

Regular Town Board Meeting
December 10, 2012

At the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 10th day of December, 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor William Watkins
Councilwoman Catherine Fedler
Councilman Gerald Skiff
Councilman Robin McMurray
Councilman Douglas Ford

Others present: Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt, Town Justice Janet DeCarlo, Rani Bass, Alan Davis Highway Superintendent, Ashleigh Morris from the Eagle, Dick Basttioni, LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement Officer, Charlie Pearson, Scott Keller, Dieter Drake

Auditing of the Bills

General	#275 – 305	\$6,573.59
Highway	#152 – 163	\$114,280.66

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

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #98

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2012 meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #99

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to approve the Supervisor's report for November 2012.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes - 0

Transfer of Funds

Resolution #100

Councilwoman Fedler motioned,
Seconded by Councilman McMurray,

The first transfer was from contingent A1990.4 to Justice, contractual A1110.4 in the amount of \$175.00 to cover expenses. The second transfer was from contingent A1990.4 to A5010.4 in the amount of \$216.24 to cover expenses. The third transfer was from contingent A1990.4 to A7510.4 Historian, contractual in the amount of \$4.35 to cover expenses. The fourth transfer was from A3510.2 Dog Control, Equipment to A3510.4 Dog Control, Contractual in the amount of \$34.38 to cover expenses. The fifth transfer was from B9030.8 Employee Benefits, Social Security to B3620.4 Code Inspector, Contractual in the amount of \$62.00 to cover expenses. The sixth transfer was B9030.8 Employee Benefits, Social Security to B8020.4 Planning Board, Contractual in the amount of \$98.99 to cover expenses.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Tour of the Battenkill

Dieter Drake the coordinator of the Tour of the Battenkill was present at the Town Board Meeting. He was looking for the Board to pass a resolution approving the Tour of the Battenkill to have their race through the Town of Cambridge. Mr. Drake stated that the race would take place on Saturday April 13th and Sunday 14th 2013. The race will follow the same course both days. The weekend before this April 7th will be a benefit ride. It was mentioned that the Supervisor had concerns about the liability of the town and Mr. Drake assured the Supervisor that the Tour of the Battenkill was covered and that he had sent the information to the Town Clerk's office.

Resolution #101

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to grant the Tour of the Battenkill permission to have the race in the Town of Cambridge on the dates of April 7th, 13th, and 14th.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Assessor's Report

The Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that the Assessor was working on the exemptions that would be sent out soon. Mr. Jackson is also continuing to work on the Reval.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported on information that was received by Margaret Shaw Clerk to the Supervisor. This was information from an American Power & and Gas Company. This company is an Electricity provider that says it can save the Town 25% rebate off the month's electric supply. Supervisor Watkins asked the Town Board for their opinion; Councilwoman Fedler and Councilman McMurray said that they both had looked into this program and believe that there was no real savings. It was thought by the Town Board and the town attorney that in the long run this program did not have any savings and they would not pursue it.

Town Board.

Councilwoman Fedler questioned Highway Superintendent Alan Davis how long the truck was on the auctions international. It was determined that the truck was on the website for 2 weeks. Councilwoman Fedler said that he board would have to decide if that was sufficient or to run it for longer. The Highway Superintendent said that the last day that the truck was on Auctions International was the 9th of December. He had received an email from the auctions international that the Town must decide if they are going to accept or reject the bid.

Councilwoman Fedler also mentioned that January would be the Organizational Resolution Board Meeting and that the board should review the Organizational Resolution. If they have any questions then the board could discuss this at the Year end Meeting. She also mentioned that she was going through all of the minutes and there was a note that the Board should look at the Policy for Fund Balances.

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Councilwoman Fedler also mentioned that the board would be interviewing for the Planning Board position. She had mentioned to the public that looking through the vouchers it was not a must to attend all planning board meeting only one person attended 11 meetings. .

Councilwoman Fedler also questioned how the dump law was coming along. She also wanted to know if the board wanted to review the policies before the organizational meeting. The councilwoman mentioned that she was just trying to look ahead because they would be interviewing the night of the organizational meeting. She had mentioned that she remembered there being a question on the procurement policy. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt mentioned that she could make copies for anyone that needs them.

Councilman Ford mentioned that he had a few people approach him about the buying of the used pickup to use for the highway department. Councilman Ford mentioned that he thought that it should be examined how much the truck brings and whether they should accept it.

Supervisor Watkins commented on State Rt. 372 and that they were going to repave Rt. 372 from the new construction in Greenwich to the stop light in Cambridge. They are going to repave rt. 22 to the Rensealer County Stop light. Councilman Ford asked if anyone had seen how this milling this old blacktop worked. Supervisor Watkins said what they do is it is like a pug mill that goes through, similar to a rotor tiller which works up the old black top and they reconstitute it and then they work dry cement with this, and this makes it readhere to it.

The Supervisor and Councilman Skiff met with the Village Administration and the Mayor was present this time with one Trustee, the Dog Control People, Ag & Markets and Tony Jordan. The outcome of this is that the Town is responsible for Article 7 of the Ag & Markets Law. The Town is not responsible for Barking Dog or Dogs Running at Large and the Village Police Officer is responsible for enforcing these regulations.

It was also mentioned by the Supervisor that the big Elm tree on the corner of County Rt. 59A and South Road will be taken down by the county.

Highway Superintendent Report .

Highway Superintendent Alan Davis reported that several large trees on Center Cambridge Rd. and Wright Rd have been cut. The Highway Department spent 1 week using a rented lift to trim back overhanging limbs on tall trees along Ctr. Cambridge and Wright Roads. The roads have been sanded a couple of times. Chuck spent time rebuilding the furnace that had been tagged inoperative. They have also cut wood from the pile behind the shop. Traded in 2 old chainsaws for 2 new ones from Curtis Feed. Highway Superintendent Davis also submitted to the board quotes on tires for the loader. The prices on the tires were as follows:

Rouse Tire Sales

Michelin - \$2,149.00 each
Titan - \$1,800 each

Warren Tire

Michelin - \$2,595.00 each
Titan - \$1,825.00 each

Terry Haggerty Tire

Bridgestone – 2,129.00 each
State Contract

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Plus \$600.00 to mount

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It was discussed on whether to get new tires for the loader or to purchase a new loader. Councilman McMurray mentioned that they would need to look at the condition of the loader and the hours that are on it. The current loader has 6,500 hours on it. Charlie Pearson a highway worker said with the expense of the tires you may want to look at a new loader. Councilman Ford said either way new tires should be put on the loader, the loader would be worth more for trade in with new tires. The board decided to look at this again when Highway Superintendent Davis had more quotes for tire prices.

It was mentioned the truck brought \$3,400 on auctions international. Councilman Ford mentioned that if the Town did not get \$5,000 or \$6,000 for a bid on the truck then the town should keep the truck. The Town knows the history of the truck and it would be wise to keep the old truck. This will also save wear and tear on the dump trucks. It was decided by the Town Board to keep the old pickup truck.

Highway Superintendent Alan Davis submitted to the Town Board information on the Energy Saving Plan through Nationalgrid. This included estimates to replace the lights in the Highway garage which will have to be replaced because the bulbs will soon be obsolete. It was questioned how these lights would work. Each light is run by a separate motion sensor and when there is no motion the lights will go out. Highway Superintendent Davis mentioned this is what they have at the county and everyone says that it is great. Councilwoman Fedler asked how long these bulbs are supposed to last because some of the energy efficient bulbs she has found don't last as long as they say. Highway Superintendent Davis stated that he thought it was some where around eight years, he will verify this. The estimated cost of the replacement of the lights will be \$4,314.87. It was decided by the Town Board to revisit this at the Year end meeting.

Planning Board Report

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported for both November and December Planning Board Meetings. The Planning Board held the regular monthly meeting, Thursday, November 1, 2012, 7:30 PM, at the Town Hall. Six members were present along with two people from the public. The following items were addressed:

- 1.) The board held a public hearing and granted Final Approval to Virginia McNeice for a 1.53 acre minor subdivision on Edie Road. The lot contains an existing house and three barns and will be conveyed to her daughter who already lives in the house.
- 2.) Discussed the two upcoming training sessions to be held at the County Municipal Center on Nov. 7. One session is entitled "An Introduction to Planning and Zoning" from 5:30 – 7:30 PM and the other is "Special Use Permits" from 8:00 – 9:00 PM. Several expressed an interest in attending.

The December Planning Board meeting took place on Thursday, December 6, 2012, 7:30 PM, at the Town Hall with 6 members present. Two people from the public attended.

The following items of business were addressed:

- 1.) Reviewed and granted approval to a sketch plan submitted by Lillian & Luther Everly. The Everlys own a total of 65 acres on Duell Hollow Road and are proposing to subdivide out approximately 25 acres for sale while keeping the remaining 40 acres. Duell Hollow Road runs through the subdivision dividing

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the 25 acres into 2 portions; the portion to the west consists of about 17.2 acres and contains their house, a barn, a shed and a pond. The portion to the east, directly across from the house, consists of 7.8 acres and is vacant land. The Everlys were directed to proceed with the survey.

- 2.) Chairman Eric Pearson reported briefly about the training sessions he attended on Nov. 7th at the county. He commented that he learned the town can make a rule exempting planning board members from the required four hours of continuing education every year as set forth by the state. It's helpful to new members but he felt the requirement was unnecessary for someone who has been on the board for several years. Many of the classes are repeats that members have already attended.

One member suggested bringing the classes to the town rather than having to drive to the county. A discussion ensued and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution by Stuart Ziehm

Seconded by Jerry Moppert

Be It Resolved, the Town of Cambridge Planning Board does hereby suggest to the Town Board to hold training sessions for planning board officials in the town in lieu of driving to the county to fulfill the yearly requirement of continuing education; and

Further Resolved, that a guest speaker be engaged to teach about planning options; and

Further Resolved, that such meetings be open to the Town Board and residents of community.

Vote was 6 Ayes and 0 Noes

It was suggested for any questions to contact Chairman Pearson.

- 3.) Eric Pearson was elected as Chairman and Earl Horton as Vice-Chairman for 2013.

Councilwoman Fedler asked if cost was involved to move training course to the Town. Supervisor Watkins said that this would have to be looked into.

Code Enforcement

LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement Officer reported that Supervisor Watkins next door neighbor had not yet submitted the paperwork that was needed. The Supervisor mentioned that he would speak with him. It was also reported that a barn was found on King Road that was never reported. There is a house that is being remodeled on Turnpike. On English Road Mr. Gallo is putting up a foam house and he says that he will be submitting the plans soon.

Town Justice Report

Town Justice Janet DeCarlo reported from January 1, 2012 to December 10, 2012. She reported that she had total receipts of \$6358.50.

The Filings that she reported were:

Vehicle and Traffic – 39, Small Claims – 2, Criminal – 20, Temporary Orders of Protection: 6, Permanent Orders of Protection: 2, Sex Offender Classification: 1,

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Judge Hours up to date: 229.40, Clerk Hours up to date: 180.00, Marriages 2012 – 9
Communications

The Supervisor reported that on December 13, 2012 he would be meeting with the Historical Archives gentleman about money for upgrading the archives.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

It was discussed what the date would be for the Year end Meeting and it was decided on December 26, 2012 at 2:00 PM. The Organizational Meeting and the Regular Board Meeting would be on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 6:00 PM which would also include the interviews for the Planning Board Position.

County Report

The Supervisor reported that it looked like the county would be selling the transfer stations and the gentleman may actually pay residents to bring things such as refrigerators, etc. The county is still talking about selling PVI.

Privilege of the Floor

Astrid Davis a resident of the Town announced that Pastor Jim Bartholomew who organizes the Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry will have a open house at the Embury United Methodist Church on December 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM. There will be a power point presentation on the Fishes and Loaves Program and refreshments.

The Supervisor explained a new program that was in the works it was called RSVP and Linda Record is the contact person. This program is for people that need assistance in getting to Doctors appointments or Physical Therapy. The meeting that the Supervisor attended on Friday, December 7th had Tony Jordan, Office of the Aging and also Greenwich RSVP present. This program is in the growing stages however the Town of Greenwich already has one place.

It was also reported that every Friday at the Whitestone Church behind the Cambridge Fire Station lunch is available.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was moved and carried to adjournment at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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