

Town Board Meeting
October 7, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held on the 7th of October 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, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Margaret Shaw Clerk to the Supervisor, Robbie McIntosh, Susan Herrington

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

Public Hearing Local Law #1 of 2019

The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 PM for Local Law #1 of 2019 to override the tax levy established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

The Supervisor calling for public comment 3 times closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 PM.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#165 – 184	\$2,661.39
Highway	#111 – 123	\$8,599.41

Transfers

Resolution #51

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to amend Resolution #45 from the September 9, 2019 minutes to read, \$900, not \$600, be transferred from: Town Clerk - Contractual A1410.4 in the amount of \$900 to Town Clerk - equipment A1410.2.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes - 0

The final tally on the equipment came to \$1,100. There is \$200 in equipment at this time.

Resolution #52

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to transfer \$45.19 from the contingent A1990.4 to A3510.4 Dog Control Contractual to cover expenses.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes - 0

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #53

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

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #54

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2019 meeting with 3 corrections. The first correction being on middle of page 3 In regards to borrowing rates are coming down may take advantage of the low rates next time. On page 5 shared services it should be mentioned that and other various townships as needed. On page in the county

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report about the budget it should read that Budget Officer Dan Shaw will present the budget on the 25th.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

BAR reappointment

Resolution #55

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by councilwoman Wilmot to reappoint John Hommel to the Town of Cambridge BAR for the 5-year term starting 10/01/2019 to 9/30/2024.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes - 0

Resignation from Leon Barkley

Resolution #56

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Harrington to accept the resignation from Planning Board Member Leon Barkley effective immediately.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that in being prepared she had spoken with Anne Walsh to see if she was still interested in a position on the Planning Board. She said that no she had moved on and had no time for something like this. The Supervisor said that we would go ahead as in the appointment policy and advertise for two weeks in the paper.

Highway Fuel Oil Bids

Resolution #57

Councilman Harrington motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to give Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley permission to go out to bid for fuel oil bids.

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that in Resolution #38 in previous meeting gave permission to take money from the Highway Reserve to pay for the loader.

Resolution #58

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by councilman Ford to give the Highway Superintendent permission to start the process of putting the old pay loader on Auctions International or the government sight, with the right to reject all bids.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

There has been interest in the loader throughout the community so the supervisor had suggested that put the notice of the sale in the paper.

It was mentioned also that now that the Town Clerk's new PC is set up the Clerk to the Supervisor Margaret Shaw can contact Bob Wallace the IT person for estimate on new PC for her use.

In regards to the Sexual Harassment Prevention, Workplace Violence Prevention training some of the Town Employees still have not attended. The training can be taken either by classes or the webinar online.

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Planning Board Report

There was no Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2019 due to nothing on the agenda. Received Leon Barkley's letter of resignation on September 16, 2019 and he is finished as of the October meeting. Leon Barkley's term was up as of December 31, 2019.

Town Clerk Report

Hunting Licenses

Have been selling many hunting licenses. Doe Permits DMP's are now closed.

Bob Wallace the IT technician has set up the new Town Clerk's PC. The final figure for the new PC was \$800. The Town Clerk Lap Top was updated with windows 10 and setup for DEC system again so can be used strictly for hunting licenses. This was done for \$300. The vouchers show the breakdown of what was installed.

Have received information from Board of elections about early voting. The dates for early voting are available at Town Clerks Office. If you do Early voting you do not vote on Election Day.

Highway Report

The Highway Crew have finished mowing roadsides for the year and, with White Creek and Jackson, mowed the old dump. They have done some grading, some graveling, and some shoulder work around Town. They have done some shimming on Stevenson and Turnpike roads. The Boom arm mower is back together and running. The new Doosan loader arrived today.

Court Consolidation

The Judge has answered the questions on the Consolidation of the court and the information has been passed onto the Town Board. The Supervisor suggested that the board review this and that it could be discussed at a later date.

Assessor

The County Team Assessor and Data Collector are at work, they met with Rachael ahead of time to get acquainted with the Town.

County Report

The Supervisor reported that Dan Shaw presented 2 ½% increase for the County Budget. It is not pretty with all the State mandates, she mentioned that the current budget has slashed the dickens out of the DPW. She briefly described how: slashing the bridge projects to 3, slashed the equipment buying from 600 thousand to 260 thousand.

Town Budget

The Town Budget was handed out and the Supervisor went over it. She said that it was below the cap, however she would still like to see them pass the Tax Cap Override in case some unexpected increase comes in. In the Budget a 2% increase was included for all employees. The Supervisor mentioned some other slight increases such as Dog Control, Seniors for the rent increases, Landfill expenses. In the Reserves the Equipment Reserve increased, Bridge Reserve additional \$5,000, Highway/Shop Reserve

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for the roof increased. It was also mentioned that how much interest was received from NY Class investments \$11,341.40 (stated a phenomenal amount). The sales tax was mentioned that comes in from the county and how it was at an increase, Mortgage tax that would be coming in would be huge due to a large sale that took place in the town (this would be put in the Highway Garage because this was the only place that it could be accessed). Councilman Harrington asked what the town was looking at for purchases down the road. It was mentioned that Body of truck #3 would need to be replaced for approximately \$50,000. The next large purchase would be 2023 for a new truck (approximately \$220,000). However, they are hopeful that they get back \$50,000 - 60,000 from the sale of the old loader. Councilman Ford said that he thought that this looks like a good budget and that there is nothing to squabble about. The final number that the budget must be to stay under the cap is \$730,382 and the final number is \$730,162, which is a 2.68% increase.

Local Law #1 Tax Cap Override

Resolution #58

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Baily to adopt the Local Law #1 to override tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Public Hearing for 2020 Budget

Resolution #59

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to set the Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget for Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:30 PM.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes -0

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town of Cambridge/Town Clerk