

Town Board Meeting
June 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 12th day of June 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, Lisa Proch Deputy Town Clerk, Bruce Bailey, Dan Schmidt

Supervisor Fedler called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM and immediately led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#103 – 120	\$ 1,409.76
Highway	# 64 – 79	\$70,920.05

The Supervisor reported that she had not received any new information on the PFOA's, the weather has caused problems with the testing.

The Supervisor also reported that in regards to the Hurrell Haring, Consulate First Appearance the county has a resolution in regards to the Centralized Arraignments. The Town of Cambridge Town Justice has opted out of this program. However, this resolution of support of the county plan states that everyone will be arraigned in Ft. Edward and will now have counsel at first appearance. Resolution will be presented later in the meeting.

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #27

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the May 2017 Supervisor's Report.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Approving of the Minute

Resolution #28

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2017 meeting with 3 corrections. The first one being on the top of page 3 first line should read Precipitation leaching procedure, leaching was spelled wrong. The second correction was on page 4 the second to last sentence under the Assessor Report: The sentence should read, The Assessor's Conference is July 17 – 21 in Ithaca NY. The third correction is on page 5 under the Abandonment of Town Lanes, first sentence should read: The Supervisor mentioned that she has information from the Town Attorney from 3 property owners to remove their lanes.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Central Arraignments – Hurrell-Harring

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Resolution No. 29 Centralized Arraignments
Resolution by Councilwoman Wilmot
Seconded by Councilman Ford

WHEREAS, Washington County is submitting a plan for counsel at initial appearance coverage for arraignments in local courts; and

WHEREAS, the plan provides for a central arraignment part conducted twice a day at the Washington County jail rather than at the town or village location of the arrest; and

WHEREAS, this plan requires the cooperation of the various local town and village justices; and

WHEREAS, this plan should assure consistency in representation as well as in the after-hours schedules of the various town and village justices; and

WHEREAS, state funding is available to provide for the expenses of the justices as they travel to Fort Edward; and

WHEREAS, this program will promote efficiencies among the town and village justices as well as county operations providing for mutual cooperation of the County's municipalities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambridge hereby indicates its support for the County's plan for counsel at initial appearance coverage for arraignments in local courts.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Councilman Herrington questioned about fees to the town. The Supervisor said that no charge to the town.

Town Clerk's Office closed August 21st - 25

The Supervisor mentioned that she wanted to discuss this month the Town Clerk's Office being closed the week of the Washington County Fair August 21st – August 25th. Supervisor Fedler said that Town Clerk's Office is always closed this week in August. She would like to discuss this month so everything is in place for August. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt mentioned that office is always slow this week, the paper is notified, signs are posted on the bulletin boards and posted in the office. The Cambridge Town Board was fine with this.

Highway Report

Supervisor Fedler reported in Jim Buckley's Jr. absence, he was attending Highway School this week. The CHIPS paperwork has been handed into DOT for paving on Meeting house road and Darwin extension. Rainstorms have kept them busy with cleaning up downed limbs and trees. Some grading was done. They have added a layer of gravel to Birch Road and another to Lower Conley Road. They have also added shoulder stone to poorer spots on Conley Road, put shoulders on Meeting house road and Kenyon Road. They have also hauled one load of gravel to Wood lawn Cemetery. They have started mowing roadsides – one pass done on most roads and trimmed around Guide rails throughout the town.

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They have been cutting back limbs on Brownell Road to be ready for shimming it and have also done some cold patching around town. After almost 9 ½ years of employment Steve Burke is retiring. His retirement is well deserved, but he will be missed greatly.

Short Discussion on Steve Burke's retirement and what the Town Board would like to do for Steve.

Town Clerk Report

None

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that the Planning Board met on Thursday, June 1, 2017 with 3 members present, 2 absent, secretary and 5 people from the public.

- 1.) Elaine Guidon Heckman presented the survey map for Ed Guidon property tax map #254.-1-13, 118.9 acres located at 9 Cobble Road. The new survey map showed the parcel being subdivided out was 86 acres on the south side of Cobble/County Rt. 60. The Planning Board gave permission to proceed to the Public Hearing at the July 6, 2017 meeting.
- 2.) Sketch Plan was discussed for William Brown for property located at 193 Horton Rd. Tax Map #261.-2-8.2. He would like to subdivide off 1 acre of his 7.80 acres for his son, who is going to build a residence. Chairman Eric Pearson said that he had discussed this with LaVerne Davis the Code Enforcement Officer and he said that it was definitely possible however though that should have more than 1 acre. He suggested that have 1 ½ to 1 ¾ acre to give enough room for adequate road frontage and septic and well spacing. The Planning Board gave permission to proceed with the survey.

The Town Board had concerns about the Guidon Subdivision because Edward Guidon has recently passed away. They wondered how this affects the process of subdivision. Planning Board Clerk Heather Greenawalt said that she would contact the Town Attorney.

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Councilman Skiff asked if there was any way that speed limit could be posted on Whiteside Road. Due to the bridge being closed on County Rt. 74 the traffic on Whiteside has increased and he has had several residents with concerns of excessive speed on this road. Supervisor Fedler mentioned that the Speed limit reduction process is a long one. Paperwork must be filed with the County and approved by the State. It was mentioned that Gannon Road was also a concern with extra travel and excessive speed. Resident Bruce Bailey mentioned the slowness of the county on the bridge and they still have another bridge to do. Supervisor Fedler said that she would have to check with Steve Haskins and see if there was anything that they could do.

Councilwoman Herrington commented on the parade and her disappointment with the lack of interest in the parade. She said that we owe this much to our Veterans, we did not have good showing from the Town of Cambridge. Dan Bouchard was at the Town Hall and Councilwoman Herrington mentioned that all the Town Has to do is to donate the paint. Supervisor Fedler said that Mike from Alternative

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Sentencing said that unless things improve they would not have the time this year to paint the Town Hall. The outdoor projects are behind due to the weather.

Councilwoman Herrington also mentioned the Town Picnic and that Friday July 21st or 14th could be possible date. This year would be the third year for the picnic and she mentioned that last year the attendance over doubled and hoped that this year would be better. The Supervisor mentioned that wasn't sure if Town of White Creek would join us due to the Open House at the New Highway Garage, she would talk to Bob Shay. The supervisor Fedler thought maybe the Town of Cambridge should have in our own town rather than Lake Lauderdale. It was discussed possibility of the Grange Hall, the Supervisor questioned the rest of the board on their feelings. It was decided to discuss at later date.

Assessor's Report

Heather Greenawalt read the Assessor's report in her absence. Grievance Day was on May 24, 2017: 1 Correction (1 exemption error), 3 applications in front of Board of Assessment Review (1N/C, 2 changes), 5 Stipulations made with Assessor. The Assessor's Office will be closed on July 19, 2017 due to Assessor's training at Cornell. The training was split with the Town of Waterford and City of Mechanicville. Final Roll will be available on July 1, 2017.

Privilege of the Floor

Resident Bruce Bailey asked if received any more information on the PFOA testing. Councilwoman Wilmot reported that she received mailing about PFOA information and a meeting that was in Hoosick Falls. She said that she received because she had Buskirk mailing address. Supervisor Fedler said that had not received any new information on testing in the Town of Cambridge (Agricycle).

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