

Town Board Meeting
October 5, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called the 5th day of October at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Douglas Ford

Councilman Brian Harrington

Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Absent: Bruce Bailey

Others Present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent,

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

Auditing of the Bills

General	#167 – 181	\$1,265.14
Highway	#122 – 131	\$27,160.66

Supervisor Fedler reported that the Assessor Service is the same as last year.

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #47

The Supervisor pointed out that money had been taken out of NYCLASS and put in Glens Falls Bank as discussed last meeting.

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Harrington to approve the Supervisor's Report from September 2020.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Transfer

Resolution #48

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Harrington to approve the transfer that was made by verbal approval on October 2, 2020 by all Board members. This transfer was from contingent A1990.4 in the amount of \$102.67 on September 30, 2020 to A1340.4 for misc. operating expenses: Bank Service Charges.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Approving of the minutes

Resolution #49

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the September 14, 2020 minutes with one correction. On page 4 in the bottom paragraph, the part-time winter help was increased in the 2021 budget in hopes to attract experienced help and make it worthwhile for them.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

The Supervisor mentioned that nothing was due this year for the County Due.

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Planning Board Report

The Planning Board Meeting was held on October 1, 4 members present and secretary and one person from the public.

Mary Lennon presented the Final survey for 141 Gillis Road, tax map #254.-1-37 (83.9 acres). Mary Lennon is proposing a major subdivision of a 5 lot subdivision. She explained that this is a revision of the other approved subdivision that was never filed. She explained that the barn has been added to her lot with the house and the lot #2 has been split into 2 parcel lot #5 being 17.94 acres and lot #2 being 24.77 acres. The other lots are the same as were approved at the February 6, 2020 meeting. The Planning Board reviewed the Environmental form and found that there were no changes from the February determination. Which was no negative impact. The Public Hearing was held. No issues were found with the new survey so the Planning Board granted final approval.

Next Planning Board Meeting will be November 5, 2020

Town Clerk Report

Busy with 2020- 2021 hunting licenses. Lots of problems and frustration with DEC system.

The Town Clerk gave update on the wireless phone service. After speaking with Verizon and Magna5 she believes that the Town should go with one or the other. All information was emailed to the Town Board Members.

I have spoken with the County Treasurer office and some other tax collectors about 2021 Town and County taxes. The Town Clerk mentioned that a decision would have to be made whether to accept 2021 Town and County taxes in person taxes. The paperwork for taxes is submitted middle of November. The Town Clerk is leaning towards in person as long as the COVID numbers stay low.

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt mentioned that it is possible that we have someone to finish painting the Town Hall through Alternative Sentencing. More paint may need to be purchased for this project. The resolution #36 from May 14, 2018 Town meeting, gives permission to take money out of the Town Hall Reserve for the paint.

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that they have continued mowing roadsides with both roadside and boom arm mowers. The winter sand pile is done, and they hauled in sand for the Village. They have graveled parts of Mead Road, Pratts Lane and cleaned the ditches on Reynolds Road. He had a DEC fuel storage tank inspection which they passed. Only a few small adjustments need to be made. The Town had the annual fire extinguisher inspection. Next year will be an expensive year, quite a few extinguishers will be outdated. The Highway Superintendent spoke with Frank Zwack again about our new truck body. It's whereabouts is currently unknown. The State has taken away 20% of our paving money. Jim Buckley Jr. is working with the state association of Highway Superintendents to try to get some money back.

Highway Superintendent requested to go out to bid for 2021 fuel oil.

Resolution #50

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Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to give Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. permission to go out to bid for 2021 fuel oil.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

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None

The Supervisor mentioned that on the 2021 Budget there were 2 changes on the unexpended balances DA was changed to \$50,000 and DB was changed to \$20,000. Supervisor Fedler mentioned that needed to set the Tax Cap Override and 2021 Budget Public Hearings for November meeting.

Tax Cap Override Law

Resolution #51

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Harrington to have the Public Hearing for the Tax Cap Override Law #1 at the November 9, 2020 Town Board meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget

Resolution #52

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Harrington to have the Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget at the November 9, 2021 meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

County Report

The Supervisor reported that the County Budget is at a 1.68% increase, however they are still slicing and dicing. Roads and Equipment are not state mandate. They are cutting employees and employees that are retiring are not being replaced. They are doing a 2 ½ % salary increase. There is nothing definite yet.

Town of Cambridge 2021 Budget

The Supervisor reported that she had spoken with Councilman Bailey and he has no problem with the 2021 budget or the tax cap override. Councilman Harrington had questions about the budget however they were answered today.

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that Margaret Shaw the Clerk to the Supervisor has figured the bills till the end of the year in regards to the changeover in the unexpended accounts DA and DB. This is why the decision was made to change DA to \$50,000 and DB to \$20,000. It was mentioned that budget paperwork was not received from Nancy Quell/Dog Control. The Dog Control was left at \$2070 the same as last year. Some budget information was received from the Youth Project however it was not very detailed. The Town Board decided to change Youth Project A7320.4 from \$800 to \$600.

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. mentioned that County is making maps which will show all snow plowing routes for each town in the County. If a situation was to arise then the Highway crews would

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have an idea of the routes in other towns. Mr. Buckley did mention that Governor has mandated that each town have a plan in place and a lot more(extensive plan).

Executive Session

Resolution #53

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to enter into executive session at 8:50 PM to discuss Legal Matters and a Personnel issue.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Executive Session

Resolution #54

Councilman Harrington motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to exit out of Executive Session at 9:00 PM.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge