

Town Board Meeting
April 10,2023

The Regular Town Board of the Town of Cambridge was duly called Monday, April 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 Jr., Jim Morris from the Eagle, Jonathan Sambo, Thomas Bruce, Autumn Bruce Susan Herrington

The Supervisor Led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#51 – 66	\$25,786.91
Highway	#30-45	\$16,105.81

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #25

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the Supervisor's report from March 2023

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Transferring of Funds

Resolution #26

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh to transfer money from the contingent A1990.4 in the amount of \$4,338.33 to A1910.4 unallocated Insurance. This is to cover insurance premium for the year 2023. This leaves \$661.67 in the contingent to cover the remainder of the year.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #27

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2023 meeting with the following corrections:

Councilman Bailey made a request that the following changes be made to the minutes on page 1, the first paragraph starting with Susan Herrington. The entire paragraph should read as follows:

Susan Herrington, a resident of the Town, was present at the meeting to speak about a report produced by an organization called "New York Citizens Audit". Mrs. Herrington presented to the Town Board a document titled, "Resolution for an Audit of the New York State 2022 General Election". She also handed out a sheet titled, "Washington County Election Facts". In addition, Mrs. Herrington stated, "several Counties and Towns have already supported this resolution".

Councilman McIntosh had a few corrections also:

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The top of page 4 in the section where discussed the three things that are going on in the Village. Varak Park was spelled wrong. Councilman McIntosh said that the Revitalization portion of the paragraph was incorrect. Revitalization Grant Project was between the Community partnership and Village and it includes Varak Park. However, it is not just about Varak Park. Called the Owkill Commons and includes: Lumbar yard, Library expansion, Foot bridge, walking path and including Varak Park. The intention of this portion of the minutes was to mention that the Village had 3 projects. Which included Sewage project, Revitalization grant and the Old Hospital -project for planned development. On bottom of page 4, bulleted section for Councilman Bailey, should say Resolution should be composed by the Town Board.

Vote: Ayes -5 Noes - 0

Supervisor Fedler made a point to mention that Town Clerk Hours has hours Monday thru Thursday and this is the only time that she should be contacted for Town Business. She also said that the sign on the Highway Garage says Shop employees only and this means employees only, "Not Public".

"Resolution for an Audit of the New York State 2022 General Election"

Resident Susan Herrington was present at the meeting to ask of the Town Board to consider supporting the "Resolution for an Audit of the New York State 2022 General Election".

Supervisor Fedler said that obviously Mrs. Herrington is passionate about this subject however the Town Board should not address this issue. The Supervisor asked Mrs. Herrington to respect the Town Boards opinion and decision about this topic. The Board all agreed that this is a personal issue, Supervisor Fedler said that she is not in support of this resolution at all.

Councilman Carrino said that obviously Mrs. Herrington is passionate about this topic and it is hard for him to say that can't support this topic. After the last election obviously, there are issues and hopefully Board of Elections can address these issues.

Susan Herrington said that this information was data that was discussed.

Supervisor Report

- Board of Elections has officially notified the Town of Cambridge that the Polling site has been changed to the new addition of the Coila Church effective with the June 2023 primary.
- The Stump Church Road Over Fly Creek will be closed starting April 17th thru July 15th, 2023. This was notification that was received through NYS DOT, Grant that was received through the State for replacement of the bridge.
- Supervisor has spoken with Arek Gordon the Assessor, the letters have not gone out yet for the reevaluation. He is still working through some things with the State to make sure the equalization rate stays at 100%.
- Insurance policy updated
- Reviewed the BAN policy with the Town Attorney. This is all done through the bank, 30 days before the delivery of equipment purchase. This is in regards to if the Town must take a loan out for purchasing a truck.
- Food pantry sent a thank you letter for money budgeted

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- FEMA Flood Plan meeting on April 21st, maps have been emailed but Arek the Assessor will be bringing some larger maps down to the office this Wednesday, April 12th. The Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley will be viewing them.
- The supervisor is going to have the Town Attorney review the Planning Board Rules and Regulations to see what changes can be made.
- Cleaning of the Town Hall. Currently the Town Clerk has been cleaning the Town Hall. Supervisor is proposing that the Town Board pay the Town Clerk to do the cleaning.

Cleaning of the Town Hall

Resolution #28

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to allow the Town Clerk to clean the Town Hall for payment.

Vote: Ayes -5 Noes – 0

Councilman Carrino suggested that the Town allow the Town Clerk to purchase a new secure box for outside the Town Hall door. He suggested that get a larger more secure box.

- Supervisor Fedler said that there is an issue on King Road with people living in campers. 2 neighboring residents have filed complaints. The County Code Enforcement has been contacted but they say that this would fall back to the Town. This would fall under the Town Mobile Home Ordinance and must be addressed as Mobile Home Ordinance violation. The Supervisor would like to refer all this info to the Town Attorney so he can draft a letter to notify the involved parties.

Resolution #29

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to send all information to the Town Attorney to address the issue on King Road in regards to the violation of the Mobile Home Ordinance.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Reappointment of Hon. Carl Flint

Resolution #30

Councilman Bailey motioned,

Seconded by Councilman Carrino,

Be It Resolved that the Town of Cambridge, Town Board appoints Hon. Carl Flint, Village Justice of the Cambridge Village Court Washington County, New York to continue to serve as Town Justice in the Cambridge Town Court effective May 1, 2023 until December 31, 2023 per the Administrative order, 4JD-33-2023, Fourth Judicial District as shown below:

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

4JD-33-2023

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Whereas the Cambridge Town Court, Washington County, New York is without the services of a Town Justice due to the resignation of Town Justice Richard Molea on December 8, 2022, and

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Whereas the Hon. Carl Flint, Village Justice of the Cambridge Village Court, Washington County, New York has consented to continue to serve as Town Justice in the Cambridge Town Court effective May 1, 2023, until December 31, 2023.

Now, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to UJCA 106, it is hereby

ORDERED, that Hon. Carl Flint is hereby assigned to the Cambridge Town Court to hear and determine all matters pending before such court, effective May 1, 2023 until December 31, 2023.

Hon. Felix J. Catena
District Administrative Judge
Fourth Judicial District

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Tour of the Battenkill

Resolution #31

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to support the Tour of the Battenkill race which will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2023. The Highway Superintendent and Town Supervisor requested that they be notified that the Stump Church Road would be closed starting April 17th thru July 15, 2023.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Ordering of Tandem truck

Resolution #32

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to give Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. permission to order new Tandem truck, order board is expected to open April or May. As explained last meeting there is a waiting list of 16-18 months.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Ordering of Pickup Truck

Resolution #33

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh to give Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. permission to order a new pickup and plow (As discussed last meeting March 13th, DeNoyer Chevrolet may be getting some in September or October 2023)

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

- Planning Board meeting held April 6, 2023 with 5 members present, secretary, 2 people from the public.
- Public Hearing was held for the Trinkle Subdivision located at 291 Dickensen Road, tax map #280.-1-9. The survey map was the same as preliminary survey with the house on the corner of Belle and Dickensen Road being subdivided 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 acre lot being created. Planning Board granted final approval of the Trinkle subdivision.
- Next Planning Board meeting will be on May 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Town Clerk Report

- Taxes went back to the Washington County Treasurer on April 6th. Total amount collected in taxes was \$1,873,168.73 and the unpaid amount that went back to County Treasurer \$278,957.36.
- Town Clerk viewed a NYMIR training webinar – LEARN Administrator – helps learn how to add courses for employees, keep track of employees training.
- Purchased new vacuum and Swiffer, possibility that Town Clerk continue cleaning Town Hall for pay. Have spoken with Supervisor and Margaret Shaw Clerk to the Supervisor, Yes, it is a possibility! The Town Clerk had spoken with another person about the cleaning job, but the same thing the pay was too low.

Highway Report

- Cleaning up of road sides after the last snow storm.
- Grading the dirt roads.
- Kenny Luskins from Peckham's has looked at the Roads for paving. The roads that will be paved are the Turnpike, 1 mile on the Village end. South Road will be finished.
- Thomas Bruce who lives on Perry Lane was at the meeting and said that Perry Lane needs attention due to all the Traffic because of the business. Wondering about paving that road. Jim Buckley the Highway Superintendent said not sure how much money getting for paving yet?
- Truck #2 is down at CAT, not sure what is wrong with it, dogging terrible (maybe the computer).
- Gray Ford pickup breathed it's last gasp. Brought home on trailer, next rainy day may tear it apart.

Town Board

Nothing before the Town Board

Privilege of the Floor

Thomas Bruce asked why the side of the road all torn up on Perry Lane, why do they wing the road. Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. said need to do this to push the snow back. Mr. Bruce said the Road was a mess and wanted to know if the Town was going to clean this up?

Jonathan Sambo resident from 17 Brownell Road was wondering if the ditches in front of his house would be done. He said that there is a low spot when it rains where the water collects. He was wondering if ditch could be dug out on both side of the driveway. He would like the runoff to go into the culvert pipe and across the road. Jim Buckley the Highway Superintendent said that he would come look at it.

Solar

Councilman Carrino said that there are a lot of concerns when it comes to solar, a lot of aspects that need to be looked at. He had spoken with Billy Webster and anything with Lithium rechargeable battery, cause of house fires.

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Councilman Carrino did mention that large solar projects the state could possibly take over and run the project. He mentioned that he did speak with Pittstown and in their Town has to be proof that Nationalgrid can support the Solar Project. Nationalgrid is working on putting 3 Phase power in many areas.

- Councilman McIntosh said that Decommissioning Bond, was a must. It was thought that this should come before the Planning Board.
- The important thing is that there are all kinds of red flags land owners need to be aware of.
- Possibly a joint meeting suggested with Planning Board but the Supervisor said we have already done this.
- Councilman McIntosh suggested that they go through the Model Solar Law that he had presented to the Town Board.
- Supervisor said that her concerns were the Lithium Batteries also.
- Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley concerns were the Decommissioning - if at Decommissioning time the responsible parties leave this could fall on the Town.
- It was suggested that the Town Board look at the Town of Jackson Law which they have been working on for a long time.
- Councilman McIntosh suggested that the Town Board should go over the sample law page by page. Suggested that should focus on the tier 3 Commercial Solar Farm. It was decided to put the Solar law review on the agenda for the next month's meeting, which is June 12, 2023.

There being no further business before the Town Board the, meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge