

Town Board Meeting
December 14, 2020

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

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Douglas Ford

Councilman Brian Harrington

Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Absent: Councilman Bruce Bailey

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Chandler from the Eagle

Auditing of the Bills

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| General | #206 – 238 | \$ 5,226.42 |
| Highway | #148 – 162 | \$54,617.38 |

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that they would not be reviewing the Snow Plow Policy tonight because the Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. is under quarantine for the COVID. He was exposed at the meeting that he attended at the County. The Supervisor mentioned that the numbers for COVID are really up.

Transfer of Funds

This transfer was secured by Verbal permission on November 20, 2020.

Resolution #61

Councilman Harrington motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to make the following transfer (on 11/20) to cover the GFN Account Analysis Service Fee: \$59.67 was transferred from contingent A1990.4 to A1340.4 Misc. Operating Expense: Bank Service Charge.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Transfer of Highway Funds

Resolution #62

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Harrington to grant permission to transfer \$48,844.00 from the Highway Reserve account to the Highway Machinery/Equipment account (DA5130.2) to pay for the purchase of the sander body for Truck #3, which was approved for purchase by Resolution #78 on December 9, 2019.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #63

Councilman Harrington motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the Supervisor's Report from November 2020.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #64

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Councilman Harrington motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the minutes from November 9, 2020 Town Board meeting with one correction. On Page 4 under the County Report it should read The Supervisor reported that Tourism contract has been renewed with Black Dog-Andrew Meader . The second sentence should read that This year Andrew Meader was instrumental in getting Air B&B signed agreement to collect occupancy tax estimated at \$12,000.

BAR and Planning Board Appointments

Bob Wright would still like to be on the BAR; however, he would like to be appointed on a yearly basis. It was suggested that appoint him to a 5-year term with the understanding that he could resign at any time. With his health and age, Bob is concerned how long he will be able to serve on the BAR. Judy Leon has decided that she would no longer like to serve on the Planning Board. The Town Clerk and the Supervisor have been chasing people around that might be interested.

Resolution #65

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Harrington to reappoint Bob Wright to the BAR for a five-year term from December 14, 2020 to September 30, 2025, with the understanding that he can resign at any time.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes - 0

Year End Meeting

The Date was set for the Year End Meeting for Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Planning Board Report

The Planning board Meeting was held December 3rd with 4 members and Secretary present. Judy Leon's position on the Planning Board is up as December 31, 2020. Judy was interested in the position but has changed her mind. The Planning Board members discussed the upcoming webinars available for training purposes. They all said they would possibly attend the one on the 8th of December and also the January 5, 2021.

Next Planning Board Meeting will be January 7, 2021

Assessor Report

I have spoken with Lori the Assessor and we have decided to have a box for residents to drop their exemptions in. Lori said that she would mention this in here letter that she encloses with the renewals. I will daily clip the exemptions all together and put on the Assessor's desk dated.

Town Clerk Report

As discussed before for taxes there will be a box to drop and go for taxes. For those who do not want to wait for a receipt, it will be mailed as usual. Payment accepted in person at the window.

Highway Superintendent Report

The Supervisor reported in Jim Buckley's Jr. absence. The truck body has been put on truck #3(transfer was done earlier in the meeting). There has been an issue on Conley Road with the ditch, a resident is requesting that work be done, road is too narrow. Resident went in the ditch. The Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent have been in touch with the County. The County has looked at the road and

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says it is fine. The Superintendent attended the Highway Association meeting and this is why he is under quarantine. The Highway crew have been working on repairs and have plowed snow twice. The Supervisor also mentioned that the Highway Superintendent was working on the Plan that the Governor has requested the Towns have in place.

Code Enforcement

The Supervisor reported that there are still some problems at the county level but they are moving along the best that they can.

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Councilwoman Wilmot reported that she attended the Bird Sanctuary in Buskirk, the Featherweald which is in the Rensselaer Land Trust. There is approx. 9-mile trail that can be walked for bird watching and Bird Nesting Area. The nesting area is closed February 1 – August 31.

Councilman Harrington said he also attended the Bird Sanctuary. He also mentioned that the Digital speed limit sign had been placed in Coila.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge