

Town Board Meeting
August 15, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held 15th day of July at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Ford

Councilman Bailey

Absent: Councilman Harrington, Councilwoman Wilmot

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent

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

Auditing of the Bills

General	#122 – 143	\$ 1,932.49
Highway	#81 – 97	\$204,936.98

The Supervisor mentioned that the Assessor is requesting to move her day from Wednesday to Saturday for the month of September.

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #35

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by councilman Bailey to approve the Supervisor's Report from July 2019.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Approving of the minutes

Resolution #36

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2019 meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Meeting was held Thursday, August 1, 2019, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. All members present, secretary, 5 people from the public.

Peter Bell represented Michael Murray with a survey of his property County Rt. 59 tax map #262.-2-12.5. He has subdivided out 11.47 acres off of the 43.25-acre lot. The Planning Board gave final approval to move forward with the final survey. The public hearing is scheduled for the September 5, 2019 meeting.

Mary Lennon was present at the meeting with a Sketch Plan for property located at 141 Gillis Road tax map 254.-1-37, 83.90 acres. Mrs. Lennon would like to create possible 5 lots including the parent lot. She said that on the south side of Gillis road this 43 acres has already been surveyed years ago. They never proceeded with this survey. On the Northside of the property they would like to create multiple lots. One lot would be the Farm house, school house with approximately 3 acres and LaVerne has

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already met with this gentleman about septic. Between the schoolhouse and the Farmhouse there is another lot being created of approximately 14 acres. The Planning Board requested that they see a better Sketch Plan for the Sept. 5th meeting. A full picture of the parcel with a better break down of the individual parcels.

Town Clerk Report

Reminder that Town Clerk's Office will be closed the week of August 19th – 23rd as it is every year. Messages and emails will be checked throughout the week. Notice has been put in the paper and posted on the website.

Hunting Licenses

2019 – 2020 Hunting Licenses went on sale August 1st. Hunters may apply for the Doe Permits DMP's up until October 1st.

The Town Clerk also reported that she had spoke to the Bob Wallace the IT Technician about upgrading to Windows 10 because as of January 1, 2020 Windows 7 is no longer supported. Still working on the Records Archives, going through outdated paperwork and disposing of.

Highway Report

Jim Buckley Jr. the Highway Superintendent reported that they are continuing to mow the roadsides and patch potholes around town. They have put shoulders on new pavement on Morris and Durfee roads. They have also paved Coila road and shimmed end of Perry Lane. They have started hauling in winter sand. They have replaced 2 windshields in dump trucks and had Viking Welding do some more work on body of truck #3. This is a concern because it was put together last year, how long will it hold up? DEC came and looked at the old dump on Vly Summit Rd. They said it was closed pre-PFOA so it should be ok. CHIPS reimbursement filled out and submitted to D.O.T. Bid specs for new loader were put out, only 2 were returned, Nortrax (John Deere) and Capital Tractor (Doosan). The bids were opened Thursday 8/8/19 and the Doosan Loader is the winner and the committee's recommendation.

When talking with the gentleman from DEC about the Vly Summit dump, he was the one that was involved in closing the Plains Rd. Dump and it is possible that testing could be reduced.

Purchase of the 2020 Doosan Loader

Resolution #37

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to award the bid to purchase the 2020 Doosan Loader to Capital Tractor in the amount of \$117,963.00 with a 60-month Full Warranty totaling \$7,123.63.

Vote:

Ayes – 3

Noes – 0

There was a short discussion about putting the old loader on Auctions International. However, they can not do this until they get the new loader.

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Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to transfer money from the Equipment Reserve to purchase the new loader.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes -0

County Report

The Supervisor explained that every year at the end of the year there is money owed to county. This includes tax bill corrections, small claims, other misc. charges. This money is due to the County end of October or can be rolled over into the tax bills.

Resolution #39

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to pay the County due in the amount of \$247.57 out of the Contingent A1990.4.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Resolution #40

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by councilman Bailey to transfer money out of the Town Hall Reserve as necessary to purchase the paint for the Town Hall.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes - 0

The Supervisor reviewed somethings that might affect the 2020 budget, and one of these is the Workers Comp. through the county. She mentioned that this is a separate line on the budget for the Town of Cambridge. This has increased \$1100-1200 more than in the past. As mentioned before the Town is liable for the first \$20,000.

The AIM funding was also mentioned and how it would not be coming through the channels as before. This would be a loss of \$8,995.00, it was mentioned that the State may kick back some to help the communities.

Tax Cap Override

The Supervisor mentioned that the Tax Cap Override law must be in place. Without this law in place, if the 2020 budget is over the Cap we will be penalized for it. The Supervisor said the Board should be thinking about this. The Tax Cap Override could be reviewed in September and have the Public Hearing in October.

Contract for the Assessor

A sample contract was given to the Town Board, this Agreement would be between the Washington County, Department of Real Property Tax Services and Town of Cambridge for Shared Services Plan for Assessment Services.

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Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey seconded to send the contract on to the Town Attorney Alan Wrigley for review.

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Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

The Supervisor reported that budget letters were signed and sent out. All budget request papers have been sent to all departments. The Supervisor asked if anyone on the Council was interested in a pay increase. They all responded no.

The Supervisor did mention that LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement did mention that he would like to raise the fees on the schedule. Supervisor Fedler did mention that the fees were similar to that of the County. Councilman Ford questioned if the Town of Cambridge could have a cease and a desist order (stop work order). It was decided to discuss this further at a later time.

Executive Session

The Town Board decided to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue.

Resolution #43

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 pm to discuss a Personnel issue.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Resolution #44

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to exit out of Executive Session at 8:50 pm.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Councilman Bailey asked if the Town Board could revisit Site Plan Review again and get the process started. Supervisor Fedler said that problem was that this would be restrictive on things in the Town. They would be working on the budget soon and suggested that wait till after the budget time.

The Supervisor mentioned again the Assessor would be working on Saturday between the hours of 9:00 to 3:00 pm, instead of Wednesday. As requested, by the Assessor the Town of Cambridge decided not to pay the split for the Assessor's schooling for September training.

Supervisor Fedler mentioned a few things that needed to be taken into consideration for 2020 budget. The parts and repairs for the Highway Department needs to be addressed and increased. It was mentioned that compared to other Towns ours is very small. Also, the Reserves there is not enough money being set aside for keeping up with the Equipment purchase plan.

The Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent mentioned that Pave NY is up next year and so is CHIPS cycle. So in regards to what happens next year for paving who knows?

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 of Cambridge

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