

Town Board Meeting
December 11, 2023

The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Cambridge was duly called, Monday, December 11, 2023 at Cambridge Town Hall, at 7:30 PM the following were present:

Deputy Supervisor Gretchen Wilmot

Councilman Robert McIntosh

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Councilman Larry Carrino

Absent: Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Elizabeth Townes 2024 Court Clerk

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM and the Deputy Supervisor led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Elizabeth Townes was present at the Town Board meeting to introduce herself to the Town Board. The Town Clerk has spoken with the Town Justice elect and he says that Elizabeth Townes is very qualified for the Court Clerk position. He says that she is a very nice young lady and he thinks that she would be a good fit to the Court Clerk position. Ms. Townes must be appointed to the position so that she can start the training for the position.

2024 Court Clerk

Resolution #61

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to appoint Elizabeth Townes to position of Court Clerk starting effective Dec. 12, 2023 for training purposes. Her official appointment will take place January 1, 2024, as Linda Record is Court Clerk till Dec. 31, 2023.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Auditing of the Bills

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| General | #189 – 214 | \$14,140.20 |
| Highway | #132 – 144 | \$37,533.26 |

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #62

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the Supervisor's report from November 2023.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Transfer of Funds

Resolution #63

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to transfer money from Contingent A1990.4 to A1010.4 Town Board, Contractual in the amount of \$72.31 to cover annual invoice for website services.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

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Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #64

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2023 meeting with one correction on bottom of page 5: the Town Board would like it to read that they will work on the Solar Law more often than little by little. They would like to think that they would progress on the Law more quickly then this!

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Year-end meeting

Reminder to everyone that the Year-end meeting will be on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Planning Board Report

- Planning Board meeting was held on December 7, 2023
- Gerald Moppert presented Preliminary survey for subdivision located at 382 Cobble Road, tax map #262.-2-5. Looking to subdivide the house and 2 acres from the 29.723 acre lot. The Planning Board requested that give more of a setback between the barn and the boundary line, must be 50 ft. set back from any structure. The tenant that is currently renting the house is interested in purchasing. Public Hearing will be held January 4, 2024.
- Grove (Norm) Scribner – proposing Minor subdivision of 597 County Rt. 59, Tax Map #271.-1-16, 145 acres possibly being subdivided into 4 or 5 parcels.
- Thank you to Eric Pearson for his time served on the Town of Cambridge Planning Board, started on the Planning Board March of 2003, he has served 20 years and 9 months.
- Next Planning Board meeting will be on Thursday, January 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Town Clerk Report

- Working on getting things ready for tax season and the Organizational meeting in January.

Highway Report

- Culverts ordered have been delivered
- Trucks inspected – all but the one that is in Greenwich being welded.
- Cutting brush, filling potholes
- Winter is here have been out plowing and sanding.
- Bryan Watkins has started part-time plowing and sanding with the pickup (hopefully he will be in a big truck soon, working on the CDL.
- The body for the truck has arrived and it is down in Stephentown being put on.
- The Tandem that has been ordered will hopefully be in Hoosick by next summer so hopefully will have it for winter of 2024.
- The New Pickup will hopefully arrive by spring according to DeNoyer Chevrolet

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Fuel Oil Bids

The one sealed bid was opened from Doug’s Oil. The Bid for the Fuel Oil and Diesel for all the Town locations of Cambridge, NY read as follows: For the period from December 14th, 2023 to December 14th, 2024 is \$.14 Over Doug’s Oil rack price cost for that day of delivery.

Fuel Oil:

Cost as of November 20, 2023 - \$2.909
Cents over cost \$0.14
Total Cost \$3.049

Diesel Fuel:

Cost as of November 20, 2023 - \$2.969
Cents over cost \$0.14
Total Cost \$3.109

Diesel winter blend 50/50 mix

Cost as of November 20, 2023- \$3.339
Cents over cost \$0.14
Total Cost \$3.479

There being only one fuel oil bid received and that being Doug’s Oil.

Resolution #65

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to accept the Fuel Oil and Diesel Fuel bid from Doug’s Oil for the Town location of Cambridge NY. For the period from December 14, 2023 to December 14, 2024 is \$.14 Over their rack price cost for the day of delivery.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

LaVerne Davis long-time resident and employee of the Town of Cambridge has passed away, the Town Board recognized him as an asset to the Community. LaVerne Davis was recognized for his time spent not only working for the Town of Cambridge, but also the Rescue Squad and Fire Department. He will truly be missed!

Town Board - Model Solar Energy Local Law

Councilman McIntosh directed the Board to the last page of the Solar Law, which was the Notes on the Model Solar Law. In this page Councilman McIntosh discussed the purpose of this law and he summarized the consensus that was reached.

- Councilman McIntosh mentioned that #5 of this page the world beneficiary did not fit, he would work on trying to find another word.
- It was thought that would need to get the right legal advice
- Councilman McIntosh said that he felt would need to weed out the things that were not relevant.
- Councilman McIntosh was going to go back to NYSERDA and talk with a person that is willing to work with the Town of Cambridge on the law and see what they can come up with.

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- Councilman Carrino mentioned that when the Solar farm is applied to Nationalgrid and what it cost to power up the project (this hosting capacity is changing all the time) Councilman Carrino mentioned that he is going to take time off end of December and he would like to go to Town of Melrose and find out about their projects. He would like to find out why the projects haven't been booted up yet?
- Councilman McIntosh said that this is why he believes that the projects that come to the Town of Cambridge would go before the Planning Board. Not considered a Solar Farm until signed up with Nationalgrid.
- Councilwoman Wilmot mentioned that they will only be able to make suggestions nothing else.
- Councilman McIntosh suggests that a Decommissioning Agreement and Bond be required.
- Councilman Carrino said also need to take into consideration about neighboring property values, buffering, set backs, (which is in the law already) This law needs to be made in layman's terms.

The Town Board came to an agreement that input would be received from the Planning Board and then go to NYSEDA for input.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge