

Town Board Meeting
October 4, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called October 4, 2021 at the Town Hall; the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Douglas Ford

Councilman Brian Harrington

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Others present: Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt, Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr., Valerie Morigerato, Robbie McIntosh

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

Auditing of the Bills

General	#178 – 191	\$ 1,752.51
Highway	#114 – 123	\$11,941.78

Resolution #50

Supervisor's Report

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the Supervisor's report from September 2021.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #51

Transfer of funds

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Harrington to transfer money from Contingent A1990.4 in the amount of \$250.00 to Town Hall, Personal Services (cleaning Town Hall) A1620.1.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #52

Approving of the minutes

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2021 meeting with a couple corrections/additions. The Supervisor requested that it be mentioned what the abbreviations stand for: ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act

CLFR - Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery

The correction to the minutes are on page 2, resolution #44 cash A200 has been taken out, and then on the bottom of page 2 under the American Rescue Plan - for the amount of 2,000 etc., this part should be taken out!! Corrections have already been made to last month's minutes.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

None

Town Clerk Report

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Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she has had a large increase in hunting license sales for the month of September – sales have more than doubled.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that roadside mowing has been finished. They are still out with the Boom Arm mower. They have started hauling sand, patched potholes with the Hot Box. They have also done spot grading and gravelling. Replaced some culverts and did some ditching. The excavator is currently out of commission – drive motor. They chip sealed Whiteside Road with White Creek and Jackson. SLIC has been around looking at what needs to be done to hook up their part of the Internet project. Have been working on Tandem Truck prices. The Highway Superintendent handed out an updated proposed purchasing schedule for the Highway Dept. He said that next year should be looking at purchasing Pickup and Plow and also considering Excavator (doesn't necessarily have to be new). It was discussed last meeting that 2023 needed to purchase new Tandem truck with plow and sander. It suggested that in 2024 or 2025 should be thinking about a newer Grader and a single axle dump truck with plow and sander. Somewhere during these years said we will probably need to replace at least one truck body, possibly two.

Listing of the conditions:

- Cat 120 G Grader 1989
- Hitachi Ex60 excavator 1991
- Truck #5 1998 IH 2500
- Truck #4 2005 IH 7600 – body poor
- Truck #2 2007 IH 7600 – body ok -but deteriorating

Copy of the 2021 Highway Department inventory has been submitted and is on file in the Town Clerk's office for viewing.

Resolution #53

Fuel Oil Bids

Supervisor Fedler motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to go out to bid for fuel oil for the year of 2022.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes - 0

Public Hearing for Local Law #1 Tax Cap Override

Supervisor opened the Public Hearing for the Local Law #1 of 2021 for the Tax Cap Override at 8:11 PM. The Supervisor called for public comment three times. There were no comments so the Supervisor closed the hearing at 8:13 PM.

Supervisor Fedler reported that the name of the Certified Public Accountant who could do the audit was Thomas Smith, CPA Director, of the EFPR Group. He would help look for money that was lost during the time of COVID. The supervisor is requesting a resolution to pursue this issue. The cost of this is \$2,000 and this money would come out of the contingent or the training line.

Resolution #54

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to look into having an auditor do research and provide documentation for ARP.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

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Councilman Ford said he would like to know if they screw up then do they pay us back the \$2,000.

Resolution #55

Reappointment of the BAR

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to reappoint Dorothy Yurschak to the BAR position starting October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2026.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #56

Planning Board Appointment

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to appoint Gerald Skiff to the vacant Planning Board position of Kathleen Quinn starting October 4, 2021 and ending September 31, 2024.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #57

Village Fire Contract

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to accept the Fire Contract from the Village of Cambridge with the following amounts 2022 - \$36,785 and 2023 - \$37,888.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

The Public Hearing was set for the 2022 Budget, at the Regular monthly meeting on November 8th, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

The Bridge Culvert, Stump Church Project is still moving forward.

Resolution #58

Local Law #1 of 2021 for the Tax Cap Override

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Harrington to pass the Local Law #1 of 2021 for the Tax Cap Override.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #59

Acceptance of Funds

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to accept in the funds from Winter Snow from the Town of Salem in the amount of \$1,278.70.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

2022 Budget

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt handed out copies of the 2022 Budget. The Supervisor reviewed the budget and stated that it was as of right now 1.27 %increase. A 5% increase across the line was put in for all payroll. The Highwaymen received their increase of a straight \$1.00/hr.. The Clerk to the Supervisor received \$1.00/hr. increase based on her hours contributed. The Supervisor also mentioned that the mortgage tax income has been astronomical, sales tax will benefit the Town next year.

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Councilman Harrington questioned whether or not they should increase the Highway Reserve. He had concerns due to the purchases that will be needed in the future. It was decided that the Highway Reserve should be increased and still stay under the cap, this would be line DA962. It was thought that they could possibly increase at least \$5,000.

The Public Hearing for the budget would be at the Nov. 8th Town Board meeting. The budget could still be discussed at the Nov. 8th meeting. The Supervisor said that if anyone had questions on the 2022 Budget, please call before Nov. 8th and let her know.

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