

Town Board Meeting
April 11, 2022

The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Cambridge was duly called April 11, 2022 at Town Hall, at 7:30 PM, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Larry Carrino

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Councilman Robert McIntosh

Absent: Councilwoman Wilmot

Others present: Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Jim Morris from the Eagle, Pastor Jim Cramer and Sue Preece with the Cambridge Food Pantry

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that she had spoke with Sally Eddy about the Cambridge Food Pantry. The Supervisor would give Pastor Jim Cramer and Sue Preece time to speak later in the meeting in regards to the Cambridge Food Pantry.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#48 – 65	\$5,010.22
Highway	#37 – 53	\$44,231.42

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #20

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the Supervisor's Report for March 2022.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Approving of the minutes

Resolution #21

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2022 meeting with the following corrections:

- On the first page – first full paragraph should read Supervisor Fedler had granted 15 minutes – because she was not at the meeting.
- In the same paragraph on the first page in reference to the handouts the word proof should be taken out and only include data.
- Second to last sentence in the same paragraph should read Ms. Long said **Not** "she".
- On page 3 the last paragraph instead of Jennifer M., it should read Jennifer Manierre.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

Planning Board meeting was held on Thursday, April 7, 2022 with 4 members present, secretary and 3 residents present.

Communications

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- Information was received on training from Washington County Planning Department on Be Cyber aware – on Cyber Security. Email was forwarded to all Town Employees.
- Paperwork was collected for the NYS Retirement

Public Hearing was held for the McNeice Subdivision

The Public Hearing was held and Final Approval was granted for the McNeice subdivision. The Virginia McNeice Family Farm (Estate) 75 Edie Rd. Tax Map #246.-1-24 – 85.80 acres. Total acreage subdivided off on the Southwest portion of the property was 2.77 acres including the pond. This 2.77 acres will later be merged with Kathy McNeice's property Tax map #246.-1-24.2 at 45 Edie Rd.

New Business

Gretchen Wilmot presented a sketch plan of a minor subdivision of her property located at 281 Belle Rd. tax map #271.-3-13 16.10 acres. The property is naturally split by the road, so all boundaries are already created. Gretchen's daughter will be building a house on the property. They already have a 911 address of 282 Belle Rd. She has been in contact with Peter Bell the Surveyor, there is already a survey of the property. Planning Board gave permission to move forward with the Survey.

Gerald Skiff mentioned that he attended the Town Board Meeting on March 14th. Mr. Skiff went over the list that Councilman McIntosh had submitted for ideas on protecting Town of Cambridge Residents from potential harmful effects of Solar farms. The Planning Board agreed that this was the right path to follow. PB Member Scott Clark mentioned that these were similar ideas suggested by the Planning Board members when they attended past Town Board meetings.

The next Planning Board meeting will be Thursday, May 5, 2022.

Town Clerk Report

- The 2022 Town and County Taxes have been returned to the County Treasurer. The amount of unpaid taxes returned to the County Treasurer were \$255,503.87, Total taxes collected this tax season were \$1,919,860.42.

Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Fedler reported that a letter was received from William E. Harding MD in regards to getting permission from the Town of Cambridge to do some cleaning of the stones in Old Turnpike graveyard. The Town Board granted permission for Mr. Harding to clean some of the stones in the cemetery.
- A letter was received from Barbara Simoneau a resident of the Village of Greenwich, in regards to the Battenville Bridge. Mrs. Simoneau has concerns about the reconstruction/replacement of the bridge. She feels that a simple reinforcement can be done. She is hoping that the Supervisor uses her influence at the County to save the Battenville Bridge. A letter has also been sent to Jim Nolan.
- Supervisor and Town Clerk have been contacted by a resident in regards to their neighbors, who have an abundance of garbage around and are having bonfires in the yard. The Supervisor

said that she will contact County Code Enforcement, however the Health Officer may come into play here!

- Supervisor made the new Board members aware of the Quarterly report which is created by the Clerk to the Supervisor at her own will. This is not required; however, it is very useful!

Assessor Report

Supervisor Fedler reported that the date for Grievance Day will be on Wednesday, May 25th. The BAR would be doing their training on April 20th.

Highway Report

- Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that they had been out sweeping, grading and graveling some roads.
- Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent and Joe Rogers have done the Dig Safely training 2 weeks ago.
- Hopefully they have seen the last of the plowing and sanding.
- Ditching and changed a culvert on DeMarco Lane that was rotted out.
- Turnpike, the holes were cold patched (they were terrible) Paul Baker mentioned to Councilman McIntosh that it was greatly appreciated.
- Truck 3 is back in the fleet and running well!
- Highway Superintendent is working on getting figures for paving from both Peckham's and Joint Galusha.
- Had to hire Premier Private locating, had to locate and mark electrical wire along Center Cambridge Road.. 811 could not mark out the lines.
- New State Budget has passed, have to wait to find out the money for paving. New program POP which is Pave our Potholes. The cost of black top has gone up. This year would like to Top coat Stevenson and plan on paving Vly Sumit from Stump Church to 74. Next year will have to finish South Road.
- Highway Superintendent noticed that the State has put markers on Stump Church where the bridge is going.

Holiday Schedule adopted for Town

Supervisor Fedler suggested adopting the Holiday Schedule similar to what the County has with a few minor changes, addition of Good Friday.

TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2022

THE TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR REGULAR BUSINESS AS FOLLOWS:

JANUARY 17, 2022 MONDAY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

FEBRUARY 21, 2022 MONDAY PRESIDENTS' DAY

APRIL 15, 2022 FRIDAY, GOOD FRIDAY

MAY 30, 2022 MEMORIAL DAY

JULY 4, 2022 MONDAY INDEPENDENCE DAY

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2022 MONDAY LABOR DAY
OCTOBER 10, 2022 MONDAY COLUMBUS DAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2022 FRIDAY VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 24, 2022 THURSDAY THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER 22, 2022 THURSDAY **12:30 PM CLOSING** CHRISTMAS EVE (OBSERVED)
DECEMBER 26, 2022 MONDAY CHRISTMAS DAY (OBSERVED)
DECEMBER 29, 2022 THURSDAY **12:30 PM CLOSING** NEW YEAR'S EVE (OBSERVED)
JANUARY 2, 2023 MONDAY NEWS YEAR'S DAY (OBSERVED)
PENDING WEATHER/EMERGENCY

Resolution #22

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to adopt the above Holiday Schedule for the Town of Cambridge.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

The Supervisor reported that the Town Insurance has been renewed. Jim and Supervisor Fedler meet with Melissa Davidson in February. The Cyber Policy was an issue, the MFA we did not make the first cut and the policy was a fee of \$10,000. Paperwork was filled out by Margaret Shaw the Clerk to the Supervisor and Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt and this time the Town passed the Assessment Risk. The Cyber Policy is 1 million of coverage for approximately \$1,100 a year.

There will be Virtual Training Opportunity for Be Cyber Aware: An Intro to Cyber Security for Municipalities, on Monday, April 25th, 2022 6:30 PM-7:30PM. There is no fee and this an excellent training. The Supervisor said that Karen Pratt, Cyber Security Officer from Washington County Attorney's Office presents it. It is critical in this day and age to understand threats to cyber security. This information has been given to all Town Employee's.

Shared Service Programs

The Supervisor reported that there have been some changes to these programs and not as much money has been received. For example, this would be the Hot Box Project, with the Highway Departments changed from a 7-year plan to a 15 year and supposed to be getting \$5,100 and now will be \$2,000 reimbursement. The same thing has happened with the Contracting of the Assessor with the County.

AIM Funding

This years State Budget it looks like the AIM funding will be put back in and the Town will be getting \$8,400 back to us.

ARPA Funding

It was determined that the Town of Cambridge has lost revenue and it is possible that this ARPA money could be put in the General Fund. It is not yet known how this money should be distributed/spent. There are many options Tourism, Broadband, Food Pantry. New list was received of the underserved for Broadband, currently there are 61 on the list. The Supervisor has gone over the list and done as much as

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going around the Town and viewing some of the addresses on the list. When spending the ARPA money, the Town must come up with a plan, but have until 2026.

Cambridge Food Pantry

The Supervisor has spoken with Sally Eddy about the Food Pantry and how they could utilize some of this ARPA money. If money is given to the Food Pantry, must be documented.

The Supervisor mentioned that the Food Pantry should be able to be put on budget line to receive money similar to that of the Rescue Squad, Seniors and Veterans.

Pastor Jim Cramer President of the Food Pantry and Sue Preece a Board member were present at the meeting to explain how the pantry runs. Patrons that come to the Food pantry can come every 7 days, as of right now there are no covid restrictions and individuals can shop. Pastor Jim Cramer explained the programs that they had for supplying school kids with food, backpack program through schools. They also deliver food to the shut-ins. The food pantry has only one person on staff and the other 30 are volunteers. He also mentioned that the Van that is used for pick up and deliveries is in rough shape and needs to be replaced. This will be a big expense for the Food Pantry.

Resolution #23

Supervisor Fedler motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh to give the Cambridge Food Pantry up to \$3,000 which will come out of the contingent A1990.4

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Report from the Jackson Planning Board Meeting

Councilman Larry Carrino attended the Jackson Planning Board meeting to find out information on their solar project and the Solar law that they are working on. He reported that right now they are 18 months into this Solar project. They have extended their Solar Moratorium in hopes to create a Local Law for Solar. The Borrego Solar project is looking to get a year extension on their project due to the man power issues that they are having. The Town of Jackson Planning Board is not sure that they are going to give the extension on the project or not. The Town of Jackson Planning Board is currently working with the Lawyers to put a Town Law in Place for Solar. They are looking into putting a \$10,000 retainer for the Town Application fee.

The Town Board designated the Week of April 18th as Town Wide Clean-up Day. Garbage bags can be obtained at the Town Hall and any Garbage picked up off the road side can be dropped off at the Town Highway Garage.

Councilman McIntosh submitted some corrections to the Town Policy and Procedures and the Town Clerk will make the corrections.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge