

Town Board Meeting  
March 13, 2023

The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Cambridge was duly called Monday, March 13, 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 Jr., Jeff Bullock, Susan Herrington, Howie Herrington, Jim Morris Eagle Newspaper, Sally Eddy, Nelson Eddy, Ted Flint, Madeline Flint, Ann Schneider

The Supervisor led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

The Supervisor mentioned that there was no need for a new Local Law for Grievance day, the current law was correct.

Susan Herrington a resident of the Town was present at the meeting to speak about NYS voters roll audit. She presented to the Town Board the Resolution for an Audit of the New York State 2022 General Election. She also handed out a sheet, Washington County Election fact sheet. She mentioned that several Counties and Towns have already supported this resolution. Mrs. Herrington read the entire resolution to the Town Board and asked of them to consider supporting this resolution. The Supervisor said that the Town Board would discuss this later in the meeting and determine how they would precede.

Councilman Bailey mentioned that in order to take up resolution someone on the Town Board would have to make a motion to discuss this issue. Councilman Carrino was going to make a motion.

Susan Herrington mentioned that the voter's integrity is at stake here, this is very important – there is fraud in the Election voter polls. She wanted everyone to realize that it is not just one party: (not just republican or democrats). She thanked the Town Board for their time.

#### **Auditing of the Bills**

General	#29 – 50	\$ 4,833.11
Highway	#16 – 29	\$11,010.20

#### **Supervisor's Report**

##### **Resolution #18**

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the Supervisor's report from February 2023.

Vote:                      Ayes – 5                      Noes – 0

#### **Amending the minutes**

##### **Resolution #19**

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh to make a correction/amendment to the January 9, 2023 minutes. Resolution #5 in the January 9<sup>th</sup> minutes should be \$30,438 not \$34,038.

Vote:                      Ayes – 5                      Noes – 0

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**Accepting in the Money from County Route 60**

**Resolution #20**

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by councilwoman Wilmot to accept in the funds from County Route 60 as unanticipated revenue DA2302 with the funds assigned to DA5142.4 Snow Removal, Contractual, in the amount of \$30,438.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

**Approving of the minutes**

**Resolution #21**

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2023 minutes as mailed.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

**Planning Board Report**

- Planning Board meeting held March 2, 2023 with 5 members present, secretary, 2 people from the public.
- Survey map was presented by Jacob Trinkle for his father’s property located at 291 Dickenson Road, tax map #280.-1-9. The proposed minor subdivision is to subdivide the house on the corner of Belle and Dickenson Road, out from the farm and the property. The total acreage of the parcel is 214.5 acres. The house is being subdivided out with 1.03 acres. The only concerns that the Planning Board had at last meeting was the boundary line from the large barn which is 55 ft on the survey map. Planning Board had no other concerns. Planning Board gave permission to proceed to Public Hearing at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Only a few Planning Board members had time to read the sample Solar Law.
- Next Planning Board meeting will be on April 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

**Town Clerk Report**

- Taxes are still being collected; 1<sup>st</sup> penalty period has ended as of February 28<sup>th</sup>. The delinquent tax letters have been mailed out the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. The last day to pay taxes at the Town of Cambridge office is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Taxes will go back to the Washington County Treasurer April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Local Laws 1, 2, 3 have been filed with the Secretary of State and notification has been received that they have been filed. The Real Property office has been notified laws passed and copies received.
- No need for the change on the Local Law on Grievance Day, have been in contact with the Assessor and Real Property office and the law is correct.

**Highway Report**

- Had to plow/sand several times.

- They are trying to keep the potholes in gravel roads filled. It is rough with all the freezing and thawing.
- They have cut back and cleaned up some brush and trees.
- The county is planning on doing a salt bid or piggyback to save money. Highway Supt. Has gave them the Town's average use of tonnage. Last year they saved \$20/ton.
- The body for Truck #4 has been ordered, not sure when coming in possibly September.
- Highway Supt. has gotten prices on a pick-up and plow. DeNoyer Chevrolet thinks they will be getting some in, in September or October. This would be a Chevy 3500/gas. The Highway Supt. Mentioned that the town is behind on the equipment plan, looks like price would be possibly \$52,000 truck, \$7,100 plow, however nothing definite on the price.
- Jim Buckley Jr. the Highway Supt. has also talked with Jeff Delurey about another tandem truck. He expects the order board to open up in April or May. There is already a waiting list and trucks are expected to be 16-18 months after they are ordered. The price is expected to be about \$330,000.00.
- Highway Supt. Mentioned the salt brine that the county is using and some of the other towns. He said that this salt brine helps keep the snow and ice from binding to the black top and scrapes off easier. Jim High Supt. said that he is not completely sold on this method. He said that he needs to watch the other Towns and see how this works during a normal winter. This year is hard to tell such a warm winter. He did mention that the ratio on this brine is a science 23.7% and must stay with that amount.

Councilman Bailey asked if considered a different kind of truck, Mac, etc. Highway Superintendent said that it was hard to get the other kind of trucks.

The Highway Superintendent mentioned that the Gray Pickup truck he would like to make into a calcium trailer, to save on the blue truck. This is so it does not rot out.

There was also a concern about the house that the Amish would be building on King Rd., signs would need to be put up when they moved in.

#### **Town Insurance (NYMIR)**

The Supervisor reported that the insurance was higher than what was expected. The increase with the new truck and also the expense of cyber security, there was a 150% increase. Inflation was 6%. With an increase of the deductible on everything to a \$1,000, there was a \$478.50 savings.

#### **Resolution #22**

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to raise the deductible to \$1,000 for the renewal of the annual insurance 2/23/20223.

Vote:

Ayes – 5

Noes – 0

#### **Supervisor Report**

- Supervisor Fedler mentioned that need to decide what want to do with the Assessor Contract. Should the town stay with County or find an Assessor and go back to an appointed Assessor. Need to decide by Summer.

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- Supervisor Fedler mentioned that there are 3 things that are going on in the Village. If anyone is approached by residents, should refer them to the Village. Village has received a USDA Federal grant for the sewage project, many issues (Village is not moving forward with this project). Revitalization grant is separate project that has to do with Vrak Park and the Library expansion and they are moving forward with this. The Hospital is another project for Planned development, this is a zoned area and needs to be submitted correctly and will go to the Village Planning Board.
- The Town of Cambridge has been served and had to go into Executive Session.

**Executive Session**

**Resolution #23**

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by councilwoman Wilmot to enter into Executive Session at 9:02 PM.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

**Resolution #24**

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to exit out of Executive Session at 9:10 PM.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

Town Board gave the Town Clerk permission to purchase a new vacuum and Swiffer wet jet for the purpose of cleaning the Town Hall.

The Assessor hours at the Office are 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.

**Privilege of the Floor**

Susan Herrington was present at the meeting to request of the Town Board to consider supporting the Resolution for an Audit of the New York State 2022 General Election. She read the audit resolution word for word out loud to the Town Board.

- Supervisor Fedler’s response was that she was not comfortable signing anything until this goes through the Lawyer.
- Councilman Bailey said that the Board of Elections should have some say on what they are being accused of. Resolution should be made by the Town.
- Councilman Carrino says the lawyer should look at the resolution. He does think that this should be addressed, could be problem with the rolls. Could be bad housekeeping/bookkeeping in the voting rolls.
- Councilwoman Wilmot was asking if there were Democrats and Republicans on the committee.
- Councilman McIntosh said that he tried to find the group online, but very opaque and info on who is funding. (Volunteer group, Susan Herrington, non-profit group)

Susan Herrington mentioned that the NYS voters roll is not matching the County Board of Election roll. Supervisor Fedler said would have to wait and see what the Town Attorney says!

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**Solar**

Councilman Carrino reported that Steve from Jackson Planning Board said that the Borego Solar project, has been sold to someone else. The new company has talked with Nationalgrid and they are 2 years away from putting 3 phase in. In regards to the Solar Model Law things need to be improved upon, ex. Changes of the owner of the project.

Jeff Bullock a resident of the Town of Cambridge that lives on Kenyon Road, introduced himself and he is planning on running for Town Justice. He was still hoping to be put in the training class for Justice in April rather than December after the Election. He requested of the Town Board to think about this option. The Board said that they thought this would be an unfair advantage to any other candidates.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge