

Town Board Meeting  
December 13, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called December 13, 2021 at the Town Hall; the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Douglas Ford

Councilman Brian Harrington

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Absent: Gretchen Wilmot

Others present: Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt, Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr., Valerie Morigerato, Kathy Hall and Sean Hall Dog Control, Robbie McIntosh

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

Supervisor Fedler introduced Kathy Hall who is the Dog Control/Warden for Easton. Kathy introduced her son, Sean who helps her. Kathy submitted a letter of interest to the Town of Cambridge. She handed out papers with information and pictures of the facility: she explained that she has raised dog beds, toys, extended kennels, heated. The facility is inspected and they are there 24/7, dogs are not alone. The vets that they use are Battenkill, Hoof & Paw and Cambridge. She mentioned that could keep the cost down if had several towns. Kathy also mentioned that all the dogs stay until they are placed in a rescue or in a home. The location of Kathy's shelter is near the Washington County Fairgrounds, she responds to the calls within 1-2 hours. This is her full-time business; she is currently working for the Town of Easton and housing for Pittstown. She submits a monthly report every month. Kathy also mentioned that she has good resources/donations to help support her kennel. The Supervisor mentioned that they would not be able to make a decision till after the Organizational meeting when Nancy Quell has a chance to come before the Town Board and present her shelter.

### **Supervisor's Report**

#### **Resolution #66**

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Bailey to approve the Supervisor's Report from November 2021.

Vote:                      Ayes – 4                      Noes – 0

### **Transfer of Funds**

#### **Resolution #67**

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilman Harrington to do 3 transfers: the first one being A1110.4 Justice, Contractual to A1110.2 Justice Equipment in the amount of \$27.87 to cover purchase of new printer, the second transfer being from A1990.4 Contingent to A1110.4 Justice, Contractual in the amount of \$7.00 to cover mailings, the third transfer being from A1990.4 Contingent to A1920.4 Municipal Association Dues in the amount of \$1.00.

Vote:                      Ayes – 4                      Noes – 0

### **Unanticipated Revenue**

Mortgage tax money was received and was ridiculously high amount.

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**Resolution #68**

Councilman Harrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman Bailey to accept the additional mortgage tax money (A3005) that came in as unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$39,204.37

Vote:                   Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

The Supervisor explained that \$20,000 of the money could be put into the Reserve/Highway Garage. This was cleared with Audit and Control. After the \$20,000 is added to the Highway Garage Reserve which would make the Total for the Reserve \$65,142.91.

**Resolution #69**

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Bailey to transfer \$20,000 to the Highway Reserve fund. Transfer from A200 cash to A230 Highway Garage Reserve in the amount of \$20,000.

Vote:                   Ayes -4                   Noes – 0

The Supervisor reported that she had talked with the Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. and he would like to transfer \$25,000 from the DA5142.4 Snow removal to the Highway Reserve.

**Resolution #70**

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Harrington transfer \$25,000 from DA5142.4 (Snow Removal) to the DA230 Highway Reserve account.

Vote:                   Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

**Approving of the Minutes**

**Resolution #71**

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Bailey to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2021 meeting as mailed.

Vote:                   Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

Year end meeting was set for Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 10:00 am.

**Planning Board Report**

The Planning Board met on December 2, 2021 with 5 members, secretary, resident Kathy McNeice. Discussed up coming Winter Webinars for 2021-2022 – this information was received from Department of State. Scott Clark’s position on the PB is up as of Dec. 31, 2021 and he is interested in being reappointed. Chad Varney was not present at the meeting for Boundary Line Adjustment.

Kathy McNeice presented information for subdivision at 45 Edie Rd. Tax Map #246.-1-24.2 a portion of Virginia McNeice Family Farm (Estate) 73 Edie Rd. Tax Map #246.-1-24 85.80 acres to later be added to Kathy McNeice property. She is thinking that it will be approximately 5 acres or less. Planning Board gave Mrs. McNeice permission to move forward with the survey. The Planning Board did mention that would have to be a subdivision and also contingent upon joining with her parcel/changing the deed. Next meeting January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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### **Town Clerk Report**

Prepared paperwork for the upcoming 2022 Town and County taxes. Working on getting things ready for the upcoming Organizational meeting. Application for the Virtual Training has been sent to the Newly Elected Officials. Last Day in the Town of Jackson will be December 16<sup>th</sup>, will be swearing in their newly elected at the Town of Jackson Year end meeting, on Thursday, December 30, 2021.

### **Highway Report**

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that they have trimmed back Vly Summit Road and had the Boom arm mower out several times. The final Drive for the excavator was repaired and reinstalled. They then did some ditching on Dickensen road and changed a culvert on Vly Summit Road. They also put a drain in English road where a spring had appeared and was causing ice on the road. They cleaned up after high winds and plowed/sanded the roads several times. Did manage to miss any freezing rain, thankfully. Truck #3 is finally back from Allegiance trucks. Internet Crew are still working to Install SLIC network. Hopefully household Slic Internet hookup's will be started in January. Buddy's Tree Service is coming tomorrow to cut some trees that the Highway men are unable to do. Prices have increased over \$3,000 for one day (over doubled).

### **Supervisor Report**

Supervisor reported that she has emailed the information to all for the Sexual Harassment Training. The staff must take this training and it must be on file in the Town Clerk's office.

The Judge will swear in the Town Clerk and the Town Clerk will do the swearing in of the newly elected officials at the January 10<sup>th</sup>, Organizational meeting.

Scott Clark Planning Board member is interested in being on the Planning Board still. The position will be advertised and the member will be appointed at the Organizational meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Supervisor also mentioned that the information that was received on Farm Housing Grant was handed out to those who were eligible. Tiashoke Farm is eligible in the Town of Cambridge for housing right now. The Supervisor mentioned that this is the first time that this has gone through the municipality, we are passing along the information of the grant. It is possible that later on the Code Enforcement would enforce and inspect.

The Supervisor has been appointed to a 16 person Board made up of DEC and State employees, etc. to review of Solar and Ag Lands, Supervisor was put on the Board as an Agricultural Representative. They have had their first meeting via zoom and everyone introduced themselves and said what they did. Supervisor said that she has concerns with Ag lands and Solar: Change of the Land in regards to washout, erosions and Federal Wetlands. There are 4 Ag based people on the Board.

The Supervisor thanked Brian Harrington for his 4 years of service on the Town Board and for all his hard work. She also thanked Doug Ford for his many years of service on the Town Board and he will be greatly missed.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

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Resident Robbie McIntosh and Councilman Elect said that the Town appears to be in really good shape due to the job well done by the Board members. He tips his hat to them all!

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge