

Town Board Meeting
July 10, 2023

The Regular Town Board of the Town of Cambridge was duly called Monday, July 10, 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, Ann Schneider, Jim Morris Reporter from the Eagle

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

Auditing of the Bills

General	#106 – 121	\$1,469.02
Highway	# 67 – 81	\$133,776.14

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #42

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by councilman Carrino to approve the Supervisor's Report from June 2023

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Councilman McIntosh had a question on why on the Highway report there is \$41,000 available in funds, removed from one of the accounts? When the chips payment came in of \$195,082.41. Supervisor Felder explained needed the \$41,000 to pay the bills and the \$195, 082.41 will be deposited back in the back to replenish the accounts. Supervisor Fedler said that don't just have that money setting around for paying paving bills, they must withdraw from different accounts. Councilman McIntosh was also wondering what the interest on the available funds is? Supervisor Fedler did not know off the top of her head.

Approving of the minutes

Resolution #43

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2023 minutes and the June 21, 2023 Special meeting with the following corrections:

- June 12th meeting – Just to Clarify on page 1 Ag & Farmland protection – It is the Ag & Farmland Protection Board that reviews all applications, they are viewed and rated.
- June 12th meeting – on page 2 resolution #39 the Supervisor wanted to make sure that it is understood that variety of reasons that gave a mid-year wage increase for Highway men. Highway crews are short everywhere want to keep up with retention, stay ahead of minimum wage, the board does not want to set a precedent.
- June 21st meeting – On the bottom of page 1 Right after the part where Councilman McIntosh asked for short discussion on pay increase: Should be added that Councilwoman Wilmot mentioned that if we are looking for another employee then anymore of an increase is going to impact the budget.

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Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Councilman McIntosh asked if any luck finding anyone for the opening in the Highway Department. Highway Superintendent reported no! Supervisor Fedler reported that no one is finding people to work.

Supervisor Fedler reported that working on the situation on King Road. The Supervisor and the Town Clerk are both dealing with situation, they have been in touch with Code Enforcement and Town Attorney.

Town Clerk Report

- Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that paperwork has been filed for Local Law No. 4 of 2023 Moratorium prohibiting Large Scale Solar, Wind and Alternative Energy.
- As the Supervisor has already reported Town Clerk has been touch with Alan Wrigley on the issue with the King Road property, Violation of Mobile trailer Ordinance. Another letter has been sent to the land owner and the people residing at the property.
- With the help of Assessor and Highway Superintendent, the new lock box has been installed outside the Town Hall.

Planning Board Report

- Planning Board met on July 10, 2023 with 4 members present, secretary and 1 land owners.
- Chad Varney was at meeting from 40 Wilderness Way, Tax Map#254.-1-31, this was a boundary line adjustment with the neighbor's property Randy Pickering at 38 Wilderness Way. This Property line adjustment was approved last year July 7, 2022 and the map was never filed. So due to never being filed the map had to be stamped again.
- Next Planning Board meeting will be on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Assessor Report

- 2023 Final Roll filed 28th of June.
- Grievance Notices mailed the middle of June that the 2023 Reval is completed.
- The Town of Cambridge is at 100% Equalization rate – notification has been received from the state.
- Everyone on the Town Board mentioned what a great job the Assessor Arek Gordon has done with the Reval. Also mentioned that the BAR has taken their time and reviewed all information and they had 2 meetings to complete everything.

Highway Report

- Highway crew have been mowing the roadsides.
- They have done some grading and put down some calcium.
- They have put down shoulders on Turnpike and South roads, and Perry Lane
- They have participated in Safety days at the Washington County Fair Grounds
- Assisted Salem with a road project
- Mowed cemeteries for July 4th

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- Due to a series of flat tires, they are replacing the tires on the grader
- Still a man short on the crew
- The Stump Church Road project appears to be nearing completion. It looks like mostly guide rails and paving left.

Supervisor's Report

- The Supervisor reported that mortgage tax checks came in very nice within budget. However, have to be very cautious raising this item line in the budget because eventually this will stop.
- The Supervisor did mention that complaint on Air B & B on Conley Road. Also complaint traffic issue/road not being passable, due to being blocked by the individuals at the party.
- Councilwoman Wilmot mentioned that the Highway crew did a great job getting the trees off the roads from the bad storms last week.
- Jim Buckley notified that the next meeting for Flood/FEMA would be August 2nd. Looks like shrinking the Flood Zones.
- Supervisor Fedler mentioned that she had no county report due to taking some time off and going camping. Only 4 meetings missed!

- The Supervisor mentioned that more money available for municipality projects, AEM. Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley mentioned that he has seen amazing projects done with this money such as soil and water control in regards to runoff flooding – equipment owned in conjunction with the county. Mentioned that the money usually goes 40/60 Soil & Water. Ag being first, Municipality 2nd and then Landowner 3rd.

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Councilman Carrino asked about the Hospital Property and if the not for profit was at a standstill. There was nothing to report on this.

Solar Committee

It was mentioned that Councilman McIntosh and Councilman Carrino would be working on the Sub Committee for creating the Solar Law. After Councilman McIntosh and Councilman Carrino meet, they will talk with the rest of the Board. Then they will also ask the Planning Board if they have any messages or feedback. Councilman Bailey did mention that do not seem to get anywhere by trying to discuss during the Board Meeting. He said that first steps would be what are the priorities?

There being no further business before the Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge