

Town Board Meeting
September 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 12th day of September at the Town Hall, the following were present:

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

Absent: Councilman Douglas Ford

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement, Jim Buckley Jr., James Morris from The Eagle

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

Auditing of the Bills

General	#123 – 137	\$1,744.28
Highway	#84 – 97	\$79,205.65

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #44

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to approve the August 2016 Supervisor's Report.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Transfer of Funds

The purchase of 2006 New Holland TS115A Tractor/Alamo Versa Boom mower/flail head and transfer of money were approved last month however accounts were not mentioned (Resolution #43).

Resolution #45

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to transfer \$39,781.00 from the Highway Reserve (DA230) to the Highway Checking Account (DA200) to cover the purchase 2006 New Holland Tractor TS115A/Alamo Versa Boom mower.

Vote: Ayes -4 Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler mentioned today that 2016 budgeted money for the Highway Reserve has been moved into the account. Money budgeted doesn't have to be officially moved until the end of the year. Councilman McMurray questioned if there was any reason why they couldn't start a fund equipment reserve that could be taken out each year to cover chips money. Supervisor Fedler said that could not have a saving account. The Councilman said this would not be savings account it would be reserve designated to highway reserve and money for chips payment. The Supervisor said they would check with Audit and Control to see if they could have a fund that was designated for two different things highway reserve and the chips.

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Supervisor Fedler asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the August 8th meeting. It was determined that they could not approve the minutes from last meeting because only two board members at this meeting were present on the 8th of August. It was tabled until the October meeting to approve the minutes. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she did have one correction to the minutes. On page 4 the first paragraph the second to last sentence. It is possible that could have new door for the Court room rather than the new cars. It should be chairs not cars.

Assessor's Report

None

Supervisor Report

Supervisor Fedler reported that the Town of Cambridge thanks, Hudson Valley Wireless for continuing to give the Town internet free of charge as a service to the Town. She also reminded that there would be a meeting at the Cambridge Central School on PFOA's on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00 PM. PFOA's have been found in White Creek, also in some portions of Town of Cambridge. They are still testing. The Supervisor was hoping that NYS DEC would be attending, not definite who would be attending. Washington County Public Health is not certified for environmental health.

Next month's meeting will be changed to the first Monday October 3, 2016 due to the holiday Columbus Day. The preliminary budget will be handed out then.

October Town Board Meeting

Resolution #46

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to change the meeting from October 10, 2016 to October 3, 2016 due to Columbus Day.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

There were questions about the landfill in Cambridge and whether the Village was going to make into Solar site. Supervisor Fedler reported that she has spoken with the Village mayor and they are still in the preliminary discussions about the project. The Supervisor made the mayor aware that she wanted to be notified if they move forward with this solar project.

Councilwoman Herrington wanted to know how the solar works: residential is risky as far as losing the land, when municipal/commercial solar is involved, how risky is it. Supervisor commented when it comes to solar every case is different, all different negotiated deal.

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Councilwoman Herrington also wanted to know if the Planning Board had ever done a trend survey how things have changed in the last ten years. She wondered what the changes are and how the maps have changed.

Councilman McMurray asked the supervisor about the issue with a recent subdivision on State Route 372. He mentioned that there was concern because the person speaking on the landowners behalf had no POA, she has no legal right. The supervisor said that this issue has been turned over to the Town Attorney.

Councilwoman Herrington reported that she had reached out to the Town Justice by email on the concerns that she had in regards to how the Jcap grant was handled. Councilwoman Herrington wanted the Town Justice to know that Councilman McMurray and Councilwoman Herrington were not present at that meeting. Councilwoman Herrington encouraged the Town Justice to attend the Town Board Meetings again. Councilwoman Wilmot commented that the Town Board received this Jcap paperwork after the submission date and their names had already been placed on the document for approval. Councilwoman Wilmot mentioned that this is illegal, could have had correspondence ahead of time. Councilwoman Wilmot did mention that the ceiling in the Town Justice chambers does need to be taken care of. Supervisor Fedler agreed that this did need to be taken care of, the Town Justice chambers was locked the board would view at another time.

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that the Town of Cambridge Planning Board met on Thursday, September 3, 2016, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. There were 3 members present, Secretary and 5 people from the public.

Old Business

Public Hearing was held for Buchanan Estate, Bruce Buchanan submitted Survey map of minor subdivision of parcel located at 887 County Rt. 59, Tax Map (271.-2-25). The new survey map showed a minor subdivision of 5.86 acre lot with 235 ft. of road frontage. The Planning Board granted final approval for subdivision at 887 County Rt. 59.

Public Hearing was held for John Weaver property. Coleen Sacala submitted survey map on behalf of John M. Weaver for minor subdivision of 63.73 acres at 744 State Rt. 372 Tax Map (246.-1-8). The survey map showed a minor subdivision creating a lot of 19.69 acres on the northwest side of State Rt. 372. The Planning Board granted final approval for subdivision at 744 State Rt. 372.

Next Planning Board Meeting will be held October 6th.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that many hunting licenses have been sold. DMP's (Doe Manage permits) will be available until October 1st.

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Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer LaVerne Davis reported that he had some contractors that have failed to pay for their Septic Permits. It was asked what kind of recourse we have when they do not pay. The Supervisor said that she would speak with LaVerne Davis after the meeting to get some names; she would see what she could do.

Highway Superintendent Report

Jim Buckley Jr. the Highway Superintendent reported that they have continued to mow the roadsides, trimming back brush and trees around town. They have reconstructed bank over culvert on Dickensen Road, finished graveling Conley Road and capped it with shoulder stone. The western end of English Road and Kenyon Road have been graveled. Two loads of gravel have been delivered to Woodland Cemetery and they have mowed the cemeteries for Labor Day. The Highwaymen have hauled in over 1400 yards of winter road sand for the pile and hope to finish the pile this week. The tractor with boom arm mower was delivered on September 1, 2016. Have continued communications with Tetra-Tech over FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan. The next meeting for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan is Thursday, September 15, 2016.

Budget/Tax Cap Override

The Supervisor has reported that the budget forms have been sent out to everyone. The information for the 2017 medical insurance figures has not been received. The Supervisor would like to have the Public Hearing on the tax cap override the October 3rd Town Board Meeting. She mentioned that the tax cap is less than 1% this year (.6 / .7 range). Supervisor Fedler said that need to have this tax cap override in place in case go over the tax cap.

Tax Cap Override

Resolution #47

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to set the public hearing for the Local Law to override the tax cap for October 3, 2016.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 1

Councilman McMurray voted no he feels that the Local Law to override the tax cap should not be done yet when they have not even seen the budget. The supervisor commented that they want to be prepared by having the tax cap override in place. She also mentioned the Worker Compensation and how the town is responsible for the first \$20,000 and the rest goes into the county pool. The Town is not set up for this, there is no reserve set aside to pay worker's compensation.

County Report

The supervisor mentioned the Tourism impact study. The DPW is better than 75% complete with all their road projects. Alternative sentencing in the Youth Bureau which comes under Health and Services, the fairgrounds set up with recycling bins and the Youth Bureau picks up the money from this. They have gotten over 20,000 cans this year. The Supervisor mentioned that sales tax is down and this will

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affect the budget dramatically. She also mentioned that the big budget meeting would be beginning next week at the county.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge