

Town Board Meeting  
August 14, 2023

The Regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Cambridge was duly called Monday, August 14, 2023 at Cambridge Town Hall, at 7:30 pm the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Councilman Robert McIntosh

Councilman Larry Carrino

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Others present: Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt, Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley, Jim Morris from the Eagle, Mark Spiezo and 4 other members of the Rescue Squad (Chris Blake, Jeanette Carman, Kelly Churchill, Anita Gabalski)

### **Auditing of the Bills**

General	#122 – 137	\$4,656.43
Highway	#82 – 91	\$12,293.41

Mark Spiezo was present from the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad, he introduced his colleagues that he works with. He handed out lots of reading material, State of EMS, State of Crisis, Mission & Vision Statement and Core Values and State of EMS in Washington County (Future of EMS in Washington County Workgroup). Mr. Spiezo explained that if the CVRS doesn't have the sustainability rate then they may not have the excellent call rate. The CVRS has responded to almost 1,500 separate calls this year. He mentioned that a big problem that the CVRS is facing is the number of volunteers has dropped significantly in the last few years. The CVRS is running in the "red" and they have had to do some major cuts in order to remain in the "black". Referenced the State of EMS, State of Crisis, the listing of what will be cut out of the budget, all listed on the third page: which includes Training, Technology, capital upgrades, volunteer incentives, uniforms, marketing material, replacement of aged equipment and all innovation. The CVRS is facing some major expenses, such as new cardiac monitors needed in all vehicles which are around \$45,000 each. The units that they are currently using are 10 years old. Another great expense is purchase of a new ambulance which is around \$240,000 to \$260,000. Mr. Spiezo/CVRS are asking from all three towns to contribute \$30,000 each, which is a total of \$90,000. This would include the Town of Cambridge, Jackson, White Creek. Mr. Spiezo says it is the Towns decision of what to contribute. Supervisor Fedler suggested CFA – States grant program, she suggested contacting Laura Oswald from the county for help with this. The Supervisor also suggested going to the State and Federal People to ask for money. The Town of Cambridge could not possibly afford this increase, she mentioned that the Town is faced with similar problems losing employees in the Highway department and not being able to hire anyone in. Mr. Spiezo also mentioned that he would like to have a formal service agreement with the Towns. Maybe even down the road possibly create a Rescue District. Supervisor Fedler mentioned that CVRS is an essential service and that they should look to the State for help. Presentation from the CVRS ended at 9:05 PM and the regular meeting continued.

### **Assessor Report**

Supervisor Fedler reported that there were 3 people that had filed small claims however, only 1 had done the paperwork. She did mention that across the board everything looks good.

**Transfers**

**Assessment Services**

**Resolution #44**

Councilman McIntosh motioned,  
Seconded by councilwoman Wilmot,  
Upon research it was found that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter assessment services invoice for 2022 was never sent to us. Thus, never paid.  
For that reason, we need to transfer money (\$3,516) to the account so that it can be paid. Monies will be transferred from the following accounts A1220.4 Supervisor, contractual \$700, A1010.4 Town Board, Contractual \$500, A1340.4 Budget Officer, Contractual \$1,100, A1420.2 Attorney, Equipment \$50, A1420.4 Attorney Contractual \$800, A9030.8 Employee Benefits, Social Security \$366. To A1355.1 Assessor, Personal Services.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

**Approving the Supervisor's Report**

**Resolution #45**

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilman McIntosh to approve the Supervisor's report for July 2023.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

**Approving of the Minutes**

**Resolution #46**

Councilman Carrino motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023 meeting as mailed.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

**Amending the 2023 Organizational Resolution**

**Resolution #47**

Councilman Carrino motioned Seconded by Councilman Bailey to amend Resolution #2 the 2023 Organizational Resolution

Whereas, the highway salaries have been amended as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, it has been noted that the Highway Superintendent will be in need of part-time help. Therefore, another adjustment to the highway salaries needs to be made. A new category of EXPERIENCED PT HEO, specifically over 5 years highway experience, needs to be added at the rate of \$21.00/hour, commencing with the date of August 15, 2023.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the category of EXPERIENCED PT HEO, specifically over 5 years highway experience, be included in the Organizational Resolution with a salary of \$21.00/hr., commencing on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

This was added and made higher in hopes that someone would fall in to this spot to run the excavator at \$21.00/hr.

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### **Mobile Home Ordinance**

A copy of Local Law #1 of year 2003 Town of Cambridge Mobile Home Ordinance was handed out to the Town Board so they could read it and review. Due to the issues that have been occurring with mobile homes/travel trailers it is possible that the Board should update this Ordinance.

### **Planning Board Report**

- Planning Board meeting was held on August 14, 2023 with 5 members present, secretary and 5 people from the Public.
- Barbara Goodyear (daughter Erin O'Neil) presented survey map for 137 Stage R. Tax Map #280.-2-12.3. Subdividing approximately 1 acre from 27.70 acres. Both parcels will eventually have a residence on them. Public Hearing will be held at next meeting September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Earl Horton is proposing a minor subdivision of Susan Criles property located at 107 Tingué Rd., Tax Map #261.-2-6. Of the 125 acres they will be subdividing 7-10 acres including the house and barn. Earl Horton will be purchasing the remaining farm land which is being put in the farmland trust with ASA.
- Copses Farm LLC. (Former owner was Pat Hepp) Tax Map #288.-1-23, 97 County Rt. 74, 100.30. Proposing to subdivide out 5 acres with the house. Brian Holbitter is the surveyor and Jacob Keasbey, his assistant presented the minor subdivision. The 5 acres and the house will remain with the Hepp family and Copses Farms, LLC will farm the remaining acreage.
- Next Planning Board meeting will be on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

### **Town Clerk Report**

- Hunting licenses went on sale as of August 1<sup>st</sup> and DMP's (Doe Permits) will be available till October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The King Rd property, Violation of Mobile trailer Ordinance. The trailer has been moved.
- The Town Clerk's office will be closed the Week of Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Regular hours will resume Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Highway Report**

- Highway crew have been busy cutting up trees and fixing roads after storms
- They have been out with the grader quite a bit.
- They have also been changing culverts on Cobble Road.
- The CHIPS paperwork for the September reimbursement has been sent to D.O.T.
- The County paved in front of the Highway garage and Town Hall
- NYMIR requested that all plow Trucks have battery disconnect switches. These were installed where needed.
- Stump Church Road bridge is done.

There being no further business before the Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Greenawalt/Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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