

Town Board Meeting  
July 13, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015 at the Town Hall, the following present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler  
Councilman Douglas Ford  
Councilwoman Susan Herrington  
Councilman Gerald Skiff

Absent: Councilman Robin McMurray

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Terry Hamilton, Ashley Morris from the Eagle, Robbie McIntosh

Supervisor Fedler called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and immediately led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#102 – 122	\$ 6,349.35
Highway	#101 – 116	\$87,254.86

County

Supervisor Fedler reported that she attended the Senior picnic last week that was put on by the Office of the Aging, there were 300 people there they played games. Government opts. Committee through public health is looking for a new electronic reporting system; it is going to be more streamlined compared to what public health has now. At the County they are still discussing the sale of Argyle property, as they have for many months. Reminder to return the Washington County Broadband surveys, they can be returned up till the end of month. They can be dropped off at the Town Hall and the Supervisor will take them to the County. Public was also asked to participate in the County Ag and Farmland survey. Sam Hall gave a report on Veterans Services. There is a soldierette program that helps prepare with guidance and reprieve for people that are caring for soldiers that are severally disabled. The supervisor also reported that the DPW committee is always working on shared services and they are looking at a new computer system. This new system will help make them more efficient, track the equipment better and tell how long it takes someone to do the job. They figure this system will take less than a year to pay for itself. A report was also given on the different types of paving that they can do and how money can be saved.

The County has hired a new County Administrator pending Board Approval. The new hire will be starting as Deputy County Administrator the end of August so they can train with the current Administrator during budget season. The next position that they will be hiring is Bill Cook's position in the 911 center, due to his retirement.

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution#35

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Councilman Skiff motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 minutes with one correction. On the top of page 3 it was requested by Supervisor Fedler that the first sentence be reworded. The sentence should read: While speaking with Municipal Financial Advisor Supervisor Fedler was told once we have a BAN or RAN resolution written we'd be able to continue to use the framework of the resolution.

Vote:           Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #36

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the June 2015 Supervisor Report.

Vote:           Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

Transfer of Funds

Resolution #37

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to transfer money from the Contingent A1990.4 to A8160.4 in the amount of \$253.64 for Landfill Costs.

Vote:           Ayes - 4                   Noes – 0

Assessor's Report

Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk reported for the Assessor due to her absence. The final Roll was ready on July 1, 2015. The Assessor's office will be closed on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Assessor can be contacted through email ([cambridgeassessor@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgeassessor@gmail.com)). The new Star Exemption forms are online and outside the Assessor's office. Steve Peluso from the State is still out in the field.

Town Clerk

None

Planning Board

The Town of Cambridge Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday July 2, 2015, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall with 4 members present, secretary and 1 person from the public.

- 1.) Chair Eric Pearson reported that he received a 2015 Planning and Zoning Summer School training registration form from the Association of Towns. This had a variety of dates and destinations that could be attended for training, registration fees were \$80.00. Planning Board discussed about the amount of credits that were required, which is 4 credits each year.
- 2.) Schmidt Subdivision – Dan Schmidt submitted preliminary survey for 19.052 acre minor subdivision of Oak Hill and King Rd. He owns 62.8 (280.-2-11.1) acre parcel at the intersection of Oak Hill Rd. and King Rd. and is seeking a

subdivision in order to convey acreage to Matt Trinkle. Mr. Trinkle owns a 1.38 acre (280.-2-11.3) lot approximately in the middle of Mr. Schmidt's property that fronts onto Oak Hill Rd. Mr. Trinkle wants to increase the size of his property. The remaining 43.75 acres will still be owned by Mr. Schmidt. The survey map was carefully reviewed as well as the application. The Board found no problems with the survey map. The Environmental Assessment Form was completed by the board.

The Town of Cambridge Planning Board granted Preliminary Approval to Dan Schmidt for the 19.052 acre minor subdivision located at the intersection of Oak Hill and King Rd.

A public hearing for the Schmidt Subdivision will be scheduled for August 6, 2015 meeting.

#### Highway Superintendent Report

Supervisor Fedler read Highway Superintendent's Report. During the month of June they finished grading and applying calcium. They ditched and cut brush in several spots around the town. White Creek helped: 1 man, 1 truck. When the weather permitted, they hot patched. The lower section of Gillis Road and the section of Stump Church Road from County Rte. 74A to Kenyon Road were paved. After paving, the shoulders were done. White Creek helped: 3 men, 1 truck. Brake can was replaced on the '03 Sterling. Brake can and slack adjuster on the '98 truck were replaced. Compliance of the DEC violations were completed. They helped White Creek for one day: 3 men, 3 trucks. Everyone (5) attended an all day safety course. Gravel was drawn on various dirt roads as well as stock piled at the shop. A steel post went into the fan and through the radiator on the roadside mower doing \$2,300 worth of damage. For the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, the cemeteries were all mowed and trimmed, with the Village's help (5 men).

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Councilwoman Herrington reported that the picnic has been well advertised. She has spoken with Barbara Kingsley and together they have posted posters around town. The pavilion has been reserved for the fee of \$60.00 for 30 people. The picnic will happen rain or shine, there is a walk in cooler and charcoal grill. It was mentioned at the meeting that the cost would be divided up between the Town Board members of both towns. It was also discussed what some board members would bring.

Councilman Ford suggested that because Eric Shaw would not be running for Highway Superintendent that they should think about creating a Highway Committee. The Highway Committee would be established and hopefully Eric Shaw would be willing to be on the committee. It was briefly discussed that possibly the Supervisor, Eric Shaw, Councilman Ford

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and Gerald Skiff be on the committee. It was mentioned that the Town of Easton has one of these committee's and that Supervisor Fedler would speak with them. This was still in the early stage and needs to be discussed more. They were hopeful if one of this committee was created that this would keep the Town running efficiently, smoothly and save money.

Councilman Skiff asked the Supervisor if she had heard from Senator Marchione in regards to grant money and also whether a Public Notice has to be done in order to override the tax cap. The State Officials did not realize that a law must be in place to override the tax cap. Supervisor Fedler stated that she would like to have this all in place for this budget season if it was needed. Councilman Skiff also wanted to know if they were going to discuss the White Creek Site Plan Review. Supervisor Fedler said that the Town Board has the say and enough of the public is asking for this that it should be addressed. Supervisor Fedler said that next month they would review the White Creek Site Plan Review. She did mention that the situation with the Hospital property should have woken everyone up.

Resident Robbie McIntosh said that this conservation next month needs to lead to something; he said that the hospital situation could have hurt the town.

Councilwoman Herrington asked if there were any packets for residents that were moving in the Town. It was suggested maybe a Welcome packet be made up, this would include deadlines, important numbers, etc. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt said that she could get together with Councilwoman Herrington and work on putting something together.

#### Communications

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt read a letter from resident Aimee Smith at 361 Stevenson Rd.. She was requesting that the speed limit for Stevenson Rd. be reconsidered and posted. She was concerned about the fast speed that people were driving and that there were children, walkers, runners, cyclists, all hoping to safely use this road. It was decided by the Town Board that this would be looked into further before making a decision. Councilman Ford said that he would speak to people on the road, hear their concerns and report back.

Supervisor Fedler reported that they received a Thank You from Sally Eddy in regards to the resolution of appreciation and generous gift card.

#### Town Justice Report

Supervisor Fedler reported that for the first 6 months of 2015 – the Financial Report for the judge said that she had a total of \$4825.00. The Town Justice requested that both copies be signed and that one be returned for her and the other stay on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Fedler reported that she was contacted by Theresa Worthy the Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of White Creek and she wanted to invite the Town of Cambridge to come to meeting

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Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at Mountain View Drive, Vince Canini would be speaking about equalization rate.

Privilege of the Floor

Resident Robbie McIntosh mentioned that the discussion of Site Plan Review was long overdue and something needs to come out of this.

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

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