

Town Board Meeting
October 2, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 2nd day of October at the Town Hall, the following were present:

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

Absent: Councilman Gerald Skiff

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Dan Schmidt

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM and immediately led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#177 – 189	\$ 1,959.23
Highway	#123 – 130	\$11,562.54

Transfer of Funds

Resolution #39

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to transfer money from A1355.2 Assessor, Equipment to A1355.4 Assessor, contractual in the amount of \$21.97 to cover bill for supplies. The second transfer being transfer of money from A1410.2 Town Clerk, Equipment to A1410.13 Clerk per diem, Personal Services to cover maternity leave salary for deputy/clerk.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #40

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to approve the Supervisor's Report for September 2017.

Vote: Ayes - 4 Noes – 0

Approving Minutes

Resolution #41

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2017 Town Board Meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Supervisor's Report

The Supervisor reported that DEC and the New York Department of Health will conduct a public meeting on October 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Cambridge High School, 24 S. Park St., Cambridge NY 12816. There will be a short formal presentation by DEC and DOH (Department of Health) on the PFC's. This will

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be to discuss the ongoing investigations of PFOA's and invite the public's questions. A public availability session will be held immediately after the 6:00 PM public meeting.

2018 Budget received by Board Members

Packets were handed out in regards to the 2018 Proposed Budget. Margaret Shaw Clerk to the Supervisor has the bills and is aware of where we are at with remaining monies for the year. The Supervisor reported that there was 2 % increase across the board for all employees. The Supervisor mentioned some places where might see jump: the Assessor wanting to hire consultant, the Town Justice originally gave money to her clerk the money has been shifted back, Reserve accounts so money can be set aside for construction that needs to be done on the highway shed roof, Bridge Reserve. Right now there is a 3.198 % increase in the 2018 budget. Last year they lowered mortgage tax due to changes, may want to increase. Sales tax is based on formula ratio and percentage of that comes back to the Towns and Villages, hard to predict this. The supervisor mentioned that these numbers are only set numbers that know going to get. The Supervisor explained to the Town Board that it only makes sense to pass the Tax Cap override law and set date for the Public Hearing. It was suggested that Budget workshop be scheduled on either October 18th or 23rd, Public Hearing for the Budget possible November 6th meeting. Everyone's schedules will be reviewed and a date will be set.

Town Clerk

Many hunting licenses have been sold.

Planning Board

Planning Board meeting is not till October 5th so no report. The Supervisor requested that the Town Clerk check and see whose position on the Planning Board is up this year.

Assessor Report

The Assessor's Office will be closed on Wednesday October 4, 2017 due to training seminar. Ag Exemption renewals have been sent out. Senior exemptions were also mailed out. Low income Exemptions will be mailed in January. The Assessor said that if anyone has any questions please have them call or email her. Deadline is March 1, 2018.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that they continued mowing, grading and patching around Town. Boom arm mower on Conley road trimmed back limbs around Town. They also did some ditch cleaning on Horton and King roads and cut shoulders on parts of Tollison and Petteys roads. Chip sealed on Gannon road, continued hauling winter sand. Patched some leaks in barn roof. Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley has written letter requesting speed limit analysis of Whiteside road.

There was short discussion on the bridge that was replaced by the county on County Route 74. The bridge was finished and the detour was taken down on Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Councilwoman Herrington voiced her opinion on the length of time that it took and how she had many complaints due

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to the bridge being closed. She thought that it should have been done faster. The Supervisor said that they can't control the weather. Concrete can't be poured in the rain. Councilwoman Herrington also asked if there would be cost increase on the second bridge. The Supervisor said no because the bridge has not been started yet.

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Councilman Ford and Councilwoman Wilmot had nothing to report this month. Councilwoman Herrington said she wanted an update on the bridges that were done at county level in Town of Cambridge. This was discussed earlier in the meeting. She also expressed concern that the Town Board Meeting is not being reported by the Paper. Councilwoman Herrington thought that it is very important that our Town Board meeting be in the paper.

Privilege of the Floor

Resident Dan Schmidt said that he had checked the Town Website and it was not up to date. The meeting was not changed due to the Holiday. Also the minutes were not up to date. The Town Clerk apologized she said that she would take care of that.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge