

Town Board Meeting  
September 12, 2022

The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Cambridge was duly called Monday, September 12, 2022 at Cambridge Town Hall, at 7:30 PM the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Councilman Robbie McIntosh

Councilman Larry Carrino

Absent: Bruce Bailey

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent Highway Superintendent, Aerk Gordon new assessor, Laura Chadwick Director of Real Property, Susan Herrington

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

**Auditing of the Bills**

General	#139 – 155	\$2,159.66
Highway	#95 – 105	\$7,010.38

**Proposal for Town Revaluation**

Laura Chadwick the Director of the Office of Real Property in Ft. Edward and Aerk Gordon our new assessor attended the meeting. They were presenting the start of a Town wide Revaluation. The equalization rate is now 90% and they are looking to get it back to 100%. In order for this to happen the Town Board must pass a resolution to start the process, the Supervisor must sign off on support of the project. Then a request will be submitted for State Aid of the Total parcels in the Town, \$2.25 per parcel. It must be put in the Plan that things will be kept up to date year after year. The final roll for this project would be July of 2023 and the State would not likely pay out till Jan. 2024. These changes would not be seen till the Fall of 2023 Tax Roll for the School taxes. Aerk Gordon handed out the brochure and the data mailer that would go out to the residents. There are 864 parcels that are ones that have improvements on them and 170 of them have been reviewed so far. The last reval in the Town of Cambridge was 2007. Resolution was read aloud by Laura Chadwick.

**Resolution #39**

Councilman McIntosh motioned,

Councilman Carrino seconded,

Title: Commitment to Participate in Town Revaluation

WHEREAS, Washington County is looking for a resolution of commitment to participate in the town wide reassessment; and

WHEREAS, the Revaluation is to conduct a one-time revaluation of tax parcels to achieve a uniform assessment value of one-hundred percent; and

WHEREAS, the current equalization rate for the Town of Cambridge is 90%

NOW THEREFORE Be It Resolved that, the Town of Cambridge agrees to commit to be participant in the Town Revaluation project; and

Also Be It Resolved, that the Town will sign a Memorandum of Understanding; between the Town, Washington county and New York State.

Vote:                      Ayes – 4                      Noes – 0

**Contracting Assessment Services with County**

Laura Chadwick mentioned another order of business was that the Contract between the Town of Cambridge and the County for Assessment Services would need to be renewed, it is expiring September 30, 2022. The contract would be the same dollar amount as last year \$12.00 per parcel/\$13,064.00 Total.

**Resolution #40**

Councilman Carrino motioned,  
Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot,  
WHEREAS, The Town of Cambridge is in a joint agreement with Washington County Department of Real Property Tax Services for Assessing Services,  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambridge appoints Aerk Gordon as Town Assessor starting October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 based on Agreement RPTL 1537.

Vote:                   Ayes – 4                   Noes - 0

Laura Chadwick had one more thing to present to the Town board. This had to do with the Senior exemptions. She mentioned that the Town of Cambridge is a little low on the sliding scale for the Senior Exemption. The Town does not offer Persons with Disabilities and limited incomes an exemption so this is something to consider. Mrs. Chadwick brought this before the Town as something to consider. The Town now offers a sliding scale of \$18,000=\$50% and \$26,600=5% for the Senior Exemption. The increase is in increments of \$2,000 and could be increased anywhere from \$28,400 to \$32,400. The process of making this change would be a public hearing.

All Board members welcomed Aerk Gordon. Laura Chadwick mentioned that Aerk would be in training class next week and that Lindsay would be in the office.

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**Transfer**

This transfer was preapproved via text on 8/31/22 by Supervisor Fedler and Councilmembers Wilmot, Bailey and McIntosh.

**Resolution #41**

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to transfer money from Contingent A1990.4 in the amount of \$99.79 to A1345.5 for Purchasing: (check orders). The second transfer being to make the following budget amendment to transfer money from the contingent A1990.4 in the amount of \$500.19 to A1972.4 for payments to Treasurer to reduce taxes (Due County).

Vote:                   Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

**Resolution #42**

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by councilwoman Wilmot to approve the Supervisor’s Report from August 2022.

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Vote:                   Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

**Resolution #43**

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2022 meeting as mailed.

Vote:                   Ayes -4                   Noes – 0

The Supervisor mentioned that they were working on the 2023 Preliminary Budget and it is not pretty. Jim Buckley Jr. the Highway Superintendent has to have 10 to 30 increase or higher in some sections of his budget, due to the increase of cost of sand/culverts/fixing roads. Especially with the problems with the truck, 2 issues today. Supervisor Fedler did mention that she was still going to put in raises, especially with the astronomical increases for cost of living.

**Planning Board Report**

Planning Board meeting was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 with 5 members present, secretary and 4 residents present.

- Kathleen Koblensky and her husband presented Final survey for the Public Hearing of minor subdivision at 90 County Rt. 59, tax map #280.-2-35, 21 acres. They will be creating 2 new lots, one with 2.57 acres and 2.65 acres. Leaving a remaining of approximately 16 acres with the house. Planning Board granted Final approval.
- Jeff Audi from – 1038 Vly Summit Rd. – corner of 74 and Vly Summit/Brownell Rd. Tax Map #261.-2-22, this property was given permission to proceed with survey in spring of 2021. However, due to circumstances with the bank, estate and lawyer this subdivision is now coming before the Board. Mr. Audi has presented the survey creating 2 lots. There are 2 houses on the parcel and they are very close in proximity. The surveyor did a very good job of dividing into 2 lots and still giving enough distance between the lots. Mr. Audi will be keeping the 1.05 acres with one house and selling the 3.19 acres with the other house. .32 acres on the northeast side of Vly Summit will go with the 1.05 acres and the house and will be later conveyed to neighbor, which is noted in the survey. The Planning Board gave to permission to move forward to the public hearing at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The next Planning Board meeting will be Thursday, October 6, 2022.

**Town Clerk Report**

Many 2022 -23 hunting licenses have been sold. The sale of DMP's will be till October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Highway Report**

- The Highway crew has been hauling Sand today.
- They have also been working on shoulder work, culverts and ditching.
- Mowing is being done with both tractors
- Grader is out and graveling
- The new truck is here and it is in Stephentown.

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- The Highway Superintendent has been fussing with DEC over culverts/beavers across Cty Rt. 74 on Center Cambridge Road. The Highway Superintendent would like to put a pad in next to the culverts so they can get in there with the excavator to dig out the beaver dam.
- Also there has been an issue on Turnpike with beavers (dam is away from the road.) The beavers have gotten more aggressive. The Highway Superintendent is trying to get ahold of the landowner to take care of the situation.
- The light on the electrical pole outside the Town Hall needs to be taken care of it is not working. Will have to have an electrician look at it.

**Town Board**

Councilman Robbie McIntosh mentioned that he had concerns about the Transfer Station in Town of Jackson off of State Route 22. The Transfer Station is a mess and he has been in contact with the County.

The Supervisor mentioned that the ICS accounts in Glens Falls National Bank are paying 2.15 % in interest.

There being no further business before the Town board the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Town of Cambridge/Town Clerk