

June 8, 2020
Town Board Meeting

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called the 8th of June at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Douglas Ford

Councilman Brian Harrington

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Absent: Gretchen Wilmot

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Chandler News Reporter from the Eagle

Supervisor Fedler called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#92 - #112	\$ 2,533.04
Highway	#63 – 74	\$140,721.98

The Supervisor reported that the CHIPS paperwork has been submitted and they are hoping to be reimbursed. It is possible that the program is cut between 15% - 50%. If it is cut by 15% we should be ok, if it is 50% it could be tight. It was mentioned that at the end of the year could change the amount of money that is put in the reserve DA accounts. The Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley is being careful/ultra conservative on the spending.

The Supervisor also reported that had a conference with Whitney Burger from Glens Falls National Bank. The Bank had warned that they would be charging the Town. Calls have been made to TCT about handling the working accounts and they said the they couldn't handle them. TD Bank North is reviewing the Town accounts and they said that they would have no problem working with NY Class. TD Bank North will be reviewing everything and letting the Town know what the fees will be. The Supervisor reported that as of now YTD with NYCLASS is \$4,345.67 and the interest rate is .49%.

County meetings have been on ZOOM, the first in person meeting will be on Thursday. There is a new Budget Officer for the County. The Department of Motor Vehicle's has a huge challenge because the lines with number of people is always great. This will make it hard to practice the social distancing. The Departments at the County are open by appointment only and at 50 % occupancy in the building. The highway Department has been back for a couple weeks, the idea is to keep the same people working together. It was mentioned that DMV would not be back on schedule till late August Summer or early Fall September.

There was concern about the Sales Tax revenue, may be a delay. There will be more of an impact on the county then the town when it comes to sales tax. The mortgage tax for November – March the payment was a little over \$12,000. The fall payment is expected to be short. Right now, per capita has not been pulled out by the Governor.

The Supervisor reported that the Town Clerk would continue to work from home for phase 3. This would determine whether things would go forward or backwards in regards to the Corona Virus. The end of Phase 3 would be on June 17th and the reopening of the Town Office would be determined after

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that. As far as the Reopening Committee for Washington County, they determine how to move forward and take the next step. There is a lot that goes into the reopening process, guidance and clarification can be found online at fowardnygov. Phase 4 is still 6ft. social distance, supervisor questioned when do we go back to NY normal?

Supervisor's Report

Resolution#20

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the March, April, May 2020 Supervisor's Reports.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution#21

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to approve the minutes of the March 9, April 13, May 11, 2020 Town Board Meetings.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Executive Session

Supervisor Feder requested to go into executive session at 8:10 pm.

Resolution #22

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Bailey to go into Executive Session for Personnel reason.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Supervisor requested to exit executive session 8:15 pm.

Resolution #23

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Harrington to exit Executive Session.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Highway Report

The Supervisor read the Highway Superintendent's report in his absence. She reported that they had plowed snow several times. They have cut back trees and brush around Town. The highway crew has also swept the roads, smoothed push off areas and places where the plow wings dug in during winter. They have graded or at least spot graded, gravel roads and added gravel to the bad areas. They have begun roadside mowing; the first pass around is nearly complete. The ditching has been done in many areas around Town and culverts replaced. The Highway Superintendent has filed the salt order for next winter. The cemeteries have been mowed for Memorial Day. They have paved Morris road and King Road from Oak Hill road to County Route 59. They have also paved the intersection of Dickensen Road and King Road. The CHIPS, PAVE and EWR reimbursement forms have been submitted to NYSDOT.

Planning Board

Planning Board Meeting was held on Thursday, June 4th 3 members present, secretary and 1 resident.

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There has not been Planning Board meeting since February 6th. March, April and May there was nothing on the agenda.

Mary Lennon from 141 Gillis Road, tax map #254.-1-37 was present and presented new sketch plan. The approved Subdivision from February 6th meeting was not filed. One of the purchasers of her lots backed out. She is purposing splitting the 42.71-acre lot on the southside of Gillis Road and adding the barns back in with the house. That would make this a major subdivision. The Planning Board approved the Preliminary sketch plan and Mary will proceed with the surveyor. The next Planning Board meeting will be July 2nd.

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk reported that she has been Social Distancing since March 16th and it seems to be working. Throughout the last few months, she has been checking emails, mail, messages daily and meeting individuals by appointment when necessary. There have been many marriage licenses (more than ever). Many hunting and fishing licenses have been done and anything else that comes up. DEC has notified all agents that the system will be changing! The Clerk has already received the new printer. DEC will be notifying her of the online training and the setup. This was supposed to be effective as of June 1st. However, they did change the date to June 28th in hopes to give us longer to get things setup in this unsure time.

Assessor's Report

The Supervisor reported that the Assessor did have a few people for Grievance Day.

Transfers

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to transfer \$1887.00 from A1110.1 to Contingent A1910.4. The second transfer was to transfer \$144.50 from Town Council A1010.1 to Library B7410.4.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes - 0

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully yours,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge