

Town Board Meeting
September 14, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called the 14th day of September at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Douglas Ford

Councilman Brian Harrington

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Peter Bailey, Rachel Burr, Jimmy Morris reporter from the Eagle

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

Auditing of the Bills

General	#149 – 166	\$4,782.70
Highway	#109 – 121	\$66,064.01

The Supervisor mentioned that Jim Buckley Jr. the Highway Superintendent checked with the insurance company to see if could use insurance for the towing bill. They said no it was not covered.

Resolution #39

Supervisor's Report

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the Supervisor's Report from August 2020.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #40

Approving of the Minutes

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2020 meeting with one correction. The correction was on page 4 the second paragraph it should read that it was advised that at the time to use all of the money.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

The Supervisor said that the October meeting would be changed to October 5th due to Columbus Day.

Condolences were extended to Beaver Watkins Family due to his passing on Saturday, the 12th.

Supervisor Report

Assessor Contract

The Assessor Contract with the county expires on September 30th. The Supervisor and Town Clerk have both been in contact with Laura Chadwick Director of Real Property. She had mentioned that there were no changes to the contract which includes salary. However, the Finance Committee mentioned that there might be up to a 2 ½ % increase, would have to wait for the cost analysis discussion at the September 22nd meeting.

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Resolution #41

Councilman Bailey motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Ford,

WHEREAS, The Town of Cambridge is in joint agreement with Washington Department of Real Property Tax Services for Assessing services,

THEREFORE, the Cambridge Town Board gives Supervisor Fedler permission to sign the agreement pending no more than 2 ½ % increase, less than \$350-\$400.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambridge appoints Lenore Barber as Town Assessor starting October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 based on Agreement RPTL 1537.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

The Assessor has changed her hours to from Tuesday to Saturday starting this Saturday September 19th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This will make more hours of availability to the town residents.

The Supervisor reported that the NYClass update is that it is at .09% \$69.87 this month. She mentioned that they did budget for the bank service charges because it may be more sensible to move some money to Glens Falls if the interest stays the same.

This year the tax cap is \$743,552.00 and the proposed budget is below that.

The Supervisor suggested that the Town formerly adopt the Washington County Code Enforcement Fee Schedule.

Resolution #42

Adopting the County Code Enforcement Fee Schedule

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford for The Town of Cambridge to formerly adopt the Washington county Code Enforcement Fee Schedule.

Vote: Ayes -5 Noes - 0

Update on the Internet

It was mentioned that Laura at the county said that information is on the County website and the Ag & Planning Site on the 2 year extension on the internet. A 2 year extension was available for all that applied for the internet grant. These grants are called a reimbursed grant and how they work are that when the work is done then they get their money. The Supervisor mentioned that many areas have this problem with the lack of service or no service. The Supervisor mentioned that she has this issue when she is trying to do her meeting for the county via zoom.

Resolution #43

Unanticipated Revenue/County Route 60 Snow Removal Contract

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to make a budget amendment accepting the unanticipated revenue from the County Snow Removal Contract, in the amount of \$24,030. It will be placed in DA5132.4, Snow Removal Contract, Contractual.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

The unanticipated Revenue resolution for County Route 60 was talked about in January and it was recorded as January 13th, but it must have been overlooked.

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Transfer of Funds

Resolution #44

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to transfer from contingent A1990.4 in the amount of \$22.75 to A1355.4, Assessor Contractual to cover envelope order.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

The Planning board Meeting was held on September 3rd, 4 members present and secretary and one person from the public.

Mary Lennon presented the survey for 141 Gillis Road, tax map #254.-1-37 (83.9 acres). Mary Lennon is proposing a major subdivision of a 5-lot subdivision. She explained that this is a revision of the other approved subdivision that was never filed. She explained that the barn has been added to her lot with the house and the lot #2 has been split into 2 parcel lot #5 being 17.94 acres and lot #2 being 24.77 acres. The other lots are the same as were approved at the February 6, 2020 meeting. The Planning Board granted preliminary approval and said that they would do the Environmental survey at the October 1st meeting, before the Public Hearing.

Online training September 25th from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM for 2 credits.

Next Planning Board Meeting will be October 1, 2020

Town Clerk Report

Busy with 2020- 2021 hunting licenses. The DMP's will be on sale until October 1st.

Update on the search for the phone service wireless. Town Clerk reported that she has been in contact with another company about phone service Twin Bridges Solution which is similar to Net2phone. They both would be wireless and have a backup system in case of power or internet outage. I have tried to contact Verizon about FIOS for both phone and internet service and have been referred to many different departments because considered a business and a municipality. Considered contacting Magna5 our current provider to see about other options, then we would not have to change providers.

Highway Report

The Highway Superintendent submitted his report. He reported that they have continued mowing roadsides and have had boom arm mower out several times. Stevenson Road has been shimmed and the reimbursement paperwork has been submitted to D.O.T. They have also been doing some spot grading on gravel roads and patching black top roads with the new Hot Box. The engine control Module (ECM) quit in the #2 truck, had it towed to the shop and then repaired it. (replaced ECM). They mowed the cemeteries for Labor Day. They Chip Sealed Brownell Road with help from White Creek trucks and then returned the favor a few days later. They have been hauling in Winter sand with help from White Creek and Salem Trucks.

Town Board

Town Board member Brian Harrington reported that the Village would be having a Virtual Community Workshop on Outdoor Recreation and Community Vitality. This will occur on September 21-29, 2020 for

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Rural Communities and the following topics will be covered: Connecting Main Street to Natural Resources, Priorities for the Community Forest, Community Identity and opportunities for All, Regional Connections. Anyone that is interested can sign up online to attend the workshops.

The Supervisor said that should contact Dave Perkins if he was looking for any information on creating Bike and snowmobile trails.

Rachel Burr and Peter Bailey residents of Coila attended the meeting to propose a speed limit reduction through Coila. Rachel Burr is a resident of the Town of Cambridge that lives at the corner of Content Farm Road and Peter Bailey is the minister of the Coila Church. They are requesting speed reduction from 45mph to 30 mph and install signage requesting large trucks to no use engine brakes. They have a list of reasons for the speed limit reduction: types of vehicles traveling, children living in the area (over 100 children for the church youth group), recreational (walker, runner, cyclists). The town trucks and many other trucks accessing 372 and the frequent accidents that have occurred. The board said that they would be willing to consider the reduction however they requested that Rachel Burr do some more homework. A similar request was denied by the state in December 2018, they don't want to see this happen again. The Town Board thought if she had support information, the resolution of support from the Town Board and then submit to the State hopefully. Peter Bailey thought maybe even Jake Ashby could help. The Board also suggested that Rachel call DOT and see if she could find out what support documents, she would send to help her request. Rachel was going to find out more information and present to the Town Board next month.

Executive Session

The Supervisor mentioned that the Town Board would need to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issue.

Resolution #45

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to go into executive session at 8:45 PM.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #46

Councilman Harrington motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to exit out of Executive Session at 9:00 PM.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

The Supervisor reported that the IT department is busy at the county trying to do the live remote meetings, this way they are keeping the numbers down in the building. The Board of Elections is very busy trying to figure out early voting, absentee ballots during this crazy time. Councilman Bailey asked if they were looking for any help. The Supervisor and the Town Clerk said to contact them they are usually always looking for help whether it be election inspector or poll watchers.

The 2021 Budget was handed out to the Town Board. The Supervisor did review some highlights of the budget. She did mention that the Highway Superintendent did put increase in for part time winter help, she said that needed to increase this so that could get experienced help and make it worth while for them. The minimum wage would be changing so that had to be taken into account. The Bridge Reserve was cut by \$1,000 in order to make everything fit. The Supervisor mentioned that guidance did come

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out on how to move money to have something to fall back on. There was one change on budget by the Assessor so Margaret Clerk to the Supervisor made a sheet with the changes, which was handed out to all the Board members. The Supervisor said for all Board members to review the budget and they could discuss at the Oct. 5th meeting. If there are any questions do not hesitate to call Supervisor or Margaret Shaw the Clerk to the Supervisor.

The Supervisor mentioned that on September 18th at 4:00 pm the Village will be having Memorial Purple Heart Ceremony. This Ceremony is to remember the Veterans in the area that have received a purple heart. She mentioned that she would not be able to attend this and was wondering if one of the Board members would attend.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge