

Town Board Meeting  
November 9, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015 at the town Hall, following present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler  
Councilwoman Susan Herrington  
Councilman Gerald Skiff  
Councilman Robin McMurray

Absent: Douglas Ford

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement Officer, Connie Watkins Court Clerk, Terry Hamilton, Jim Buckley Jr., Bruce Bailey, Gretchen Wilmot

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

Audit of the bills

General	#175 – 198	\$18,040.49
Highway	#148 – 163	\$40,109.73

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #53

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 Town Board Meeting as mailed.

Vote:           Ayes – 4           Noes – 0

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #54

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to approve the October 2015 Supervisor's Report.

Vote:           Ayes – 4           Noes – 0

Town Clerk

None

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that the Planning Board discussed again that if no business was brought before the Planning Board within 10 days of the meeting during the winter months then the meeting would be canceled. There was also discussion about information that was received from the county on a training session. The training session will be on Monday, December 7, 2015 5:00 – 8:45 PM. The session will be on Planning and Zoning: An Introduction and Sign Regulation.

Highway Report

Supervisor Fedler reported in Highway Superintendent Eric Shaw's absence. All four of the remaining trucks have been inspected. The oil has been changed in all the trucks. The grader is still left to be done. Additional motor oil was purchased from Salem Farm Supply for \$475 and hydraulic oil for \$420. They have spent \$13,148.31 for patching material and \$16,621.50 for gravel since the middle of May. They have cut and split firewood for the highway garage. The road shoulders were cut on both Gannon and Oak Hill Roads. The salt shed has been repaired. The hydraulic pump on the excavator has gone. Capital Tractor is rebuilding it for them. They are still in the process of getting the plow equipment ready for winter. Maxwell Lane was repaired with 171.36 shoulder stone. The final grading of the roads is still underway. Eric Shaw the Highway Superintendent has gotten an estimate for the overhead doors on the highway garage: one full door replacement is \$3,395 per door. The estimate for each door panel is \$997.50 each. Councilman McMurray asked how many panels were in the door. No one at the meeting was sure; the Supervisor said that she would talk with the Highway Superintendent.

Town Board

Councilwoman Herrington mentioned that she had spoken with a couple people and they were upset with added tax burden. Councilwoman Herrington also asked the Supervisor if the county was under the tax cap. The Supervisor reported that last week they were under the tax cap and this Thursday they would be discussing the budget further.

Councilman McMurray reported that he and Councilwoman Herrington had meet with the Town Justice Janet DeCarlo and Clerk to Justice Constance Watkins in regards to auditing the Justice records. Councilman McMurray reported that everything is inputted in the computer ledger and that it has to match the bank ledger. The Town Board members received an audit checklist that was filled out by the Town Justice and she then reviewed the books with them. Councilman McMurray and Councilwoman Herrington reviewed the books from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 with the Town Justice.

Audit of Court Records

Resolution #55

Councilman McMurray motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to accept the audit of the town of Cambridge Justice Court Records dated January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 which were submitted at the Regular Town Board Meeting on November 9, 2015.

Vote:           Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

Village Fire Contract

Resolution #56

Councilman Skiff motioned,

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Seconded by Councilman McMurray,

Be It Resolved that the Cambridge Town Board accepts the fire contract with the Village of Cambridge Fire Department for years of 2016 for \$29,433.00, 2017 for \$29,727.00 and 2018 for \$30,322.00.

Vote:                   Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

Adopting the 2016 Budget

Resolution #57

Councilman Skiff motioned,

Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington,

Be It Resolved and Determined, that the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge adopts the 2016 Budget as presented at the Public Hearing as the Annual Budget for the Town of Cambridge beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 with the budget figures of \$955,634 for total appropriations less \$219,135, less estimated revenues less \$88,000 unexpended balance resulting in \$648,499 to be raised by taxes.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman McMurray – Noe

Councilman Skiff – Aye

Councilman Herrington – Aye

Supervisor Fedler – Aye

Passed by vote:                   Ayes – 3                   Noes – 1

County Report

Supervisor Fedler reported that the winter fest at Lake Lauderdale is being planned again this year. It was very successful last year over 200 people attended; there was snow shoeing, ice fishing and much more. It is tentatively scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>.

She also reported that the HEAP season opens on November 16, 2015 forms are available at [mybenifits.ny.gov](http://mybenifits.ny.gov). Emergency HEAP forms are available January 4, 2016. The Home Energy and Emergency repair replacement program which is through the EOC opened today November 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Heroine and Opium conference had 8 members that attended in Vermont. This was paid for in full by an Organization. The County had employee that attended from many Departments: Dept. Head Share, DA Office, Alternative Sentencing, Social Services and etc. The Supervisor reported that have not heard back from those that attended.

Tony Jordan did a presentation on the Harrell-Harring law suit settlement which is where they are starting the process of providing public defenders. The state is going to help with part of the funding to start this process to provide public defenders. They are still not sure how they are

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going to handle the extra cost of law enforcement or prosecution for the court system. They do not see this starting till possibly the second quarter in 2016.

Supervisor Fedler reported that the county budget has a projected tax levy of \$31,464,000.00 which is an increase of 1.47% this is where it sits as presented right now.

There has been discussion of repurposing the tourism dollars to create a new program. They will be discussing this with Ag & Planning and this will be more official when the budget is more official.

The paving for the county is complete 19.61 miles and they are moving to do 23.5 miles in 2016.

Councilman Skiff asked if anyone was going to go to the Rescue Squad function that the Town Board received invitation to for the 19<sup>th</sup> of November at 11:00 am. Supervisor Fedler said that the Board could read it over and let her know.

Councilwoman Herrington brought up the discussion on the cable/internet in the area (improved internet in this area). She was wondering if this is a dead issue in this area now. Supervisor Fedler said that they are still working on this Councilman Skiff and Supervisor Fedler worked together back in the summer and created maps that were given to the county. The Economic Development Dept. did this on a whole county mass and how this would work for the whole county. Each Town submitted map and residents submitted surveys. The Town of Cambridge was one of the towns with the most surveys submitted.

It was decided to hold the Year End Meeting on December 29, 2015 at 11:30 am at the Town Hall.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved by Councilman Skiff and carried by Councilman McMurray for adjournment at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Town of Cambridge/Town Clerk

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