

Town Board Meeting  
November 14, 2016

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

Supervisor Catherine Fedler  
Councilman Douglas Ford  
Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot  
Councilwoman Susan Herrington  
Councilman Robin McMurray

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement, James Morris ( The Eagle), Terry Hamilton

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

Public Hearing 2017 Budget

Supervisor Fedler opened the Public Hearing for the 2017 Budget and Fire Contracts at 7:33 PM. The Supervisor called for Public Comments three times; receiving none she closed the Public Hearing at 7:34 PM.

Public Hearing Local Law #3

Supervisor Fedler opened the Public Hearing for Local Law #3 at 7:35 PM, to Opt-Out of Section 487 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law Concerning tax exemptions for qualified solar, Wind Energy and Biomass Energy Systems.

The Supervisor first mentioned that a couple of amendments should be made to the Local Law #3; instead of Wind Energy it should read Wind power and instead of Biomass energy system it needs to be Farm Waste Energy Systems. The Supervisor requested a resolution to amend the Local Law #3.

Resolution #54

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to amend the Local Law #3 by changing Wind Energy to Wind Power and changing Biomass energy system to Farm Waste Energy Systems.

Vote:                      Ayes – 5                      Noes – 0

Local Law #3 has been amended and the supervisor asked if anyone had questions and if everyone knew what the Opt-Out Law was? The Supervisor explained that the Opt-Out Law was: No exemption from taxations shall be applicable with respect to any solar, wind power or farm waste energy system for the increase in assessment that may result from the installation or construction of any solar, wind power or farm waste energy system by any tax payer. If a commercial array is to come in they will have to pay taxes on it, there is no exemption. The Town is not saying you can't put Solar, Wind Power and Farm Waste Energy Systems; they are saying that if you do, you will be taxed.

The Supervisor having called for Public Comment three times and there being none the Public Hearing was closed at 7:37 PM.

Adopting the 2017 Budget

Resolution #55

Councilman McMurray motioned,

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Seconded by Councilman Ford,

Be It Resolved and Determined, that the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge adopts the 2017 Budget as the Annual Budget for the Town of Cambridge beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 with the budget figures of \$972,955 for total appropriations less \$208,200, less estimated revenues less \$94,000 unexpended balance resulting in \$670,755 to be raised in taxes.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman McMurray – Aye

Councilwoman Herrington – Aye

Councilwoman Wilmot – Aye

Councilman Ford – Aye

Supervisor – Abstained

Vote:	Ayes – 4	Noes – 0	Abstain – 1
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Adopting Local Law #3

Resolution #56

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to adopt Local Law #3 to Opt-Out of Section 487 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law Concerning Tax Exemptions for Qualified Solar, Wind Power and Farm Waste Energy Systems.

Vote:	Ayes – 5	Noes – 0
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Auditing of the Bills

General	#172 – 191	\$3,588.48
Highway	#120 – 134	\$7,534.02

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that she followed up with (discussion from September 12, 2016 Town Board Meeting) calls about the septic permits and one has been in to pay and the other said that would be in later in the week.

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #57

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the October 2016 Supervisor's Report.

Vote:	Ayes – 5	Noes – 0
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Transfers

Resolution #58

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to transfer funds from A1110.2 Justice, equipment \$25.00 to A1110.4 Justice, Contractual to cover upcoming phone bill. The second transfer was from Contingent A1990.4 for \$589.61 to A1910.43 Unallocated Insurance to cover surety bonds. The third transfer was from A1990.4 Contingent for \$82.46 to A8160.4 Landfill, Phoenix bill.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

Approving Minutes

Resolution #59

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016 Town Board Meeting and the October 17, 2016 Budget Workshop as mailed.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

The Supervisor reported again that she sent letters in regards to the septic permits that are owed and made phone calls. As stated earlier one has paid and the other will pay later in the week.

The Town Board discussed painting and repairing the spot on the ceiling in the Judge's chambers. Councilwoman Herrington mentioned that her husband Howie Herrington would do this. The Supervisor said that if he would get the supplies and do the repairs and the painting then they would reimburse for supplies at time of payment.

Short discussion about PFOA meeting, the supervisor reported that nothing new, have not found a source. They have now extended the testing to Morris Rd. in the Town of Cambridge and they have not found any levels over the limit. There have been inquires about the dumps near the village and whether testing has been done, 2 wells have been tested near the dumps. Anyone that lives near the Village dump and would like their water tested needs to call. The Town Clerk has these numbers. The Supervisor mentioned that it has been requested that the dumps be tested near the village and that will be done later in the week.

County Report

The Supervisor reported on the County Budget, the budget has been submitted to the Supervisor's for the committee meetings and they took apart and put back together. The Tentative Budget was submitted by the County Budget Officer at 2% and they now have down to 1.7% or 1.75%. They will be voting on the Budget on Friday. The Supervisor explained the process of deciding on how to create or eliminate positions in order to balance the budget. There are many factors that come into play when determining this process revenues coming in, for example mortgage tax, etc. Councilwoman Herrington mentioned that she appreciated the Supervisor's effort to keep the County budget down.

Assessor Report – None

Town Clerk Report – None

Planning Board Report

Heather Greenawalt the Planning Board Clerk reported for two months because the last board meeting was before the Planning Board Meeting. The Town of Cambridge Planning Board met on

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Thursday, October 6, 2016, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. There were 5 members present, Secretary and 3 people from the public.

- 1.) Tom McLenithan presented a survey map for minor subdivision at 1059 County Rt. 59 tax map #262.-1-14. This minor subdivision creates 3 lots, the parcel 1 being the original lot with the house containing the existing 50 ft. wide right of way which has been extinguished and is now 2.03 acre lot. Parcel 2 has 5.99 acres with the right of way coming off of County Rt. 59 and picking up the original right of way at the northeast end of the boundary line of parcel 1 & 2. Parcel 3 will contain 4.73 acres which is where the new shop resides. Planning board granted Preliminary approval and Public Hearing will be held at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- 2.) Glenwood Rowse presented survey map for minor subdivision at 987 County Rt. 60 (tax map #246.-1-28). He proposed a subdivision of 19.16 acres off of his 192 acre parcel located at 987 County Rt. 60. The subdivision would occur on the eastside of County Rt. 60 towards the south end of the parcel. Mr. Rowse said that his daughter and son in-law are planning on building. Mr. Rowse has been in contact with DEC and the county in regards to the wetlands, there is a 100 ft. buffer shown on the map for the wetlands. The driveway would go on the edge of the 100 ft. buffer. DEC did not think that would be a problem. Planning Board granted Preliminary approval and Public Hearing will be held at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- 3.) Gretchen Wilmot presented a sketch plan of minor subdivision on Belle Rd. she would like to subdivide the parcel 280.-2-40 into 3 lots. This parcel has acreage on both sides of Belle Road, the section on the North side will be subdivided into 2 lots and the boundary line will go between the driveway and the buildings. The lot on the South side of Belle Rd. will be made into a separate lot. The Planning Board granted approval to proceed with survey.

The Town of Cambridge Planning Board met on Thursday, November 3, 2016, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. There were 4 members present, Secretary and 3 people from the public. The secretary handed out informational pamphlets/ a survey for planning and zoning training courses from the Washington County Planning Department. The pamphlets included 25 training choices; each person was to choose 2 selections. The surveys were filled out by each planning board member so that they could be emailed back to Layne Darfler at the County Planning Department.

- 1.) Public Hearing was held for Tom Mclenithan's minor subdivision. Tom McLenithan presented his final survey map to the Planning Board for the minor subdivision at 1059 County Rt. 59 tax map #262.-1-14. The Planning Board found no problems with the minor subdivision; the map showed the same lines and acreage as last month, they granted final approval of the McLenithan minor subdivision.
- 2.) Public Hearing was held for Glenwood Rowse's minor subdivision of 19.16 acres. Glenwood Rowse presented his final survey map to the Planning Board for the minor subdivision at 987 County Rt. 60 (tax map #246.-1-28). Mr. Rowse mentioned that he would be working with DEC on where the driveway would go. Planning Board granted final approval of the Rowse's minor subdivision.

- 3.) Daniel Thomas presented a Preliminary survey of the minor subdivision of the former Buchanan Estate located at 887 County Rt. 59 (tax map #271.-2-25), which Mr. Thomas recently purchased. The property was just recently surveyed in August of 2016, so Mr. Thomas was able to acquire this survey. He presented to the Planning Board that he would like to split the house on the north side of county rt. 59 (9.58 acres), from the land on the south side of county rt. 59(22.05 acres). Mr. Thomas would be creating 2 lots without changing any lines, the lots are already divided by the road. The Planning Board found these lots to be very clean lines and big lots; they granted Preliminary approval and the public hearing will be held December 1, 2016.

The next Planning Board meeting will be held Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

#### Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer LaVerne Davis reported that he had call from residents in Coila, however they were neighborly disputes.

#### Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that plow trucks have been serviced and inspected. The new tires have been ordered for pick-up. New road signs at intersection of Oak Hill and King Road. Tree and brush work on Hepp lane, King Road, Stump Church, Kenyon and Wright Road. Joe and the boom arm mower seem to be getting along. The Highwaymen plowed and sanded evening of October 27<sup>th</sup>. The last round of CHIPS paperwork has been submitted. FEMA mitigation forms should be done and only a couple of meetings left before it's all over for five more years. The Supervisor mentioned that Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. attended a FEMA meeting today at the County in regards to the Hudson-Hoosic Flood Risk. The Highway Superintendent reviewed the maps and they seem to look accurate. The Supervisor mentioned that Highway Superintendent took test run with Boom arm mower himself before Joe was running it. Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported he took the Boom arm mower out a couple weeks ago and even with the counter balance weight on it he thought it was a little tipsy. He let it set until the tire was loaded and some wheel weights have been ordered. It was mentioned that as long as you leave it on black top it is fine but if you reach that little bit further is when it becomes tipsy. The machine will be run regularly now that the leaves are off. Joe one of the highwaymen has been out with it on Wednesday of last week and today (Monday).

#### Town Board

Councilman McMurray thanked Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. for his help with a fallen tree. No other comments or business from the Town Board.

#### Fuel Oil Bids

The sealed fuel oil bids were opened: Doug's Oil, Inc. and John Ray & Sons were the companies that submitted bids.

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John Ray & Sons

#2 Heating Oil - .40 over Global Albany Rack

On Road Diesel - .14 over Global Albany Rack - add .20 for 60/40 blend

Doug's Oil, Inc.

Bid for Fuel Oil, Kerosene, and Diesel Fuel for all the Town locations of Cambridge, for the period from December 14, 2016 to December 14, 2017, is \$.19 over my cost for that day of delivery.

Fuel Oil

Cost as of November 1, 2016	\$1.629
Cents Over Cost	<u>\$ .190</u>
Total \$	\$1.819

Kerosene

Cost as of November 1, 2016	\$2.029
Cents Over Cost	<u>\$ .190</u>
Total \$	\$2.219

Diesel

Cost as of November 1, 2016	\$1.679
Cents Over Cost	<u>\$ .190</u>
Total \$	\$1.869

There was a short discussion about the fuel oil bids and who to choose due to the lack of interest of suppliers. When comparing John Ray and Doug's Oil, Inc. the cost comparison between Fuel Oil is over half with John Ray being .40 and Doug's Oil being .19. The Diesel Winter Mix was much cheaper with Doug's by over half (as seen above). The Town Board found Doug's Oil to be the most cost efficient; also the service in the past has been outstanding and they always have gone above and beyond to accommodate the Town.

Resolution #60

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray, that the Cambridge Town Board accepts the bid from Doug's Oil, Inc. for the Period from December 15, 2016 to December 15, 2017.

Vote:                      Ayes – 5                      Noes – 0

Advertising for the BAR

The Supervisor mentioned that in order to advertise the vacant BAR position, it would be in the best interest of the Town to make an amendment to the Appointment Policy. The supervisor's suggestion was to change the length of advertising from 30 days to 14 days; the cost of the advertisement was the concern.

Resolution #61

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman McMurray to amend the Appointment Policy so that instead of advertising for 30 days for the vacant position the Town would advertise for 14 days.

Vote:                      Ayes -5                      Noes – 0

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Town Supervisor mentioned to keep in mind that need to have year-end meeting, it doesn't have to be at night.

Privilege of the Floor

Terry Hamilton requested that the John Ray & Sons bid be read. Supervisor Fedler read the bid for John Ray & Sons out loud.

LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement Officer brought the Town Board up to speed on some of the changes in Code Enforcement. He said that as of October 1, 2016 NYS has adopted the National Code and that this could add up to \$10,000 to \$15,000 on to the cost of building a new house. He mentioned that now houses must have the sprinkler systems, septic systems must be engineered and this could add another additional cost of \$5,000. He had many concerns about the added cost and the new regulations that should be enforced; he told the Town Board that he had many books in regards to this National Code that they could view.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge