

Town Board Meeting
March 11, 2024

The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Cambridge was duly called, Monday, March 11, 2024 at Cambridge Town Hall, at 7:30 PM the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler
Councilman Larry Carrino
Councilman Robert McIntosh
Councilman Bruce Bailey
Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Pasha Korsakov, Laura Rice with the Tour of the Battenkill

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

Tour of the Battenkill

Pasha Korsakov and Laura Rice were at the meeting representing the Tour of the Battenkill. The race travels through the Town of Cambridge and last year the Town of Cambridge requested that the Tour of the Battenkill no longer use our roads. They were in the Town of Cambridge today and they stopped by the Town Hall to meet with the Supervisor to discuss possibility around the Town of Cambridge. They were able to reroute except the portion in Brownell Lane on Easton side and travels Vly Summit by the Hudson's property. Pasha mentioned that he realizes that history of the event has positives and negatives. Plenty of people have their opinions, last year was his first year organizing the bicycle race. He mentioned that now this ride is a friendly event, not pro event. Pasha mentioned that they had only one spot where there was an incursion in Town of Cambridge, he hoped that was ok. There would be a Sheriff/officer at this site and the first bike would leave at 9:00 am and the last bike no later than noon. There is maybe 25 meters in Town lines and the goal of this race is to stay off the highways as much as they can, safe for the cyclist. The race will be on May 18th and there will be approximately 700 people. Last year the number was down, bad weather, rainy and cold. Councilman Bailey said that they need to build back good will this has been lost. Pasha said this is the intent to build back up relationship. He said that they would have 4 stations around the route with porta potties, drinks, food and other supplies tubes, etc. He did also say that they are going to try and get signs picked up sooner this year, the Monday after the race. The Sheriff/Police would be offering 14 Local and not sure how many State Officers.

Supervisor asked about the insurance coverage, Pasha said that yes the insurance will cover all and a certificate of insurance will be sent out. There will also be motorcycles out again this year, last year 9, this year possibly 12.

Audit of the Bills

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| General | #30 – 45 | \$22,002.85 |
| Highway | #23 – 31 | \$ 6,402.05 |

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #15

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh to approve the February 2024 Supervisor's Report.

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Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #16

Councilman Carrino motioned, Seconded by Councilman McIntosh to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2024 meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Tour of the Battenkill

Resolution #17

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to acknowledge, and have no objection to the Tour of the Battenkill on May 18th, 2024, utilizing Town Road concerning intersection of Brownell Road and Vly Summit Roads and the short amount of road on either side. The race is traveling this short distance from one Town of Easton Rd to another Town of Easton Rd.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Highway Report

Jim Buckley Highway Superintendent reported:

- They have plowed and sanded.
- New lights have been installed in the shop, with thanks to Gretchen and Dave Wilmot for the use of the man lift.
- Tree brush cutting
- Ditch clean up
- Boom arm mower has been out
- General shop work done

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that he had attended the FEMA meeting, there has been a change in the FEMA Flood Maps. The Town has laminated the new Flood map, compliments of Heather Weller in Office of Real Property. Flood zone has changed 35 structures in Town of Cambridge, 25 have been taken off the list and then 40 more added. However, we have no names, FEMA is saying not a big deal only 15 have changed. Sometime in March there will be Public Meetings in the County and residents can go plead their case about their property. FEMA feels that it is not their responsibility to notify the property owners, but they will notify the banks. Have tried to figure out the people on this list and have not been successful. The next best thing is to put a notice in the paper that residents can come and view the FEMA Flood map to check and see if their property is in Flood Zone. There is an agreement that the Code Enforcement should take this over, there are very few Highway Superintendents that are FEMA Administrators, mostly Supervisors do this.

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that DeNooyer Chevrolet called and the pickup should be ready in a week. The 2024 Chevy Silverado 3500HD final price is approximately \$53,945.60, the Highway Superintendent had one question on the transaction sheet. It was mentioned that a new plow would have to be purchased for the pickup. The plow would be approximately \$7500 and probably be purchased from Truis out of Ft. Edward.

Purchase of Town Pickup

Resolution #18

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Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to transfer money out of the DA230 Highway Reserve to DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment to pay for 2024 Chevy Silverado 3500HD for approximately \$53,945.60.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Thank you from Sandra Davis for the Highway crew quickly cleaning up the damage at the cemetery on Turnpike so quickly.

Planning Board Report

- Planning Board meeting was held on March 7, 2024, 5 members present and secretary.
- Discussed the training session that will be held at the County Municipal Offices on Monday, March 18, 2024 5:30 PM – 8:45 PM.
- Norm Scribner was not at the meeting so had no subdivision business at the meeting.
- Dorothy Yurschak discussed with the Planning Board if it was a possibility to change the day of the meeting, she had an opportunity to do something on the first Thursday of the month. All the Planning Board was ok with changing the day of the meeting. They decided on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. So, for April the meeting will be on the Second Wednesday of the month April 10th, only because this is Spring break for the kids and there were a few members that could not attend. In the month of May, the meeting will be Wednesday, May 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM.
- Planning Board reviewed some of the things that should be discussed with the Town Board at the meeting.
- Next Planning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Planning Board and Town Board Joint meeting

The Planning Board and the Town Board discussed the Solar Law and the things that should be the highest concerns to touch on when creating this Local Law.

These points of concerns were:

- The Authority of the Planning Board has in the Town – have no law/no zoning. No teeth here in the Town of Cambridge.
- The Town does not do permitting. Third party Engineer needed and after this who approves and moves forward.
- Third party engineer will be needed – architectural review will be needed.
- Bond needed for the Decommissioning Project – all agreed that needed to have this in place.
- Who holds this bond was also a concern. If the Bond is assigned to the Town then how can this Bond be activated?
- Some of the other things that were touched on was that could NYSERDA come and address the Decommissioning, Triggers that pull the bond and how work with private property is it is at the point of abandonment and needs to be decommissioned?
- Possibly Town of Cambridge could learn from neighboring Towns Hoosick and Jackson?
- How do you balance out impacts on neighbors?

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- Could the Association of Towns be contacted to ask questions about decommissioning and what they have possibly seen in other Towns when working with Solar Laws/Projects?
- It was suggested that a list be compiled to send to NYSERDA. This would be in written format of concerns that need to be addressed in the Solar Law. This would include the 4 main concerns and any other things added.
- Batteries were questioned whether they are a big deal, do engineers consult fire depts. Is the County Fire Coordinator contacted about problem of access to the site?
- Question also about who maintains the property at the Solar site, replacing of dead trees, landscape company?

Town Clerk Report

- Second deadline for tax payment February 29th has passed and Delinquent tax letters have been mailed. Final day for payment on 2024 taxes is April 1st and taxes go back to the County April 5th.
- Information received on Domestic partnership
- Webinar on the NYMIR Neogov site, which is site to access training for employees. Latest updates and changes to the site and information about setting up accounts and adding training.
- Met with Tom Darfler on March 6th to review the Town Computers and discuss ways to possibly secure the computers so that the insurance company would approve and insure the Town for Cyber security. Tom has made some suggestions to improve the security. We have already taken some of those steps, setting up passwords, email changes with protected domain. Tom will be emailing me quotes.

Transfer of money Assessor's phone

Resolution #19

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to transfer money from the contingent A1990.4 in the amount of \$52.81 to A1355.2 Assessor Equipment for purchase of a phone.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

The Supervisor mentioned that she had been trying to figure out how she could get paid for a portion of her work for the Clerk to the Supervisor position. She talked with Civil Service and they concluded that this could be done under the Budget Officer line.

Transfer of money

Resolution #20

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to transfer money from the Budget Officer A1340.12 in the amount of \$1418.00 to A1340.1 Budget Officer. (This will leave 200.00 in this line.)

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #21

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Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to change the Organizational Resolution so that the Budget Officer gets paid quarterly rather than annually.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

The Supervisor reported that the insurance policy had been reviewed for the 2024 year, meet with them, they did not approve the Cyber Security, they did not like the list of answers for the survey. The Town Clerk has meet with Tom Darfler and showed him the list. He has already made some suggestions/changes to make. The first being the domain name change. Currently the Town of Cambridge does not have Cyber Insurance. Councilman McIntosh suggested that at this time they forgo the Cyber Insurance and isolate the most vulnerable parts of it. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt thought that there was too much at risk to forgo the insurance.

Assessor's Report

The supervisor reported that exemptions were due March 1, 2024. The Assessor is working on processing those exemptions.

The Supervisor mentioned that the lists for NYSEDA in regards to the Solar Law should be given to her to send in. Councilman Carrino had his list to had in, Councilman Bailey said that making progress and would need to get these lists sent in.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge