

Town Board Meeting
November 8, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called November 8, 2021 at the Town Hall; the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Douglas Ford

Councilman Brian Harrington

Councilwoman Wilmot

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Others present: Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt, Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr., Valerie Morigerato, Susan Herrington, Linda Salzer, Tom Cole, Robbie McIntosh

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

Supervisor Fedler opened the Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget at 7:33 PM. The Supervisor reviewed the 2022 Budget line by line. The budget is a 1.979% increase. The only change to the budget from last month was the Highway Reserve DA962 was increased from \$60,000 to \$65,250 per the request of the Town Board at last month's meeting (10/4/21). The Supervisor asked if there were any questions on the 2022 Budget. The Budget is \$757,348 to be raised by taxes, which is \$14,700 more than last year. The Supervisor again asks if there were any questions from the public. Susan Herrington a resident of the Town asked if there was a certain amount of money that could be put in the Reserves. Supervisor Fedler said they could put as much as they would like in the reserves but could not take out. The money has to be put in the reserve by the end of the year. The Supervisor asked for the third time if there were any questions on the 2022 budget and with there being none, she closed the public hearing at 7:52 PM.

Adopting the 2022 Budget

Resolution #60

Councilman Ford motioned,

Seconded by Councilman Bailey,

Be It Resolved and Determined, that the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge adopts the 2022 Budget as presented at the Public Hearing as the Annual Budget for the Town of Cambridge beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 with the budget figures of \$1,258,303 for total appropriations less \$375,530, less estimated revenues less \$125,425 unexpended balance resulting in \$757,348 to be raised by taxes.

Be it further Resolved, that the Cambridge Town Board accepts the fire contract with the Village of Cambridge Fire Department for year of 2022 \$36,785, the Easton Fire Department \$9,000 and the Buskirk Fire Department \$17,983.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes - 0

Auditing of the Bills

General	#192 – 212	\$19,390.15
Highway	#124 – 141	\$67,145.37

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #61

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the Supervisor's Report from October 2021.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

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Approving of the minutes

Resolution #62

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2021 Town Board meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

Heather Greenawalt the Planning Board Secretary reported that the Planning Board meet on November 4, 2021 with 5 members present and the secretary. There was nothing on the agenda, due to the resident cancelling. The Planning Board welcomed new member Gerald Skiff to the Board. The Planning Board Secretary gave him a copy of the subdivision rules and regulations. He was also administered his oath of office.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk mentioned that she had been contacted by Dieter Drake and the paperwork was received on the Tour of the Battenkill. The email will be forwarded to all board members, they are looking for a resolution of support. The 2022 race is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th, 2022.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that the sand pile is done. They have done some grading around Town and did a grader shim on part of the Cobble Road. Four of the trucks are ready for winter. The fifth truck is still at Allegiance (Delurey's) being repaired. The final CHIPS reimbursement forms for the year have been sent to D.O.T in Albany. Montroy Contracting has begun wires for SLIC. Started burying the wire today. The Highway Superintendent had prices for a new Tandem truck. Prices went up \$2500. The prices are not locked in even though a contract is signed. When the truck comes in it can be more than what signed for. The truck can not be ordered right now, only go on a waiting list. Order now and the earliest get truck 2023. The cost of the two trucks are \$252,416 for a 10 speed, \$265,030 for an automatic. There was discussion back and forth whether to order the 10 speed or the automatic. In the end they went with the automatic because of the size and shape of the truck and in the years to come the availability of a driver to be able to drive a 10 speed may be hard to come across. Councilman Ford said that in his opinion looking at the shortage/chances of drivers being able to drive the truck should go with the automatic.

Ordering the Truck for 2023

Resolution #63

Councilman Ford,

Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot,

Be It Resolved that, the Cambridge Town Board gives Jim Buckley Jr. the Highway Superintendent permission to order from Navistar, Inc. a New 2023 International Model HX620: which has an automatic transmission, with Cummins X15 500 V, SBA 6x4 Heavy Duty Tandem Axle Truck with Stainless Steel Combination Dump Body/Sander Body, Plow, Wing and necessary hydraulics and attachments, for \$265,030.00, with the intent to purchase.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes -0

Fuel oil bids for 2022

Bid was opened from Doug's Oil, Inc. for Fuel Oil and Diesel Fuel for Town of Cambridge. This was for the period of December 14, 2021 to December 14, 2022 and is .15 over their rack price for the day of delivery.

Fuel Oil	
Cost as of October 27, 2021	\$2.509
Cents Over Cost	\$0.15
Total	\$2.659

Diesel	
Cost as of October 27, 2021	\$2.789
Cents Over Cost	\$0.15
Total	\$2.939

Doug's Oil, Inc. was the only bid that was submitted to the Town of Cambridge.

Resolution #64

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to accept the bid from Doug's Oil Inc. to the Town of Cambridge for period of December 14, 2021 to December 14, 2022 for .15 over their rack price for the day of delivery.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Jim Buckley the Highway Superintendent mentioned that he had received permits from Slic Broadband. He also said that still working on the project on Conley Rd. of moving Nationalgrid pole to widen the Road.

NYMIR representative came for risk management meeting, the gentleman's name was Connor. Everything was looked over and he thought that everything looked good, he couldn't see where any changes needed to be made, he would be emailing us the report.

ERPR-Group- ARPA Money

The Supervisor reported that needed to make a decision whether or not to hire the EFPR-Group- CPA to help find revenue loss calculations. Tom Smith would need Audit AUD information from the last 5 years. They would review all years more beneficial and there is no additional cost. The information can be sent digital or through the mail. Councilman Harrington said that he had read the letter and it seemed standard, he wondered if this calculation could be done with and without the Chips amount. The Supervisor mentioned that there was money in the budget to cover the cost \$2,000 to hire the CPA.

Resolution #65

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to sign the engagement letter with EFPR Group, CPAs to provide consulting services to the Town of Cambridge for the year ended December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$2,000.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

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Councilman Bailey reported that the Solar Webinar from Ag & Markets was outstanding, definitely worth viewing. The links were on the email that Councilman Bailey sent out. Councilman Bailey said that the Town Board needs to come up with something for the Planning Board.

Privilege of the Floor

Tom Cole a resident of the Town of Cambridge was present at the meeting. He said that he is definitely in support of looking into solar. He feels that the elephant in the room is removal/decommissioning of Solar. Robbie McIntosh another resident mentioned that most people sign a contract with a developer and give away more than they realize. Councilman Bailey questioned about how involved should the Town Board be in steering this process in regards to Solar projects. Councilman Harrington mentioned maybe have Site Plan Review and guide in this process. He did mention that a lot of contracts that are signed can trick people in things why single out Solar?

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge