

Town Board Meeting

July 10, 2017

-The regular meeting of the town of Cambridge duly called and held the 10th day of July at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler
Councilman Douglas Ford
Councilwoman Susan Herrington
Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot
Councilman Gerald Skiff

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement, Nicki Cartin reporter from the Eagle, Barb Kingsley Town of White Creek Town Board, Dan Schmidt, Bruce Bailey

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

Auditing of the Bills

General	#121 – 141	\$ 2,152.44
Highway	# 80 – 94	\$16,546.12

The Supervisor reported that the issue with the excessive speed on both Whiteside and Gannon Road had been turned over to the Sheriff. They said that the only way that they could control would be sitting and issuing tickets. The process of changing the speed limit is long and no guarantee that the state would grant change in speed limit.

The Supervisor mentioned the Washington County Senior Picnic that will be held at the Washington County Fair Grounds in Greenwich on Friday, July 14, 2017 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. She mentioned that open to Washington County Seniors 60+ and there is a meal, games and prizes.

While auditing the bills the Supervisor mentioned that the bill from Peckham \$12,868.50 would possibly be lower. The bill must be authorized tonight in order to submit for Chips reimbursement.

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #30

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the Supervisor's report from June 2017.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

The Supervisor also mentioned that the Town Board had received from the Clerk to the Supervisor the Quarterly report. If there were any questions the board could ask the Supervisor or Margaret Shaw the Clerk to the Supervisor.

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #31

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Councilman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the June 12, 2017 Town Board Meeting minutes as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that he attended Highway School in Ithaca and all of the Highwaymen attended the Safety Days. They have continued mowing roadsides and grading gravel roads. Gravel has been put on parts of Mead, Dickensen and Whiteside Roads. They have also done some ditching on Whiteside and Brownell Roads. They are doing their best to keep up with patching on Whiteside; the road is not made for the amount of traffic it is receiving due to the County Rt. 74 being closed. They have finished tree trimming on Brownell Road and Easton end of Vly Summit – just waiting on Peckham's to do shimming. The Cemeteries were mowed for 4th of July. Scott Rogers will replace Steve starting tomorrow Tuesday, July 11, 2017. He joined them when they attended Safety Days.

Code Enforcement Report

LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement Officer said that the house on County Rt. 74 has a new owner. The new owner doesn't want to incorporate, he doesn't want to bring up to code and wants to make as was in 1973. Have 2 travel trailers in the town that are there illegal. Only can have for 120 days legally and they must be hooked up. There is a problem with Garbage on King Road.

Planning Board Report

The Town of Cambridge Planning Board met on Thursday, July 6, 2017, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. There were 4 members present, Secretary and 5 people from the public.

Communications

Information was sent to the members with the minutes for 2017 Planning and Zoning Schools from the Association of Towns. The one in Albany will be on Thursday, August 10, 2017, registration is \$80.00.

Unfinished Business

Public Hearing

- 1) Public Hearing was held for Ed Guidon Subdivision. Elaine Heckman and Jamie Lasco presented Final Survey for Ed Guidon property tax map #254.-1-13 located at 9 Cobble Road, the large piece will be subdivided off which is 86 acres. This property is naturally split by County Rt. 60 and Cobble Rd. into 3 sections. The other portion of the property with the house and barns will remain the same.

Resident Gerald Moppert a boundary line owner was present at the meeting and said that he had no objection to the subdivision. Elaine Heckman said that Ann Walsh and her father William Walsh had stated at previous meeting that they also had no objection.

Planning Board approved the subdivision pending the correct documentation is received that Elaine Heckman is the Executor of the Estate. The Town Attorney and Elaine's Attorney are working out the legality's of the matter.

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New Business

Elaine Guidon Heckman submitted the Sketch Plan of map proposing that the other 2 pieces that are naturally split by the County Rt. 60 and the Cobble be subdivided into 2 separate parcels. She stated that combined they were 32 acres. Planning Board gave permission to proceed with the survey.

The next Planning Board meeting will be held Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Town Clerk – None

Assessor's Report

Heather Greenawalt the Town Clerk reported in the Assessor's absence. The Assessor will be away for training on July 19, 2017 and will return July 26, 2017. The final roll is available. The BAR has a second meeting on July 24, 2017 for a follow up with an inventory issue.

Town Board Report

Councilman Skiff reported that he wanted to apologize to Councilwoman Wilmot that the paperwork that he received on the PFOA's was not the same as hers. He also apologized to Dan Schmidt and Bruce Bailey that the email that he said he would send he could not find.

Councilwoman Herrington reported that she has had numerous complaints about the roadsides not being mowed on County Rt. 74. She mentioned how dangerous this is. Supervisor Fedler mentioned that they have been short on mowers and also the weather conditions are holding them up.

Councilwoman Wilmot said that she was upset with Councilwoman Herrington saying last month that Town of Cambridge board members being unpatriotic due to the lack of interest of the Memorial Day parade. She did mention that she is as patriotic as anybody and so is her family. Councilwoman Wilmot said that if the parade is something that the Town Board is required to do then they must know about it. Councilwoman Wilmot does not do parades. She said that she can't take the hot weather and being out in those conditions. She just wanted Councilwoman Herrington to know that she took offense to this comment.

Supervisor's Report

Town Supervisor reported that she had been in contact with Charlotte Bethoney and that there is nothing new to report on the private well sampling. They are still working on getting approval for a public meeting with all three towns – they will keep us informed on the progress. Richard Clarkson briefly reported in email to the Supervisor that they are making progress on the development of limits for PFCs in compost. They expect to complete the process soon.

County Report

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The Supervisor reported that first series of shared services across all levels. The Supervisors and Mayors will be meeting on Thursday at the County in regards to the Shared Services. Councilman Skiff expressed his interest in attending this meeting and the supervisor said that he could.

Supervisor mentioned that the Black topping and the Bridge is going very slow on county level.

The Supervisor reported that the IT Department at the County level study has started and they will receive update on next Tuesday. Councilman Skiff asked if they hired a consultant for the IT Department. Supervisor said yes, this will be reorganization of the upper level and they are determining how to precede. The Supervisor did mention that when it comes to the IT Department it is not just computers, this includes computers, cameras, recorders, Wi-fi, archives and convert to electronic.

Shared Services Agreement with NYSDOT

The Supervisor reported that she received paperwork in May of 2017 on Shared Services Agreement for Emergency Assistance. This would be for services that are valued at less than \$10,000, NYS Comptroller rules allow NYSDOT to “trade” services under this agreement. It was suggested at the county that the towns sign this agreement.

Resolution #32

Councilwoman Herrington motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Skiff,

**SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
Between
NYSDOT and Town of Cambridge**

THIS AGREEMENT, dated July 10, 2017, is between the People of the State of New York, hereinafter referred to as “State” or “NYSDOT” and the Town of Cambridge hereinafter referred to as “Municipality.” Pursuant to Section 99-r of the General Municipal Law, the State and the Municipality wish to share services, exchange or lend materials or equipment which shall promote and assist the maintenance of State and Municipal roads and highway and provide a cost savings by maximizing the effective utilization of both parties’ resources. The State and the municipality agree to share services as follows:

1. Description and Cost of Services, Materials or Equipment to be shared: Provide details of the services, materials or equipment to be shared in the attached standard Schedule A. The total amount of the agreement shall not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). If applicable, indicate that the return exchange will be determined at a later date.
2. The Provider’s employees shall remain under full supervision and control of the Provider. The parties shall remain fully responsible for their own employee’s for all matters, including but not limited to, salary, insurance, benefits and Worker’s Compensation.
3. If the borrowed machinery or equipment is damaged or otherwise needs repair arising out of or in connection with Recipient’s use, the Recipient shall be responsible for such repairs.
4. The Municipality agrees to indemnify the State for any and all claims arising out of Municipality’s acts or omissions under this Agreement.
5. The term of this Agreement shall be for one (1) year from July 10, 2017 to July 9, 2018. The parties will endeavor to provide no less than thirty (30) days’ notice of its intent to extend the Agreement.

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Either party may revoke this Agreement by providing sixty (60) days written notice of such revocation. Upon revocation, any outstanding obligations of the parties must be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of revocation.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Privilege of the Floor

Dan Schmidt resident of the Town had questions about Agricycle the compost facility and at what point that this facility becomes a landfill. It was mentioned that can't test for everything, have to know what testing for. Supervisor Fedler said that she would bring this up again, she has mentioned it to the DEC and the Dept. of Health before. Councilwoman Wilmot asked if there were other facilities in the state that could be compared to Agricycle. Mr. Schmidt said that was a good idea, he did not think of that. Councilman Ford said that he hates to compare to landfill because they make phenomenal top soil, the garden grows great.

Supervisor Fedler said that she again wanted to remind everyone that the Town Clerk's Office would be closed the week of the Washington County Fair August 21 – 25 2017.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge