The supervisor said that in the event that there was no letters of interest the supervisor would have permission to bring someone before the board for final approval.

Some of the Town Board had concerns that the candidate would not be interviewed in front of the town board. The Supervisor explains that she is saying that she will just go out and look for someone for the position and then bring them before the board.

Resolution #70

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to amend the Appointment Policy in the event no one applies for the position the supervisor can look for someone to bring forward to the Town Board for final approval.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Privilege of the Floor

Councilwoman Herrington asked Highway Superintendent Davis if he had a salt price. Highway Superintendent Davis said that he did not have a price yet he called the other day and they are not even shipping the salt yet.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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