

Regular Town Board Meeting
January 20, 2015

The Organizational/Regular Meeting of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 20th day of January 2015 at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler
Councilman Douglas Ford
Councilman Robin McMurray
Councilwoman Susan Herrington

Councilman Gerald Skiff was absent

Other present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Margaret Shaw Clerk to the Supervisor, LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement, Alan Davis Highway Superintendent, Leon Barkley, Terry Hamilton, Ashleigh Morris from the Eagle

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

Auditing of the Bills

General	#1 – 14	\$ 2,236.22
Highway	#1 – 9	\$17,358.01

Approving Supervisor's Report

Resolution #1

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

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Transfer of Money

Resolution #2

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to transfer money from the Contingent A1990.4 to the Assessor, Contractual A1355.4 for Laptop repair in the amount of \$356.25, the second transfer is from DA5142.1 Snow Removal, Personal Services to DA5142.4 Snow Removal, Contractual for Salt in the amount of \$930.76, the third transfer is DB5110.1 General Repairs, Personal Services to DB5110.4 General Repairs, Contractual to cover the Peckham invoice in the amount of \$259.03.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #3

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Councilman McMurray motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2014 Town Board Meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

The Supervisor reported that the Clerk to the Supervisor and the Town Clerk's books were both audited by the Town Board this evening.

Town Justice Report

The Town Clerk reported for the Town Justice in her absence. The Town Justice reported for 2014 that she had Total receipts of \$5542.50. The total filings 90 new cases, Cases closed 48, Criminal 6, VTL 60, Civil 2, PHL (Public Health Law) 1, AM (Class A Misdemeanor), ENCON (Environmental Conservation) 1. The Town Board signed one copy of the report and returned to the Town Justice and one copy was filed with the Town Clerk.

Appointment to the Planning Board

Resolution #4

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to appoint Leon Barkley to the Planning Board for a seven year term starting January 20, 2014 until December 31, 2021.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler brought to the board the name John Hommel for the appointment of the BAR. She said that she had discussed this with Councilman Skiff already and he was in favor of this resident for the BAR. She said that Mr. Hommel is a resident and property owner in both the village and the Town of Cambridge. They live at the bottom of Duell Hollow and Turnpike and also own a business in the Village of Cambridge.

Appointment to the BAR

Resolution #5

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to appoint John Hommel to the BAR for a five year term starting on January 20, 2014 to September 30, 2019.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

2015 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

Resolution by Councilman Ford,
Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington,

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Be It Resolved, the following salaries and expenses may be paid to the Town of Cambridge Officials for the year 2015:

<u>OFFICIAL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>PAYABLE</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Supervisor	\$ 2800	Quarterly	\$ 900
Deputy Supervisor	200	Annually	
Clerk to the Supervisor	7144	Quarterly	
Supt. Of Highways	37,031	Bi-weekly	1500
Town Justice	3375	Quarterly	(.2)-0 /(.4)-3,135
Clerk to the Justice	1700	Quarterly	
Councilpersons(3) \$850 ea	2550	Quarterly	1,000
Councilperson (1) \$ 0			
Town Clerk	18,870	Bi-weekly	(.2)-200/(.4)-6,270
Deputy Town Clerk & Clerk per diem	2,152	\$10.20 hr. per diem	
Sole Assessor	14,500	Bi-weekly	(.2)- 0 /(.4)-1,525
Board of Review 3 @\$100ea	300	Annually	
Planning Board Clerk	1750	Quarterly	500
Registrar of Vital Statistics	100	Semi-annually	
Dog Warden (2)	2070	Monthly	(.2)-0/(.4)-800
Health Officer	0		
Budget Officer	0	Annually	
Code Enforcement Officer	8909	Monthly	1100
Historian	255	Annually	50
Town Attorney	1800	Quarterly	(.2)-50

Further Resolved, each Planning Board member shall be paid \$20.00 for each meeting attended, and the Acting Chairman at such meeting of the Planning Board shall be paid \$25.00 for each meeting chaired, and be it

Further Resolved, that the officials of the town, using their own vehicles on official town business, may be reimbursed at the rate of \$.45 per mile pending Town Board Approval, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the hourly wage rates in the Highway Department be: \$16.64 for working foreman; \$16.27 for heavy machine equipment operators (HEO); \$15.90 machine equipment operators (MEO); \$12.39 for year-round part-time MEO; \$8.75 for part-time laborer; \$9.12 part-time mechanic and \$14.57 for Exp. PT MEO specifically over 5 yrs snowplowing experience, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to use unexpended balances in all the funds for expenses in 2015, and be it

Further Resolved, that the voting premises for District I and District 2 will be in the Town Highway Garage at 844 County Rt 59, Cambridge, NY 12816

Further Resolved, that the Town Board meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month at the Town Hall. In the event the Town Board meeting is canceled the meeting will be the following Thursday. Bills will be audited at 7:30 PM after the beginning of the meeting unless changed by the call of the Supervisor, and be it

Further Resolved, that the power and light bills and the telephone bills be paid without prior audit, and be it

Further Resolved, that the following Town Officials be and are hereby appointed for the year 2015:

Deputy Supervisor.....	Douglas Ford	
Clerk to the Planning Board.....	Sally B. Eddy	1/01/2015 – 6/30/2015
Deputy Clerk to the Planning Board.....	Heather A. Greenawalt	1/01/2015 – 6/30/2015
Clerk to the Planning Board.....	Heather A. Greenawalt	7/01/2015 – 12/31/2015
Sole Assessor.....	Rachael Holbrook	
Historian.....	Sandra Davis	
Registrar of Vital Statistics, Tax Collector.....	Heather A. Greenawalt	
Budget Officer.....	Catherine Fedler	
Clerk to the Supervisor.....	Margaret Shaw	

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Clerk per diem to Supervisor.....
Deputy Town Clerk, Registrar, Tax Collector.....Lisa Proch
Deputy Town ClerkMartha J. Root
Code Enforcement Officer..... H. LaVerne Davis
Town Attorney.....Joanne Monagan
Health Officer.....Dr. Paul Byron
Dog Control/Warden.....Edward Holland & Nancy Quell

Further Resolved, that the Eagle is hereby designated the official newspaper of the Town of Cambridge, and the Glens Falls National Bank and Trust, Cambridge, NY, and, TD Bank (Greenwich, NY Branch) are hereby designated as the official depositories of town funds for the year 2015, and be it

Further Resolved, that there shall be no one designated to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns due to fiscal restraints, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board gives the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent permission to attend annual conferences (included in the 2015 Budget), and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board does authorize the Superintendent of Highways to advertise for bid: culvert pipe, oil and stone, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Highways to purchase equipment, tools and implements without prior approval of this Board in the amount not to exceed \$1,000 per invoice for the year 2015, and be it

Further Resolved, that the price paid for gravel purchased in 2015 be not more than \$7.50 per yard, and the price for sand be not more than \$6.00 per yard.

Further Resolved, that the Supervisor be authorized to make application to the NY State Youth Commission for approval of a recreational project in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the Rules and Regulations of the Youth Commission, and be it

Further Resolved, that this Town Board authorizes the acceptance of claimant's certifications on a voucher form approved by the NY State Department of Audit & Control.

Supervisor Fedler has requested that a formal resolution be made that the Deputy Supervisor receives no monies for that position per his request.

Resolution #6

Councilman McMurray motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington, that the Organizational Resolution be amended so Councilman Ford receive no dollars for the position of the Deputy Supervisor.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Approving the 2015 Organizational Resolution

Resolution #7

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to accept the 2015 Organizational Resolution with one amendment.

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Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Transfer of funds in the 2015 Budget

Resolution #8

Councilman McMurray motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to transfer money from A1010.1 from the Town Board line to the Contingent A1990.4 in the amount of \$850.00. The second transfer is from A1220.13 Deputy Supervisor line to the contingent A1990.4 in the amount of \$200.00.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt read the 2015 Official Undertaking for the Town of Cambridge and the Town Board has signed it.

2015 Official Undertaking

Resolution #9

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the Official Undertaking of 2015.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Spending of Highways Funds

Resolution #10

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to accept the Spending of Highway Funds and
Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we, the Town Board of Town of Cambridge, agree that moneys levied and collected for repair and improvement of highways, and received from the state for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved , that the sum of \$85,600 may be expended for general repairs upon 64.04 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and broadwalks or the renewals thereof.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes - 0

A new Standard Workday Resolution must be posted for 30 days and submitted to the New York State and Local Retirement System. Lisa Proch the new Deputy Town Clerk was interested in joining retirement and anytime a new employee joins retirement a new resolution must be done.

Standard Workday Resolution

Resolution #11

Councilman McMurray motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Ford,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambridge (Location Code) 30647 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 attached Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution.

Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer Laverne Davis reported that all was quiet. Councilwoman Herrington asked the length of time that a trailer and camper could be lived in on a piece of property. LaVerne Davis said that there was no specific time frame that would limit anyone parking a trailer on a piece of property. Supervisor Fedler said roughly six months. LaVerne Davis said roughly 120 days.

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Superintendent Alan Davis reported that they had dealt with some little and big storms. Sunday and Monday they also had dealt with the ice. They have repaired some trucks with just regular maintenance: replaced air tanks on truck #5 that were leaking, cutting edges replaced on 3 trucks, they have also been replacing some wheels that they have found have been cracked. The wheels that were replaced were one on truck #4 and #5 and one front wheel on truck #8. One of the things that they have been finding out is the wheels are not up to where they should be so they bought some ten thousand pound wheels. They had the fuel and the diesel tanks jell last week one day, Doug's Oil came and added some Kerosene and additive. They have also been dealing with some issues with the furnaces and they think that they have it resolved. He mentioned that Doug's Oil has been excellent in handling these problems. Highway Superintendent Davis reported that he didn't have any shared services this month.

Report on requested speed limit reductions

The speed limit reduction that was requested for Lee's Crossing was denied because they found the road to be unpaved highway and they do not issue limits on unpaved highways because the road is not highly traveled.

The request for the reduction on County Rt. 59 was accepted. The speed limit on County Rt. 59 between the Buskirk Bridge and King Rd. will be established at 35 mph. The speed limit on County Rt. 59 between King Road and Center Cambridge Rd will be established at 45 mph.

Supervisor Fedler reported that she had been in contact with the Town Attorney and received a letter that the Dog Case that was dismissed the Lawyer followed up on was done correctly.

Supervisor Fedler reported that a response was received back from the Association of Towns on the vouchers that were submitted by the Town Justice. The paperwork is filed in the Town

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Clerk's Office. The opinion from the Comptroller's Office states that a town justice may not recover mileage expenses from commuting between court and home.

In March NYS is going to put in five Medical Marijuana grow units, a Town Resolution is needed for the unit to submit the application to the State. The Supervisor said that the possible Unit in the area will be visiting the Town Board meeting in the next few months.

Eric Pearson the Chair to the Planning Board was planning on going to the Village Planning Board Meeting so in the event in the future if anything comes up on the hospital property. He wants to make sure that the environmental studies are monitored.

Supervisor Fedler also mentioned that the State has until February 28th to mail out the tax reimbursement checks

The Supervisor has asked the Assessor to come and give a report at the February Town Board Meeting. Currently there is no proposal with the Village Hospital Property it has been withdrawn. It was also suggested by the supervisor for the Town Board to be thinking about a mileage policy or a schooling policy. She also suggested that the Board members review the policies that they received last year for the next month's meeting.

County will be taking a lead on the governor's tax freeze program. It has to be shown that there is a lead agency and that they are doing shared services. The County Administrator Kevin Hayes and the County Treasurer Al Nolette will be doing this and all the paperwork. The Supervisor has asked all 17 Town Boards to do a little presentation. Kevin Hayes and Al Nolette will be attending the Town Board Meeting in the future.

On February 7th there will be a Winter Family fun day at Lake Lauderdale.

County Report

Jim Lindsey and Tom LaPointe are the Chair and Vice Chair again at the County. The hottest topics that they have going right now is arming the parole officers and whether or not they sell the remaining PVI land. The Parole officers, voted on that they could be armed pending the approval of a policy. The Sheriff's Office and the Public Safety Department (Parole Officers) are using policies that are in other places in the state.

In regards to the remaining PVI land there are four parcels that are around the PVI. The debate is whether they sell them or not. Or will the County continue to lease them.

Councilman Ford asked about the Old Mary McClellan property in the Village and what was going on with the proposal. Supervisor Fedler said that he resubmitted it and now has withdrawn it. Ashleigh Morris from the Eagle said that the possible buyer's have submitted the application

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again; she said that the Village Board has a meeting on Thursday. The Supervisor said that it is a mix of what the Boards are telling them can come into the Village. Supervisor Fedler said that she thinks that it is a language barrier thing. He is not necessarily building 70 houses, they are not for sale they are houses that will be used when the person comes and vacations. She said that it should have been stated cottages for rent. It would have been a profit for business, there would have been all kind of taxes and jobs for the area. Councilwoman Herrington said that a lot of people are suspicious of this guy because he is so disorganized and the information is not solid. The Supervisor said that she is building a house and she would not want people knowing her financial information. Supervisor Fedler said that when they were in meeting people where after his financial information and where not happy that they could not Google and have access to. One other concern of the public was that he was building 70 houses. There was a short discussion that something needs to be done with the hospital property and if someone is willing to purchase and spend his money to better the property.

Councilwoman Herrington had concerns about how the situation was handled with the mileage vouchers for the Town Justice. She felt that there were hard feelings created. Supervisor Fedler said that she had referred to the Association of Towns for further information and they sent her response in regards to the matter, which was addressed earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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