

Town Board Meeting

May 14, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Brian Harrington

Councilman Douglas Ford

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Ashleigh Morris from the Eagle, Alan Wrigley, Jim Buckley Jr., Robbie McIntosh

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

Audit of the Bills

General	#68 – 89	\$2,321.48
Highway	#57 – 74	\$7,660.55

Resolution #29

Supervisor's Report

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Bailey to approve the Supervisor's report of April 2018.

Vote:                  Ayes – 5                  Noes – 0

Resolution #30

Transferring of Funds/Budget Amendment

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to make a budget amendment of the unanticipated revenue we received for Misc. Animal Control fees (A2545) to the expenditure fund, Dog Control, Contractual (A3510.4) in the amount of \$78.40.

Vote:                  Ayes – 5                  Noes – 0

In January we received \$78.40, this will increase our Dog Control Contractual fund from \$200 to \$278.40. Bills submitted for this month amount to \$259.88, leaving a balance of \$18.52.

Resolution #31

Approving of the minutes

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilman Harrington to approve the minutes as mailed with 2 corrections. The first correction being on page 3 under the Transfer of Funds the spelling of Village Clerk's name is wrong. It should be Lance not Lang. The second correction is on page 2 Resolution #22 it should be noted that the Town Board went into Executive Session to seek Legal advice from the Town Attorney.

Vote:                  Ayes – 5                  Noes – 0

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Enid Kotchnig Property

Resolution #32

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to go into Executive Session at 8:00 PM to seek legal advice from Town Attorney.

Vote:            Ayes -5            Noes – 0

Resolution #33

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to exit out of executive session at 8:35 PM.

Vote:            Ayes – 5            Noes – 0

The Supervisor reported that further research must be done and no decisions have been made.

Town Clerk Report – none

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board Secretary Heather Greenawalt reported that the Town of Cambridge Planning Board met on Thursday May 3, 2018. Ron Ford was present at the meeting to present a boundary line adjustment on parcel 246.-1-23. He would like to move the property line south 125 ft. to put the Old Calf Barn and Silo Base on Ron's Property. This would be an addition to parcel 246.-1-23.4 the north side would be 150 ft. from marker to marker. He is going to contact his surveyor and let the Planning Board Clerk know about whether or not he will be attending the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with survey. The next Planning Board Meeting will be on June 7, 2018.

Assessor Report

Heather Greenawalt the Town Clerk reported in the Assessor's absence. The Tentative Roll was turned into the County and is now filed in the Assessor's Office. Change of Assessment Notices were sent out: 7 for the Village (\$147,927) & 29 for Town (-\$200,386). Grievance Day is May 23, 2018 at the Cambridge Town Hall, 846 County Route 59 Cambridge, NY 12816 4 pm to 8 pm. Grievance Applications can be picked up at the Town Hall or online at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/orpts/assessmentgrievance.htm>. All Board of Assessment Review members were notified. The NYS Legislation has passed new requirements pertaining to the Enhanced (Senior) Exemption and the Income Verification Program. New York State Department of Taxation and Finance will instruct the assessor's how to proceed. The NYSSA training seminar is July 16-20 2018 in Ithaca NY. The July Conference is July 17-21 in Ithaca NY. The Assessor will not be in the office on July 18, 2018. The cost will be split with City of Mechanicville and Town of Waterford.

Code Enforcement Report

Heather Greenawalt reported in LaVerne Davis's absence that 3 new houses are going up so far in the Town of Cambridge. They are located on County Route 60, King Road and English Road.

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Highway Report

Jim Buckley the Highway Superintendent Reported that the roads have been swept. They have been grading gravel roads and patching black tops. The Boom arm mower was out for a few days on English Road. The culverts were replaced and shoulders cut on Whiteside Road. We attended Peckhams safety day, Defensive driving class, and CPR and First aid class this month. MSHA Training is the end of the week. The OGS salt order for winter 2018 – 2019 has been filed. The windstorm the night of May 4<sup>th</sup> took down about dozen trees around Town, which we cleaned up with little problem. The Village was hit hard though so Duane, Charlie, and Highway Superintendent went in to help them clean up the next morning.

Councilman Bailey commented on the detour for County Route 74, he said that still getting a lot of traffic on Gannon Road even though the detour is for County Route 59. He requested that they keep the detour to Official County Routes. It was also mentioned that the Town has been notified by the State that Speed Reduction request for Whiteside Road was accepted at 45 mph.

Amendments to the Highway Handbook

Resolution #34

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the amendments to the Highway Handbook as follows:

The work week consists of 40 hours. This is generally accomplished with five eight hour days from last week October until the first week April, and, four Ten-hour days the rest of the year. The regular work-day is not to start earlier than 6:00 am, nor later than 7:00 am.

At the discretion of the Highway Superintendent the date the work week changes from ten-hour days to five eight-hour days may be changed.

Employees are entitled to a half-hour break and two (2) fifteen minute breaks each day to be taken at a time which will allow for adequate staffing requirements.

Vote:                    Ayes – 5                    Noes – 0

Public Hearings for Local Laws

Resolution #35

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to set the Public Hearing for Local Law #1 2018 which is to remove the exemption from County taxation contained in New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) §487 for any micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell electric generating system, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment system, or electric energy storage equipment or electric energy storage system. Public Hearing will be held at 7:30 PM. The Public hearing for Local Law #2 2018 is to provide for exemption allowable to Cold War Veterans pursuant to Section 258-b of the Real Property Law of the State of New York. The Public Hearing will be held at 7:35 PM.

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The Supervisor questioned if the Highway Superintendent had determined what to do with the floor in LaVerne's Office. Jim Buckley Jr. said that he looked at the floor and thought that could just remove the old flooring. He said that the flooring underneath is perfectly fine. He highwaymen would do this on a rainy day.

Painting of the Town Hall by Alternative Sentencing

The Supervisor reported that Alternative Sentencing would hopefully have time to paint the Town Hall this summer. The supervisor would like to be ready when the time comes so she would like to pass resolution tonight to take the money out of the Town Hall Reserve to purchase the paint.

Resolution #36

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to take the money out of the Town Hall Reserve for the paint so that alternative sentencing can paint the Town Hall.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

It was reported that Insurance review and inspection was done by a gentleman from NYMIR. He gave recommendations to the Highway Superintendent of things that needed to be fixed in town hall such as Exit lights working correctly. The batteries needed to be replaced and some light bulbs. The Highway Superintendent has done some of the requests and ordered some parts to finish.

Supervisor Fedler reported that she received a call from Association of Towns about the long term effects of the PFOA's. They discussed the potential problems that may be down the road with the sales of the houses that have the filtration systems in place. Resident Robbie McIntosh was present at the meeting and he asked where we stand with DEC. The Supervisor said that still waiting to hear back from them, they are doing research to set up guidelines. They have been going back and doing tests, however we have not heard any of the results. Councilman Harrington asked if something formal they could do as a board to request from them this information? Supervisor Fedler said if they had something to report they would be notified. Many had concerns and thought that with high levels should be a concern and public should be getting answers.

Supervisor reported that money had come from Auctions International for the truck that was sold. Supervisor mentioned that have not been able to do any paving so CHIPS money is a concern!

County Report

Supervisor reported that updates have been made to the County Procurement Policy, we should look and see if we want to update ours. The New County Highway DPW has started this week. Ag Economic Development Program started to look at the amount of people that have to house outside the county. They applied and received grant money to do study to give idea and gather information. They are also starting to interview for the CIO (Chief Information Officer) position at the County.

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None

Councilman Bailey did ask when going to discuss Site Plan Review? It was suggested that wait till another meeting due to it being so late. Resident Robbie McIntosh did mention that he would like copy of the other towns Site Plan Reviews that the board would be looking at. The Town Clerk mentioned that she would email them to him.

Standard Workday Resolution

Resolution #37

Councilman Bailey motioned,  
Seconded by Councilman Ford,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambridge/30647 hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities. This can be viewed as attachment and will be posted on the Town Bulletin Board for 30 consecutive days.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

Court Audit for 2017 Year

Resolution #38

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to accept the audit of the Town of Cambridge Justice Court Records dated January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Vote:                   Ayes -5                   Noes – 0

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge