

Town Board Meeting
May 9, 2022

The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Cambridge was duly called May 9, 2022 at Town Hall, at 7:30 PM, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Larry Carrino

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Councilman Robert McIntosh

Others present: Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Jim Morris from the Eagle

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

Auditing of the Bills

General	#66 – 84	\$ 21,632.32
Highway	#54 – 64	\$258,995.09

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #24

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh to approve the Supervisor's report for April 2022.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #25

Councilman Carrino motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2022 meeting with the following corrections:

- Page 3 – In the Highway Report instead of 811 it should be **Verizon**.
- Page 4 – First full paragraph it should read that Jim and the Supervisor **met**.
- Page 4 – In shared services portion it should be **approx.. \$2,000**.
- Page 4 – In the portion AIM Funding it should be **approx.. \$8,400**.
- Page 5 - Top line in regards to the addresses for Town Internet – Hopefully everything is correct in regards to all these addresses. Also in the same section the ARPA money the Town needs to come up with a plan for spending the money received.
- Cambridge Food Pantry portion – Sally Eddy had contacted the Supervisor asking for ARPA fund donation. Possibility to consider the donation now.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes - 0

Planning Board Meeting

Planning Board meeting was held on Thursday, May 5, 2022 with 5 members present, secretary and Brian Holbriiter surveyor.

- Planning Board members would like to change the meeting time to 7:00 pm instead of 7:30 pm.

Resolution #26

Supervisor Fedler motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to change the meeting time of the Planning Board from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes - 0

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- Gretchen Wilmot was not present at the meeting, due to the survey not being completed. She is hoping to be at the June 2nd meeting.
- Sketch plan presented for Henry Demoy property located at 1347 King Rd. Tax maps #263.-28 6.1 acres and Tax map #263.-2-1 52.7 acres. Brian R. Holbriiter is the land surveyor/agency designated to speak on Mr. Demoy's behalf. The agency designation form has been filled out. They are proposing a minor subdivision with a boundary line adjustment.
- The next Planning Board meeting will be Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Town Clerk Report

- Have sold some fishing and turkey licenses.
- Updates/corrections on the policies and procedures.
- Working on catching up on some things in the office.
- Letters were received by some residents in the Town stating that taxes have not been paid in a year and may lose the STAR exemption. These letters were from information that was requested from the Washington County Treasurers office by the State. Any property owner that paid their taxes after March 7th would have received this letter. This made a lot of confusion. Many calls were received from concerned residents who had received the letters. This was a mistake and was explained to those residents that had their taxes paid.

Highway Report

- The Highway Crew have been ditching around Town, and the sweeping is almost done. Most of the gravel roads have been graded once.
- The Vly Summit Road and Stevenson Road have been paved. Truck #3 is down again. The clutch assembly came apart.
- The sand for the roads is at \$10.00 per yard right now. CHIPS reimbursement forms are due in Albany on May 26th.
- The scrap steel price is up right now, the Highway Superintendent would like to put the money for scrap sale into parts and repair if they take in some.

Scrap Metal Money

Resolution #28

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to put the money from the sale of scrap steel into the parts and repairs DA5130.4

Vote:

Ayes – 5

Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler mentioned CHIPS and the paving of the roads. The Town has to pay the bill and then be reimbursed for the CHIPS money. She thanked the Highway crew for working on Friday, May 6th to pave on their day off. The Town Board expressed their appreciation of the guys working on their day off.

Moratorium – Local Law No. 1

The Supervisor brought up the idea of the Town of Cambridge putting a Moratorium in place prohibiting Large Scale Solar, Wind, and alternative energy. This would give the Town Board a chance to establish a Solar law to protect the residents and the Town. This would not restrict the homeowners, mostly Solar Farms. The sample that was given to review was from the Town of Jackson. The Town of Jackson already has a Moratorium in place and has already extended for another period of 6 months. Councilman Bailey questioned what the purpose of doing this was? The Supervisor replied that it was to give the Town Board time to work on a Solar Law! Some of the Board members gave their input. Councilman McIntosh said that the Town doesn't want to prevent Solar Farms they only want to protect the Town. Councilman Bailey said that his concern was that this would give the appearance that the Board was trying to prevent Solar and wind, etc..

Resolution #29

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to move forward with the process of putting a Moratorium in place in the Town of Cambridge. The Public Hearing was set for June 13, 2022 on the Local Law No. 1 – Moratorium.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt mentioned that a thank you note was received from the Cambridge Food Pantry to show their appreciation for the donation.

Councilman McIntosh said that Father Baker on Turnpike was wondering when the Highway Department was going to patch the pavement by his house. The pavement has peeled away. The Highway Superintendent said when they got the Hot Box back, they would be patching on Turnpike.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town of Cambridge/Town Clerk