

Town Board Meeting
June 10, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held 10th day of June at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Douglas Ford

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Councilman Brian Harrington

Absent: Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Terry Hamilton, Jim Buckley Highway Superintendent, Robbie McIntosh

Auditing of the Bills

General	#91 – 105	\$ 1,005.61
Highway	#57 – 69	\$37,290.19

Resolution #28

Supervisor's Report

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilman Harrington to approve the Supervisor's report for May 2019.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Mortgage Tax

The Supervisor mentioned that received the first mortgage tax check and it was more than budgeted, by \$6,800. It was mentioned they were trying to determine where to move the extra money contingent or the Town Shed Repairs. It can only be distributed into A accounts. Councilman Ford said that he thought it was good idea to set money aside for the Town Shed Repairs (Reserve). The Supervisor said that they could think about it and then decide later.

Minutes

The Minutes from the May 13, 2019 Town board meeting could not be approved because a quorum was not present that attended that meeting.

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Meeting held June 6, 2019 , 7:30 PM at the Town Hall 5 Members present, secretary, 3 people from the public.

Old Business

Ford's subdivision and boundary line adjustment

Public Hearing was held for Ford's minor subdivision, Ron Ford presented the final survey with the boundary line adjustment of parcel #246.-1-23 & #246.-1-23.4. The subdivision of tax map ##246.-1-23, which is 1.26 acres subdivided off Cleo Ford's original parcel. This creates a separate lot for the shop. The Planning Board granted final approval.

Town Board Meeting

June 10, 2019

Eileen Wheeler's minor Subdivision

Public Hearing was held for the Eileen Wheeler's subdivision. The final survey map of 461 King Road tax map #272.-1-10.1 was presented. The survey map showed a 17.52 acre lot being created from the original parcel tax map #272.-1-10.1 of 60.11 acres. The planning Board found the map to be the same as before. The Planning Board granted final approval of the Wheeler subdivision.

Next Planning Board Meeting will be on July 11, 2019.

Town Clerk Report

The Town Clerk reported that the Sales tax has finally been removed from the Nationalgrid bill. She also mentioned that she has been working cleaning out some of the files and disposing of old paperwork.

Highway Report

Jim Buckley the Highway Superintendent reported that they have begun mowing roadsides and they are almost done with the first time around. They have also been grading, graveling roads, replacing culverts and cleaning ditches around Town. The cemeteries were mowed for Memorial Day. The first round of CHIPS paperwork has been delivered to Albany. The Highwaymen have attended MSHA training and the Highway Superintendent attended Highway School last week. Verizon is still working their way around Town.

The Highway Superintendent is still getting prices on Pay loaders. He said that CAT has never gotten back to him. He has been in touch with Doosan, Case and Deere. The John Deere is the best price as of right now but he is not sure of the service. It was mentioned that they know that the service at Capital Tractor is excellent with the current Doosan Loader. The Doosan and the Deere there is no trade, and with the Case they would do \$45,000 for the old loader. It was thought that they would put the old loader on Auctions International and then would see whether the bid is better or the trade in. The Supervisor suggested that Highway Superintendent get the bids that went through the county when they bought new loader.

Going out to bid for new loader

Resolution #29

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by councilman Harrington to give Highway Superintendent permission to go out for bid for new loader.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Assessor Report

None

Code Enforcement

LaVerne Davis has notified the Supervisor that has 2 issues with septic's in the Town. He is attending school again this month.

The Supervisor was notified that DEC would be inspecting the water quality over near the dump on Vly Summit, this was due to the new Water Quality Act.

Town Board Meeting
June 10, 2019

County Report

The Supervisor reported that two employees have left the county in Department of Code Enforcement, so they will be hiring again for those positions.

County Partial Payments on Taxes

The Supervisor reported that the County is discussing taking partial tax payments. The supervisor said that in doing a partial payment/payment plan this would make more work for the tax collectors. There was a short discussion about this and whether or not it was a good choice? Yes, it may be helpful for some people but will the tax payers still get taxes paid in the end. The Supervisor stated that she is definitely against partial tax payments, she mentioned that an individual knows that they have taxes to pay and when the best time is for them to pay. That individual should be able to save and make their property current.

RESOLUTION NO. 30

Contracting for assessing services

Resolution by Councilman Bailey
Seconded by Councilman Ford

WHEREAS the Town of Cambridge currently has a sole appointed assessor and wishes to contract with Washington County for assessing services; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 of the Town Law which requires this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum, the Town of Cambridge will enter into an. Agreement with Washington County for assessing services and the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the necessary contract; and, be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 90 of the Town Law that within ten (10) days from the date of this resolution the Town Clerk shall post and publish a notice which shall set forth the date of the adoption of the resolution, shall contain an abstract of such resolution concisely setting forth the purpose and effect thereof, shall specify that this resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum; and shall publish such notice in the ___Eagle_____ newspaper published in Washington County having general circulation in the Town of Cambridge and in addition thereto that the Town Clerk shall post, or cause to be posted, on the sign-board of the Town of Cambridge, a copy of such notice within ten (10) days after the date of the adoption of this resolution.

Unanimously approved by Cambridge Town Board June 10, 2019.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Town Board Meeting
June 10, 2019

Councilman Bailey asked about the story with Verizon and getting Internet Service through them. It was mentioned that they are contacting people even knocking on doors to see if people are interested in receiving service.

It was also mentioned that the all Town Employees must take the Sexual Harassment and the Workplace Violence training. The Town Clerk said that she would email the training to anyone that was interested.

Councilman Harrington asked if there were any updates on the Village Dump and the investigation on the copies of the bills. This was in hopes to better understand how the testing was being billed.

Privilege of the Floor

Robbie McIntosh was present at the meeting and wanted to discuss The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, the hand out from 2 months ago. The handout that he gave this month was on Agriculture and the Carbon Fee. Mr. McIntosh mentioned that he would like to invite someone to come to a Board Meeting and speak on Climate Change. Right now the bill is being introduced to the House of Representative and the Senate. The Supervisor mentioned that she doesn't think it is a good idea to have someone come and speak this would only be hearing one side. Councilman Ford mentioned that in his opinion that this bill is only going to screw the public. Councilman Harrington thought this would hurt our area vs. the urban area. Robbie McIntosh said that his hopes were to educate the public on issues on climate change. The supervisor said that she would like to know more about the person that Mr. McIntosh would like speak to the Town Board. The Supervisor mentioned this would need to be discussed further.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town of Cambridge