

Town Board Meeting
December 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 12th day of December at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler
Councilman Douglas Ford
Councilwoman Grethcen Wilmot
Councilwoman Susan Herrington

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent

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

The Supervisor requested a moment of silence for Rob McMurray.

The Supervisor mentioned that the speaker that was coming to the meeting this evening canceled and will now be attending in February of 2017 meeting. Councilwoman Herrington asked what this was pertaining to and supervisor said it was in regards to a dog issue.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#192 – 224	\$14,948.44
Highway	#135 – 149	\$30,425.62

County Report

The Supervisor mentioned that the hot topic at the county is the Federal Regulation that came down that minimum salary wage is about \$47,000 mostly this would apply at the County Level to the Department Heads. There were a few salary positions at the county that did not reach that level so when did budget debate whether to drop back to hourly pay overtime or move back to salary. So there were five positions that were moved to salary and three of them it was only a few hundred dollars. The Supervisor mentioned that the county would be having Winter Fest again in 2017. They were hoping to have the week of winter vacation and to have Lake Lauderdale open the whole week of vacation. This would be a family fun day with many winter activities such as ice fishing (which would be free fishing), ice skating, etc..

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #62

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the Supervisor's Report for November 2016.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes - 0

Transfers

Resolution #63

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Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to transfer funds from the Contingent A1990.4 to A10110.4 Town Board, Contractual in the amount of \$70.88 for the Councilman Memorial.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Resolution #64

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to transfer money from A1110.2 Justice, Equipment to A1110.4 Justice Contractual in the amount of \$121.01 for supplies. The second transfer was from A1990.4 contingent to Justice, Contractual A1110.4 in the amount of \$111.53 for supplies. The third transfer was from Contingent A1990.4 to A1910.43 unallocated: Insurance in the amount of \$88.10 for insurance changes.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes - 0

Approving the minutes

Resolution #65

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting with one correction on page 6, the second paragraph where it says “The Diesel Winter Mix was much cheaper with Doug’s by over half (as seen above). The portion by over half needs to be removed.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Vacant Town Board Position/Yearend meeting

The Supervisor referred to the vacant board position and said that would like to appoint someone at the yearend meeting. It was decided to advertise and to set the Yearend meeting for Thursday, December 29th at 12:00 PM.

Appointment of the BAR

The Supervisor mentioned that there were no letters submitted for the BAR Position so the Appointment Policy gives the Supervisor authority to bring someone forward to the Town Board. The Supervisor has spoken with Dorothy Yurschak and she was interested in the BAR position.

Resolution #66

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to appoint Dorothy Yurschak to the position of the BAR for a 3 year term.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

The Supervisor mentioned that she has spoken with Barry Korb and he will be bringing the money by for the 3 permits that are owed.

The Supervisor asked Councilwoman Herrington and Wilmot to Audit the books for the Town Justice.

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Approving County Route 60

Resolution #67

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Ford,

That Be It Resolved that the Town of Cambridge Highway Department will be plowing and maintaining Washington County Route 60 starting January 1, 2016 and shall remain in force until December 31, 2016.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes - 0

The Board discussed the possibility if the Village was to take over the old Mary McClellan Hospital the effects that it could have on the village and the town. The current owner is offering the Hospital to the village free. It was mentioned that someone will have to pay for this; the taxes have to come from somewhere. There is phenomenal cleanup, damage and the longer it sits the worse it gets.

The Supervisor mentioned that in the Organizational Resolution that is set in the beginning of the year, the Highway Superintendent can only purchase equipment, tools and implements without prior approval of the Town Board, not to exceed \$1,000. It was suggested that this be increased to at least \$2,000. The Supervisor mentioned that this would be brought up at the Organizational meeting.

A letter was received with PFOA update, where they have tested and what was yet to be tested. This information is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. The supervisor mentioned that the Supervisor's from Cambridge, White Creek and Jackson have formerly asked to have the dump tested.

Executive Session

The Supervisor mentioned that the Town Board would need to go into Executive Session to address a Personnel matter.

Resolution #67

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to go into Executive Session at 8:20 PM.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Resolution #68

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report – December 1st Meeting

The Planning Board Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that the Town of Cambridge Planning Board met on Thursday, December 1, 2016, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. There were 3 members present, Secretary and 3 people from the public.

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The Planning Board Secretary showed the Planning Board the new Agency Designation form that now has the brief description of the subdivision, both the property owner, the representative must sign and have signature notarized. This has been added to the Subdivision packets in place of the old form.

Communications

The Planning Board Clerk received information from Layne Darfler at the Washington County Planning Department on Webinars that are being provided by the Department of State. The packets were handed out to the Planning Board members. Some members mentioned that they might take advantage of these webinars.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing was held for Daniel Thomas's minor subdivision. Daniel Thomas presented his final survey map to the Planning Board for the minor subdivision located at 887 County Rt. 59 (tax map #271.-2-25). The Final survey map resembled the survey map from last month with the north side of County Rt. 59 (9.58 acres), from the land and barns on the south side of county rt. 59 (22.05 acres). The Planning Board again found the lots to be very clean lines, big lots and granted final approval.

New Business

Jim Buckley Jr. the Highway Superintendent was present at the meeting to discuss the Hudson-Hoosic Flood Risk Review. The Highway Superintendent attended a meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016 in regards to this matter. He thought that the Planning Board should be made aware of the information that he acquired and that they should make themselves knowledgeable with this information. He shared the information with them on what site to view (<http://arcg.is/2ff9DtO>) to view the Flood Plain work maps in the Town of Cambridge. Jim Buckley Jr. mentioned that these maps were to be viewed and input was suggested in order to ensure that these maps reflect the greatest accuracy. Comments on these work maps were to be reported to Robert J. Schaefer, Senior Civil Engineer, Region II Mapping Lead. The Highway Superintendent suggested that the Planning Board view some of key flood areas in the Town of Cambridge to help him determine the accuracy. Some of these sites were viewed with Leon Barkley's tablet however a determination was not made on the accuracy of these work maps at this meeting. The Planning Board Chair Eric Pearson did mention paper copies of these maps would be good for the Planning Board to have on file for their viewing.

The next Planning Board meeting will be held Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Town Clerk Report

The Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that, Deputy Town Clerk MJ Root has submitted her letter of resignation effective December 31, 2016.

Communications

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that received a letter from Dieter Drake in regards to the Tour of the Battenkill. He thanked the Town for their corruption and the Town Highway Department for their excellent work in improving and maintaining local roads. He mentioned the changes that were planned <http://www.townofcambridgeny.org>

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for the 2017 event and included a map with the new 2017 course map. The event is scheduled Saturday, May 20, 2017 and he is seeking continued support.

Assessor's Report

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt read the Assessor's report in her absence. The Exemptions for STAR have been mailed out. Deadline is March 1, 2017. Agricultural Exemptions will be mailed out shortly. There was a small claims hearing that was dismissed. Grounds for dismissal were due to the proper people were not notified of the claim (Assessor). The tax freeze checks along with tax relief checks are still being mailed out. There is no rhyme or reason to which ones go out when.

Highway Report

Jim Buckley Jr. reported that the Boom Arm Mower has been on Wright, Cobble and Vly Summit Roads. Wheel weights finally came and they make the tractor very stable. The new tires are on blue Pick-up. Winter is here! They have plowed and sanded several times. They have also done culvert maintenance around town and shop work on equipment. Received an E-mail with a web address for watershed flood maps. On closer inspection they do not look as accurate. He has given this information to the Planning Board and asked them to deal with it. The Highway Superintendent attended a webinar on Consolidation which did not really apply to Town of Cambridge. Also went to Schenectady for a conference on Sustainable Development and Collaborative Governance. They did not stay for the whole thing because it was geared more towards cities. The Highway Superintendent did bring back a handbook that might be of interest to the Town Board members. There is a section about Grants and Assistance for small businesses. A section about Affordable housing that includes mortgage assistance and a home winterization program. There are also Housing repair programs, including Emergency repairs for elderly home owners. A section on the environment, which includes: water quality, farmland preservation, Environmental and Public Health concerns, Flood management, sewage systems. A section was also included on Energy (Green Energy) and one on Transportation. Possible items of interest highlighted by the Highway Superintendent are pages #'s 32, 40, 41, 42, 44, 71, 72, 75.

Councilwoman Herrington mentioned that her husband Howie Herrington was still planning on painting/repairing the Town Justice chambers ceiling he is working on a large job now and would start as soon as he is done.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/ Town of Cambridge