

Town Board Meeting
September 13, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called September 13th of 2021 at the Town Hall; the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Brian Harrington

Councilman Douglas Ford

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Absent Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Others present: Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Susan Herrington, Valerie Morigerato, Larry Carrino, Robbie McIntosh, Bob Townes,

Deputy Supervisor Doug Ford called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. Supervisor arrived just after the Pledge.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#163 – 177	\$ 1,052.52
Highway	#101 – 113	\$50,276.16

Resolution #41

Supervisor's Report

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Harrington to approve the Supervisor's report from August 2021.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Resolution #42

Approving of the Minutes

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Harrington to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2021 meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Public

Susan Harrington the chair of the Cambridge Republican Committee was present at the meeting and she introduced Larry Carrino and Valerie Morigerato who are candidates from independent party, Cambridge First for Town Board position. The Supervisor mentioned there would be no campaigning at Town Board meeting, but welcomed their attendance. Robbie McIntosh another candidate for Town Board was present.

CLFR monies

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that the monies had been received from CLFR and must be formally brought in.

Resolution #43

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to accept the CLFR monies in as an initial receivable & liability in the amount of \$75, 282.16 and then to record the receipt of the CLFR monies for the same amount.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Resolution #44

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by councilman Harrington to accept the CLFR monies in as initial receivable liability in the amount of \$307.36 and then to record the receipt of the CLFR monies for the same amount.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler addressed the issue of wearing a mask in the Town Hall. She said that mask requirements are constantly changing. She would like it so that the Town Clerk can change anytime whether masks are required in the Town Hall. The Board was in agreement that at any time the Town Clerk can make it a requirement to wear a mask in the Town Hall.

Standard Workday Resolution

A resolution is needed to amend the Standard Workday after Town Clerk completed her three (3) month record of activities. Resolution must be made to amend the Standard Resolution per Resolution #30(May 20, 2021 minutes) the estimate made per this resolution did not correlate with the record of activities maintained by the Town Clerk.

Resolution #45

Councilman Ford motioned,
seconded by Councilman Harrington,
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambridge/30647 hereby amends the following work days due to the difference in the Town Clerk hours and the three (3) month record of activities. The Standard Workday amendment will be reported to the New York Local Retirement based on the Clerk’s activities. The Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for the Elected Clerk will be posted on the Town Bulletin Board and Website for 30 Days.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Culvert Replacement Project

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to give Supervisor permission to sign the Electronic Signature of Contract Plans for the Culvert Replacement Project, for the Town of Cambridge located on Stump Church Road.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

American Rescue Plan

The Supervisor reported looking for the correct ‘lost revenue’ dollars due to covid. Margaret Shaw the Clerk to Supervisor has provided last 5 years of revenue streams. Some towns are hiring an auditor to do research and provide documentation for ARP. Not sure that we want yet, but Town Board was informed of the possible option.

Supervisor Fedler also mentioned that another Supervisor in a neighboring town is researching EMS services and who contributes what amount to EMS. This is being looked at for budget purposes.

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Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that both the mowers have been busy. They have had to clean up several trees due to storms. They have been hauling gravel and stone products and doing some grading. Shoulders have been cut on several roads. They have put down a blacktop shim on part of South Road and are planning to chip seal Whiteside Road soon. The Highway Superintendent has been having trouble getting parts and supplies, but so far, they have gotten what they need by going to different vendors or waiting until what they need is available again. Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. requested of the Town Board permission to look into ordering the next truck. If the truck is ordered now, it will not be here until 2023. This is already on the purchase schedule – '03 Truck replaced in 2023. The Board gave him permission to move forward to research the purchase of the 2023 truck.

Assessor Contract

Resolution #47

Councilman Bailey motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Ford,

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambridge reappoints Lenore Barber as Town Assessor starting October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 based on Agreement RPTL 1537.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Everything seems to be working well with contracting an Assessor with the County.

Supervisor reported that there were no inquiries about the vacant Planning Board position. The Supervisor has contacted a few people but has not heard back from them yet. She mentioned if any one has any ideas to notify the Supervisor.

Tax Cap Override Law

The Tax Cap Override will be put in place in case the budget goes over the tax cap, the same as done other years. The October Town Board meeting is always moved a week ahead due to Columbus Day. Therefore, the Town Board meeting and the Public Hearing for the Local Law #1 will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Resolution #48

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Harrington to set the Public Hearing for the Tax Cap Override Local Law #1 of 2021 for October 4, 2021 Town Board meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

- The Planning Board meet on September 2, 2021 with 3 members, secretary and 2 property owners.
- Karen Hayes presented a final survey map for a minor subdivision at 680 Lees Crossing Road – Tax Map #288.-1-24.1 109.58 acres. The Public hearing was held for Mrs. Hayes subdivision of 8.69 acres with the house. The 8.69 acres with the house will be sold and her son will be

keeping the remaining vacant farm land. The Planning Board did the Environmental survey and found no adverse impact and approved the Final survey.

- Dave Chesley presented a final survey of minor subdivision on 109 Durfee Road, tax map # 288.-1-15. His house is one side of Durfee road and his barns are on the other side. He split the two lots; they are naturally split by the road anyway. He has a total of 12.3 acres, he will be selling the side with the house which created 6.42 acres and keeping the side with the barns creating a 5.62 lot. He will also be doing a minor boundary line adjustment on the Southwest side of the lot with the house to convey .09 acres to neighbor Floyd Pratt. The Planning Board Secretary spoke with Bill Lapan in office so County Real Property said yes it could be all filed a 3-lot subdivision as long as it was approved per resolution that the .09 lot subdivision would be merged with the neighbor's lot. Mr. Lapan also suggested that Mr. Pratt have his Deed changed and filed with County Clerk. The Environmental survey was done and no adverse impact was found. The Planning Board approved the Final Survey map contingent upon new deed being filed and Mr. Pratt merging the .09 acres with his property.

Town Clerk Report

Just a reminder that DMP (Doe permits) are on sale until October 1st.

Privilege of the Floor

Resident Robert Townes from 1249 County Route 59 had a complaint about his property which is on County Route 59 and also borders on the backside of English road. He has been in touch with the Town Highway Superintendent and Supervisor within the last few years. The complaint is that the ditching on the side of the road is running is causing the water to run into his property and into area which used to be a pond in the past. He is saying that if he digs out his pond in the future it will be filled in by the runoff that has been purposely run into his property. He has requested that large ditching be done on the side of the road and run into the brook (rerouted to avoid his property). The Highway Superintendent is telling him that this cannot be done and it is not safe. In the winter months this could cause major problems with the road, safety hazard. The conversation did get rather heated. Councilman Harrington requested that public comment be closed.

Resolution #48

Councilman Harrington motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to close the public comment.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Letter was read by the Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt from resident Ron Gray located on the righthand side of the road as you enter the Village on County Route 59 and turn on State Route 372 in the Village. He is requesting a speed limit reduction, posting of hidden driveway signs in both directions, mirror mounted on the tree or pole in order for anyone exiting his driveway to see approaching traffic from both directions. His concern is that it is only a matter of time before someone is killed on this stretch of road due to limited visibility. It was determined that this is in the Village limits so the Town Clerk will forward the letter on to the Village Clerk.

Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk also mentioned that she was asked if the speed limit reduction in South Cambridge could be submitted again. There are many more children boarding the bus in South

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Cambridge for school, increased concerns in regards to the large truck, especially with harvest season coming. It was mentioned by the Town Board members to contact Brian Ziehm in regards to the Tiashoke trucks, they were sure that he would address the situation. It was also mentioned to contact the County about putting up school bus signs for another safety measure.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge