

Regular Town Board Meeting

July 14, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 14th day of July, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler
Councilman Robin McMurray
Councilman Gerald Skiff
Councilwoman Susan Herrington

Councilman Douglas Ford was absent

Other present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement, Alan Davis Highway Superintendent, Henry Peabody, Terry Hamilton, Ashleigh Morris from the Eagle, Bruce Bailey

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	#125 – 142	\$ 2,108.74
Highway	#88 – 102	\$177,194.65

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #39

Councilman Skiff motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2014.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #40

Councilman McMurray motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to approve the Supervisor's report for June 2014.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Transfer of Funds

Resolution #41

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to transfer from A1990.4 the Contingent to A1355.4 the Assessor, Contractual in the amount of \$69.99.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Alan Davis reported that the Highwaymen attended a Safety day at Lake Lauderdale the 2nd week of June. This is setup by DOT through the county and they have approximately six topics for refreshers. He mentioned that this was a very good program and that a lot of topics were covered. The Highway Department was shutdown for the week of the 4th of July and resumed work on July 8th. They are still trying to recoup from the storms the week before 4th of July and the week that they came

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back from shutdown. The Village came and helped the Highwaymen on last Wednesday and again today to do clean up from the storms. The shoulders have been put on the roads that have been paved. The Town of Cambridge Highway Department helped the Village on North Union Street the week before shutdown. All the cemeteries were mowed before the 4th of July. Truck #3 lost a hydraulic pump, they have one on order. Brian Nelson will be doing the work on the new truck. The pictures have been taken to put the two trucks on Auctions International. The Highway Superintendent thought that he had everything on the site but his phone did not work correctly when sending things. He is hoping to have it done next month. Highway Superintendent Alan Davis said that he has the permits from Soil & Water for the Coila bridge project. The culvert pipe is here and Highway Superintendent Davis doesn't think that it will take long to do this project. Supervisor Fedler asked the Highway Superintendent about Children at Play signs. Highway Superintendent Davis said that LaVerne Davis had asked him about this, the Highway Superintendent will order them.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she had all the marriage and death records in the protective sleeves and three ring binders. All that she has left to do is index them. She reported that she thought that it cost approximately \$100.00 to do everything. The Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt proposed to the Town Board possibly closing the week of the Washington County Fair. The Town Clerk usually takes some time off this week and her deputy can not fill in. The office is usually slow the week of Washington County Fair. The Town Clerk has checked and some other towns close this week. It will depend on when the DEC licenses sales start for the license year of 2014 – 2015. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt said she would have more information regarding DEC License Sales for the August Board Meeting.

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board had no meeting because there was not a quorum. Sally Eddy the Clerk to the Planning Board called the Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt to let her know that there was a Planning Board member that would like to attend the 2014 Planning and Zoning Summer School in Town of Colonie on Tuesday, July 29, 2014. Sally Eddy wanted to make sure that the Town would reimburse this Planning Board Member for the cost of the school if she attended. The Town Board said that they would if she submitted a voucher for the cost of the class.

Town Justice

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported for the Town Justice Janet DeCarlo in her absence. Town Justice DeCarlo reported that her receipts were down for the first half of the year and this is because the two State Troopers that handle this area have retired and the Washington County Road Patrol has cut down. She thinks perhaps the Town Supervisor should address this at the board meeting. The total amount that was brought in for the past six months was \$3042.00.

Assessor Report

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The Assessor is not here in the office this week she is in Ithaca at school. Anyone that needs to reach her can call Heather Greenawalt the Town Clerk for her cell phone number, text her, or email.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement officer LaVerne Davis reported that he attended a class in Troy on Lead, July 10th from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m..

Town Board

Councilman Skiff said that he was asked by a Planning Board member if they did not have anything on the agenda did they have to meet. Supervisor Fedler said that this had been discussed before and the decision was left up to the Chair to the Planning Board Eric Pearson.

Councilwoman Herrington was questioning whether or not to scratch the idea for a picnic this year or to have it on a smaller scale. Supervisor Fedler said that she thought that the picnic was a good idea. The Supervisor would like Councilwoman Herrington to come up with some figures. Councilwoman Herrington had talked with the Town of Jackson and the people pay for their own parking. The Town provided the Hot Dogs, Lemonade and paper products, they had approximately 90 people. This picnic was well advertised in the paper and flyers were put up. Councilwoman Herrington thought that it might be a good idea to have the picnic on a Friday night from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. at Lake Lauderdale. She also mentioned that donations were made by people that attended and everyone brought a dish. The Town of Jackson does a recognition dinner in the fall for the Town Employees. They get businesses to support this dinner. Supervisor Fedler suggested to talk to Tammy from the Town of Jackson again and get some figures together for budget time.

Councilwoman Herrington questioned about the results of the meeting with Senator Kathy Marchione and Senator Betty Little on June 26th. Supervisor Fedler said that she was unable to attend and so were many others. Val Regean did not check with the mayors and supervisors of the Towns to make sure that their schedules were open. The only Supervisor that was able to attend was Bob Shay there were 36 people other than Val Regean and Senator Marchione and Little. Most of the people that attended were business owners. There will possibly be another meeting in September. They were looking for Economic Revitalization and Betty Little wanted more of a tangible job. Kathy Marchione talked to the neighbors and she wanted to know what was going on. Supervisor Fedler mentioned that no one thought to ask the Senators about State Rt. 372. Supervisor Fedler mentioned the condition of the State Rt. 372 and how could you have economic development into a Town when you can't even get into it. Now it is not looking promising that State Rt. 372 will be done by winter.

Councilman Skiff asked about the rezoning of the hospital and Supervisor Fedler said that she had not heard anything from the mayor about that.

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Supervisor Report

Supervisor Fedler reported that she had been notified by the bank about the dropping interest rate. She also mentioned that she voted no on the Suny Adirondack contract. She mentioned that they would have a 2.67% salary increase and the insurance was going up so they explained it that they were not actually getting a raise. She voted against it because she did not think it was fair. Supervisor Fedler voted yes on the Casino because she felt that this was a potential business coming into the area. She mentioned that there are always huge discussions ahead of time on these topics by committees. These topics are then voted on Fridays. The public can go to the committee meetings and voice their opinions.

County Report

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that a lot of committees are looking at cutting employees, they are looking at retirement and whether they should fill the positions. The roof project is complete at the county and the 911 center is moving along on schedule. The Solar program is nothing the county has committed to yet, there were several stages and steps they must go through. They are going through the steps and can go all the way through the steps for the Grant and still say no to the agreement. It is 60 days after the Grant gets approved that you have to say yes or no. Councilman McMurray asked if this solar was for electric or hot water. Supervisor Fedler said that she believes that it is electric and that the information can be obtained online. Hudson Valley Wireless presented about their Connect New York Broadband. They are still working on areas that are dark and trying to get service to them. The White Creek and Archibald Bridge in Salem received a lot of discussion.

Purchase of the Culvert

Resolution #42

Councilman McMurray motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to take the money out of the Bridge Reserve in the amount of \$5,000 to pay for the culvert.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that they would leave the interest in the Reserve to keep the account open in case they decide at budget time to set more money aside for future projects.

Old Business

Supervisor Fedler said that she had heard from Councilman Ford on the Best Value and Mobile Home Law. Councilman McMurray stated that this copy of the Best Value Law would have to be presented to the public and see their reaction. Councilman Ford, Skiff and McMurray were all fine with the way the Best Value Law was written.

Councilwoman Herrington said that she thought that the Best Value Law should state the Best Value or the Lowest bid. Councilman McMurray said that you could choose either or this is stated in the law. Councilman Skiff said that the best value isn't always the lowest bid and this is what they are trying to get around. Supervisor Fedler said that this states either or and as long as you document these reasons than you can choose the best value. Supervisor Fedler said that if everyone was ok with the Best Value Law than she

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would have the Town Attorney put the finishing touches on it so it can be presented to the public. Supervisor Fedler said that the public hearing could be set for next month. It was decided it might be better to have the public hearing on September 8th meeting at 7:30 p.m.. This will give the Town Attorney plenty of time and also time to get the notice in the paper.

Supervisor Fedler asked the Town Board about the Mobile home Park Law and any comments. Councilman McMurray said that he thought that the reference of age of the trailer should be eliminated and it should strictly state that all fire, safety and health codes should be meet. It should not be quite as difficult if a mother is putting a trailer in for a son or a family situation. It should be about the condition of the trailer and not the age of the trailer. They must go through the right process of bringing the trailer into the town and they can not force it. Supervisor Fedler said that she would submit this information to the Town Attorney.

Privilege of the Floor

None

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

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