

Town Board Meeting
November 14, 2022

The Regular Town Board Meeting of Town of Cambridge was duly called Monday, November 14, 2022 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: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Margaret Shaw Clerk to the Supervisor, Jim Morris from the Eagle

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

Public Hearing for the Tax Cap Override

The Public Hearing for the Local Law #2 of 2022 for the Tax Cap Override was opened at 7:33 PM. The Supervisor calling for Public Comment three times, there being no comment the Public Hearing was closed at 7:34 PM.

Public Hearing for 2023 Budget

Supervisor Fedler opened the Public Hearing for the 2023 Budget and the Fire Contracts at 7:35 PM. The Supervisor mentioned that the budget was currently at 3.025 increase. However, due to dismissal of litigation since presenting budget some changes could be made in the budget. Several recommendations were made by Supervisor Fedler. Councilman McIntosh recommended \$1000 increase to budget officer and clerk. Discussion was held. The following changes were made to budget. It was suggested unexpended balance in A was decreased to \$37,000, contracted services line B1420.4 lowered by \$6700 and revenue DB1120 increased by \$6700. Budget officer and clerk A1340.1 and A1340.12 were increased by \$1000 each.

Resolution #50

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to add an additional \$1,000 to Budget Officers lines A1340.1 and A1340.12.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0 Abstain – 1 Supervisor Fedler

Then the Supervisor went over the changes in calculations for the lines due to the money changes. The final amount to be raised by taxes is \$778,560 which would be a 2.8% increase.

The Supervisor called three times for public comment and being none, she closed the Public Hearing for the 2023 Budget at 8:08 PM.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#170 – 190	\$12,143.22
Highway	#120 – 134	\$28,555.52

Supervisor's Report

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Resolution #51

Councilman Carrino motioned, Seconded by Councilman McIntosh to approve the Supervisor's reports for September and October of 2022.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Approving of the minutes

Resolution #52

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh to approve the October 3, 2022 minutes as mailed with one correction on page 3 Resolution #49 should read contingent upon the County budget.

Vote: Ayes -5 Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler Reported that there has been discussion at the County level that the cost of Assessment Service could possibly increase. They are doing a cost analysis to determine this.

Supervisor Fedler reported that she was notified by Judge Molea that he will be moving, his house is on the market. He has an offer on his house and is hoping that everything will be done by early December. It is possible that the Town could do shared Judges or court consolidation. Matt Chivers with the court system will help the Town with this transition. The Judge said he will submit his resignation as soon as the house sells. Supervisor Fedler said then she would reach out to Matt Chivers. Councilwoman Wilmot said that she would reach out to the Judge about doing the audit paperwork. The Supervisor thanked the Town Justice for his years of service to the Town.

Supervisor Fedler also reported in regards to the Local Development Corp, Washington County representative has decided to step down for Cambridge. Brian Harrington at one time filled this position, Marion Watkins was doing it now. The Supervisor will fill in till she finds someone else.

Supervisor reported the Town of Cambridge had more sales than anticipated and we are over budget on mortgage tax revenue. Concerned we will not be so lucky next year with increased rates slowing down in the housing market.

Approving of the Local Law #2 Tax Cap Override

Resolution #53

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to adopt the Local Law #2 Tax Cap Override.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Approving of the 2023 Town Budget and Fire Contracts

Resolution #54

Councilman Carrino motioned,
Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot,
Be It Resolved and Determined, that the Town of Cambridge Town Board adopts the 2023 Budget as amended and presented at the Public Hearing as the Annual Budget for the Town of Cambridge beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 with the budget figures of \$1,327,591 for

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total appropriations less \$412,031, less estimated revenues less \$137,000 unexpended balance resulting in \$778,560 to be raised by taxes.

Be it further Resolved, that the Cambridge Town Board accepts the fire contract with the Village of Cambridge Fire Department for year of 2023 \$37,888, the Easton Fire Department \$9,100 and the Buskirk Fire Department \$18522.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

Planning Board meeting was cancelled for this month, due to Gardineer's not being ready with their survey yet for 157 Kenyon Rd.

The next Planning Board meeting will be Thursday, December 1, 2022.

Town Clerk Report

Jaki from Repeat business reached out to the Town Clerk and they met on October 6th, in regards to the copier being obsolete and possibly replacing. Repeat Business had some used copiers as an option for purchase or lease. The Town Clerk received the yearly copier contract from Repeat business for the old copier. This threw a red flag because if copier is obsolete why would they renew the contract. This was questioned! Repeat Business said that was their mistake and they would not be renewing the contract. This contract received was on the date of the expiration of the current contract. The Town Clerk was in touch with Jaki about possibly getting toner cartridge and a cleaning of the machine not realizing that the contract had already expired. They then tried to sell the Town a 90-day Legacy Contract for the charge of \$118.77 to do the cleaning. Notified them that the Town is not interested in extending the contract. Emailed and called them requesting the toner for no fee, which is always included in the contract. At this point in time, it is best to continue with the copier we have and purchase toner online as needed.

I have reached out to Keanna Sartari about cleaning the town hall.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that the Highway Crew has finished mowing the roadsides, did some grading on gravel roads and pothole patching. They have cut back some brush and trees along roads. They have gotten the trucks ready for plowing and sanding. The Highway Superintendent has talked to NYS DOT about installing a mirror across from Maxwell Lane because of lack of visibility – said they would trim trees back. The new plow truck should be here by end of the month. Talked briefly about purchasing a new pickup.

Fuel Oil Bids

Resolution #55

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to go out to bid for Fuel oil for Dec. 2022 – Dec. 2023. The Fuel oil bids will be opened at the December 12th meeting.

Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

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Councilman Carrino handed out the Local Law from the Town of Schaghticoke for Solar. He also reported that the Town of Jackson entered another 6-month moratorium to finish their Local Law on Solar. Town of Jackson has not heard anything on the Boreggo solar project. The Town of Cambridge Solar moratorium is up as of December, this was passed at the June 13th meeting.

Councilman McIntosh said that needed a Comprehensive Plan in place in order to move forward with Solar Law. Councilman Bailey said that the Town needed to work towards this. The Town of Cambridge is not in great danger of being over run by solar farms. They do not have the accessibility of the 3-phase power.

The Town Board will address the extension of the Town of Cambridge Solar Moratorium at the December 12th meeting.

Planning Board position expiring

Ron Ford's position on the Planning Board will expire as of December 31, 2022 and he is no longer interested in being on the Planning Board. A notice must be run in the paper for one week and the Town Board will review the applicants at the December 12th meeting. Town Board gave permission to move forward.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge