

Regular Town Board Meeting  
August 11, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler  
Councilman Douglas Ford  
Councilman Gerald Skiff  
Councilman Robin McMurray

Councilwoman Susan Herrington was absent

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent Alan Davis, Connie Watkins, Terry Hamilton, Ashleigh Morris from the Eagle, Jimmy Morris, Robbie McIntosh

Supervisor Fedler called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and immediately led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#143 – 158	\$ 1,512.08
Highway	#103 – 118	\$13,912.34

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that it had been discussed about possibly changing the meeting in October because of Columbus Day. She mentioned that the tentative budget has to be presented to the Town Clerk by September 30<sup>th</sup> and the budget must be presented to the Town Board by Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. This may be a problem because the Town Board Meeting would be Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Supervisor has a call into the Association of Towns to see if the Meeting is changed to the 6<sup>th</sup> of October it will be an acceptable date to present the budget to the Town Board because the 5<sup>th</sup> of October is on a Sunday.

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #43

Councilman McMurray motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2014 meeting with four corrections. The first correction being the spelling of Brian Nielsen not Nelson on page 2, paragraph 1, line 6, in the same sentence it should read work on the 2005 single axle truck not the new truck. The third correction is on page 4, Paragraph 1, line 5 the word fail was used it should be fair. The fourth correction is on page 5 paragraph 2, line 4 the word meet was used it should be met.

Vote:           Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

Approving the Supervisor's Report

Resolution #44

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to approve the Supervisor's Report from July 2014.

Vote:           Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

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Transfer of Funds

Resolution #45

Councilman Skiff motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to transfer money from the contingent A1990.4 to the Assessor's Contractual A1355.4 in the amount of \$235.77 to cover the bills submitted.

Vote:           Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

Standard Work Day Reporting Resolution

Resolution #46

Councilman Ford motioned,  
Seconded by Councilman Skiff,  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambridge/20647 hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on time keeping system records or their record of activities.

Vote:           Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

See the attached chart for the Standard Work Day and Reported Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials.

Councilman McMurray had asked if this is reported quarterly or monthly. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt said that there was a change and the information must be reported again. The Town Attorney had signed paperwork that she was not interested in the State Retirement however because she is already in the retirement system she must record this time.

Town Clerk

Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk reported that Hunting Licenses were now on sale as of August 4, 2014 and the official date that NYS DEC went public with is Wednesday, August 13, 2014. There are many issues that have caused problems for Sales Agents such as new paper that does not feed through the printer correctly and not being able to sell DMP Permits. Some of the issues are being worked out and the Town Clerk can now sell DMP Permits. However the new paper does not work correctly so DEC has told the agents to go back to the old paper until the problem is resolved. The July meeting the Town Clerk was thinking about closing the week of the August 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> which is the week of the Washington County Fair. She has recently decided that due to the issues with the Hunting Licenses sales she will stay open. Heather Greenawalt the Town Clerk will work August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Her Deputy Town Clerk MJ Root will work the August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Planning Board Report

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported in Sally Eddy's absence. The Town of Cambridge Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2014 with 2 members present along with the secretary. From the public were George

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Murray and Michael Murray. Even though there was not a quorum, the two members present did review a sketch plan for subdivision of the George Murray property since the Murray's drove from Connecticut to attend the meeting. The proposed subdivision contains the house and all remaining land north of County route 59, approximately 10 – 12 acres. This portion of property is the residual from a 3 parcel subdivision approved in January 2014 for land along English Rd., north of County Rt. 59. The boundaries of the proposed subdivision are already determined because of the lines form adjacent properties to the east and west, English Rd. on the west, County Rt. 59 on the south and the previously approved subdivision to the north and west.

Due to the fact the boundaries are already established and the planning board's recent familiarity with the property, George and Michael Murray were advised to return to the September meeting with a survey of the proposed subdivision.

George Murray still owns approximately 55 acres south of County Rt. 59 which is not involved in this proposal.

#### Town Board

Councilman Skiff reported that Eleanor Herrington requested that Lee's Crossing Road speed limit be lowered to 30 MPH. He also mentioned that Ronnie Baker would like a Children at Play sign for their grandchildren. Highway Superintendent Alan Davis said that he would get another sign. Councilman Skiff thanked the Highway Superintendent for putting the Calcium down on Lee's Crossing Road.

Councilman Skiff asked the Highway Superintendent about the cones that were on Meeting House Rd. The property owner has dug the ditch out and cemented the culvert in. Supervisor Fedler asked if we had a storm since this has been done. The Highway Superintendent said yes we have and that the cones were still there because the shoulder is still soft.

Councilman Ford said that the Highwaymen should receive a pat on the back for the job that they did on the Coila Bridge/Culvert job. Supervisor Fedler said yes and it went very quick. Highway Superintendent Davis said that Soil and Water had checked out the job and there were no issues.

#### Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer LaVerne Davis reported that there were four houses being built in the Town of Cambridge.

#### Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Alan Davis reported that the highwaymen spent a couple of days ditching and replacing culverts. They have also dealt with several hard storms, cleaning up fallen trees and fixing washouts. The Town of Cambridge helped White Creek with chip sealing 2 men, 2 days and Jackson chip seal with 2 men for part of a day. The Cobble Rd. has been chip sealed with the help of White Creek, Jackson and the Village. The truck 3 was taken to Arrowhead Equipment in Queensbury to have new hydraulic pump and PTO installed. Capital Tractor came and repaired the loader it was a

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sensor that was not right (maintenance code), this was under warranty. The mowing of the roadsides is going good. All of the Highwaymen attended the First Aid and CPR refresher which was held in the Town of Cambridge Highway Garage with Jackson and White Creek Highway Departments.

The Bridge in Coila has been finished and the metal that was left over was taken to Brownell's for scrap metal. Brian Nielsen will be coming to the shop tomorrow to look at the 2005 single axle truck to see what repairs need to be made to the body.

The trucks that were posted on Auctions International the 1994 truck the final bid was \$3650 and the Pickup truck was \$18,100. The pickup truck was not as high as they would like it they could receive a better deal with trade in. Councilman Ford suggested that Highway Superintendent Davis have the 1994 truck weighed. The Highway Superintendent mentioned that Jeff Delurey thought that scrap metal price would be \$2500. Councilman Skiff suggested holding on to the 1994 truck until winter and then trying to put it on again when people may be looking for trucks. The Board decided to make a Reserve on the 1994 single axle truck of \$4,500 and see if the buyer was interested for that price.

Resolution #47

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to set a reserve of \$4500 for the 1994 truck if the buyer agrees to that, otherwise the town will hold onto the truck until the future.

Vote:                   Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

It was decided not to let the pickup go for the price of \$18,100, this price was to low and they could get more for a trade in. In the future the Town Board will discuss the idea of trading in the pickup truck.

The second page of the Highway report was the Shared Services report from January 1, 2014 up until August 11, 2014 per Councilman Skiff's request. Supervisor Fedler said that if anyone has a question bring it right to the Highway Superintendent.

Councilman Ford asked if the hose machine had been set up yet. Highway Superintendent Davis said that they have set the machine up they are waiting on the training. They need to go through the training with Town of WhiteCreek and the Town of Cambridge together.

Communications

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she received information from the Home Front Development Corporation in reference to the Emergency Home Repair Fund. This new program helps low income homeowners deal with small urgent home repairs. HomeFront will pay; make a one-time grant of \$500 to help with issues such as plumbing, hot water, furnace repairs, small carpentry repairs, electrical issues, and any

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other needed home repair. Information will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Town Clerk's office.

Supervisor Fedler reported that she had met with other Supervisors and mayors on conversion ideas and keeping the communications lines open.

Supervisor Fedler said that she had the final copy of the Best Value Law and she suggested that a public hearing be set. It was decided that the Public Hearing on the Best Value Law will be held the next Town Board Meeting September 8, 2014 at 7:30 PM. The Public Hearing will be 7:30 PM before the bills will be audited.

Councilman McMurray asked how the Mobile Home Law was coming along. Supervisor Fedler said that she has spoke with the Town Attorney and she has a family emergency and was still working on the law.

County Report

They are working on the Budget and trying to figure out how to work the Governors program into it.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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