

Regular Board Meeting  
November 12, 2012

At the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor William Watkins  
Councilwoman Catherine Fedler  
Councilman Gerald Skiff  
Councilman Robin McMurray  
Councilman Douglas Ford

Others present: Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt, Town Justice Janet DeCarlo, Rani Bass, Lillian Herrington, LaVerne Davis, Don Jepson, Ralph Greenawalt, Bob Hamilton, Elton Balch, Terry Hamilton, Alan Davis Highway Superintendent, Astrid Davis, Henry Peabody, Leon Barkley, Ashleigh Morris from the Eagle, Holly McMurray, Liam McMurray, Tony Millington, Bonnie Farrell, Linda Burygone, Dick Sutherland, Nancy Maebus, Wendy Ford

Auditing of the bills

General	#244 – 274	\$24,224.90
Highway	#129 – 151	\$52,563.02

Supervisor Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM and immediately led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. Supervisor Watkins also reminded everyone that today was Veteran’s Day and asked the Veteran’s to stand and be recognized.

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #91

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to approve the September 26, 2012 Budget Workshop, October 8, 2012 Regular Meeting, and the October 24, 2012 Public Hearing for the 2013 Budget minutes. There was a correction in the September 26<sup>th</sup> minutes the fourth paragraph were it discusses the Town Justice Personal Services it should read the Personal Service A1110.12 for the Clerk to the Justice. In the same paragraph it refers to the contractual again in the last sentence and it should read: That \$25.00 was moved to the Town Justice Personal Services A1110.12 to raise it from \$1625 to \$1650. In the Regular meeting October 8<sup>th</sup> on page 3 in the Highway Superintendent report where it refers to the highwaymen replacing the culvert it should read that they replaced a 36’’ culvert on Center Cambridge Rd.

Vote:                      Ayes - 5                      Noes - 0

Lillian Herrington a resident of the Town of Cambridge reported that she was looking for volunteers that were interested in tying quilts that would be sent to the hurricane victims. They would be tying the quilts the week after Thanksgiving. She was also looking for people to donate Batting for the quilts, diapers, wipes, formula and cereal. Things could be left at the Town Hall and the Town Clerk would call her when things arrived.

Supervisor Watkins asked the Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt if she would make sure that the expired Planning Board position is advertised for 30 Days.

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Supervisor's Report  
Resolution#93

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the Supervisor's report for October 2012.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

The Supervisor made the public aware that a budget amendment must be made and he went on to explain the reasoning. The Salary of the Highway Superintendent was published with the public notice as \$36,500 as it was in the Preliminary Budget for 2013. If the salary amount was to be changed it must be changed before it is published in the paper such as at the Budget Workshop. Therefore, the Town Board had to make a budget amendment to change the salary back to the original amount in the Preliminary Budget.

Budget Amendment  
Resolution#93

Councilman McMurray motioned,  
Seconded by Councilman Skiff,  
Be It Resolved that the Town Board, in accordance with Town Law 107, 108 and 109, will amend the adopted budget dated October 24, 2012, so that the Highway Superintendent's salary will be \$36,500. This was the figure posted in the Preliminary Budget announcing the Public Hearing. Said amended budget must be adopted and the new budget conveyed to the County for recording. A copy of the amended budget will be in the Town Clerk's office for inspection.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

Adopting of the 2013 Budget  
Resolution#94

Councilwoman Fedler motioned,  
Seconded by Councilman Ford,  
Be It Resolved and Determined, that the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge does hereby adopt the 2013 Budget as the Annual Budget for the Town of Cambridge beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013 with budget figures of \$960,802 for total appropriations, less \$295,085 less estimated revenues, less \$76,150 unexpended balance resulting in \$589,567 to be raised by taxes.

Roll call Vote:           Supervisor Watkins – Aye  
                                  Councilwoman Fedler – Aye  
                                  Councilman Skiff – Aye  
                                  Councilman McMurray – Aye  
                                  Councilman Ford – Aye

Attached to these minutes will be a copy of the 2013 adopted budget.

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Transfer of funds to pay for Pick-up  
Resolution#95

Councilwoman Fedler motioned,  
Seconded by Councilman McMurray

Be It Resolved that the Town Board authorizes the transfer of Highway Reserve monies in the amount of \$22,634.00 to the working highway checking account, #7048104, in order to pay for the purchase of the Highway Department Ford Pickup Truck.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

Transfer of Funds  
Resolution#96

Supervisor Watkins motioned,  
Seconded by Councilwoman Fedler,

The first transfer was from B9060.8 employee benefits, Hospital/Medical Insurance to B9010.8 Employee Benefits, State Retirement to cover the annual invoice in the amount of \$82.62. The second Transfer is from B9060.8 Employee Benefits, Health/Medical Insurance to B3620.4 Code Enforcement, and Contractual in the amount of \$100.00 to cover expenses. The third transfer was from Contingent A1990.4 to A1110.4 Town Justice, Contractual in the amount of \$100.00 to cover expenses. The fourth transfer was from contingent A1990.4 to A1220.4 Supervisor, Contractual in the amount of \$19.40 to cover the cost of Payroll book for 2013. The fifth transfer was from contingent A1990.4 to A1010.4 Town Board, Contractual in the amount of \$27.32 to cover the public hearing ad. The sixth transfer was from contingent A1990.4 to A8160.4 Landfill, Closing in the amount of \$383.53 to cover invoice received for routine parameter testing.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

Assessor Report

The Supervisor reported that the Assessor is working on field work for the ReVal.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she received information from the Association of Towns on Schooling and the Annual Meeting. The 2013 Training School & Annual Meeting will be held at the New York Hilton Hotel, New York City, February 17 – 20, 2013.

Town Board

Supervisor Watkins mentioned the meeting with the Village in regards to licensing the dogs in the village. The people that attended the meeting were Town of White Creek and Cambridge Supervisor's, 2 Trustees from the Village, Town Board member from Town of Cambridge, and Ed Holland and Nancy Quell Dog Control. It was possibly discussed about doing an enumeration for the Town of Cambridge.

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Superintendent Alan Davis reported that the dump had been cleaned up. They also put up guard rails and chain across the opening; signs have been installed. The junk

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culverts have been taken to scrap and the Town received \$1,400 for them. The Highwaymen have hauled gravel a few days to stock pile at the shop, and they also did some ditching on Lees Crossing. They have also hauled some gravel and graded several lanes. Three of the trucks have been inspected and passed. The muffler has been replaced on truck #3 as well as the suspension blocks. The highwaymen got ready for the hurricane and cleaned up several downed trees afterwards. The front wheel bearing has been replaced on the old pickup truck. The plows have been put on all of the trucks, and they also replaced the bearing on underside of the sander for truck 8. Several large trees have been cut on Center Cambridge Road. The Old pickup truck has been put on auctions international and the end date will be December 9, 2012.

Councilman Ford mentioned that he had thought maybe the Town should consider getting a small truck to haul a trailer and possibly do patch work. This way they can avoid putting the lawn mowers in the loader bucket. It was questioned on how much they would spend and it was suggested possibly \$5,000. It was decided that they would hold off till they saw what they got for the pickup truck.

Councilman Skiff asked the Highway Superintendent about replacing the lights in the highway garage. Highway Superintendent Davis mentioned that the program through National grid would be a long pay back time.

Bids for the Fuel Oil

Highway Superintendent Alan Davis reported that he had only received one bid for fuel oil. He stated that he had called about the state contract but most of the towns are not using state contract, they are using local. He had contacted the Bid Source they said that they will not bid because it is too small of an amount. Mr. Davis reported on the fuel oil bid that was received from Main Care and the amounts given were #2 Ultra low Sulfur 17 cents over rack, Ultra low Diesel 20 cents over rack, Ultra low Kerosene 23 cents over rack. It was decided that the prices from Main Care were considerably lower than John Ray.

Resolution #97

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to use Main Care as the Fuel oil provider for the Town of Cambridge starting January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes - 0

Planning Board

None

Code Enforcement

LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement Officer reported that the Cambridge Valley Machine Shop would be putting on another addition. He explained that they would be taking out a portable shed and putting a building in place of it. He also explained that there was a new house being built on English Road and it would be started this week. The new house on Turnpike should be done by Christmas.

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Communications

The Supervisor provided information about income eligibility guidelines for HEAP which is a Home Energy Assistance Program. The information on the Monthly Income Eligibility Guidelines is available at the Town Clerk's office. The program opens November 19, 2012.

Unfinished Business

The Supervisor stated that the Town Board is still working on collecting information for a dump law. He stated that they have copies of laws from different towns. The Town will be referring to these laws to create their own

New Business

Supervisor Watkins has spoke with Dieter Drake and he will be speaking at the December meeting about the Tour of the Battenkill. It was mentioned that there was a concern about the liability of the bicycle race for the town. Dieter Drake has faxed a copy of the liability insurance to the Town Clerk's office and it has been filed.

County Report

The county is still working on their budget they say that it will be a 2.3% increase however it is a true 3 % increase, they carried 1% over from last year. The county is still trying to sell the recycling centers and Pleasant Valley Infirmary.

Privilege of the Floor

A resident of the Town Nancy Mabeus read a letter for the record stating her feeling in regards to the 2% raise for the employees. She explained that this pay raise was unreasonable in the present economy. Mrs. Mabeus also made a comment that this was the second time that she had referred to Deputy Fedler in her letters to the board about the increase in pay. Councilman Ford corrected her and stated that Councilwoman Fedler was not the only one that voted for the 5% raise for the highway superintendent, that he also voted yes.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was moved and carried to adjournment at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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