

Regular Board Meeting
October 8, 2012

At the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 8th day of October, 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: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement, Alan Davis Highway Superintendent, Briana Canty Account Executive from NYS Deferred Compensation Plan, Wendy Ford, Ashleigh Morris from the Eagle, Rani Bass, Nancy Maebus, Leon Barkley, Henry Peabody, Astrid Davis, Bob Hamilton, Terry Hamilton, Elton Balch, Dick Basittoni, Holly McMurray, Liam McMurray, Tony Millington, Bonnie Farrell

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

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #85

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes - 0

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #86

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to approve the September 2012 Supervisor's Report.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Transfer of Funds

Resolution #87

Councilwoman Felder motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to transfer money from the Contingent A1990.4 to A1010.4 Town Board, Contractual to cover the \$90.00 website updates. The second transfer was from Contingent A1990.4 to A1220.4 Supervisor, Contractual in the amount of \$124.22 to cover mailings and supplies. The third transfer was from Contingent A1990.4 to A1930.4 in the amount of \$4,778.59 for Judgments and Claims for the old Mary McClellan Hospital. The fourth transfer from Contingent A1990.4 to Contractual A8160.4 in the amount of \$412.51 to cover the cost of the landfill. The fifth transfer was from DA9010.8 retirement to the Contractual DA1930.4 in the amount of \$388.89 to cover judgments and claims on the old Mary McClellan Hospital.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

NYS Deferred Compensation Presentation

Brianna Canty from the NYS Dept of Deferred Comp. spoke on the Retirement Plan sponsored by the state. This plan doesn't cost the town any money and there is no

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minimum participation. If the Town Board passes a resolution and no one signs up for the program this leaves an open window for the future. How the program works would be when an employee signs up the money will be deducted out of the weekly/biweekly pay. Then the town will wire or send a check to the NYS Dept of Deferred Comp. Also available to the employee is a hotline to answer any questions for the employee or the employer Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 11 pm and on Saturday 9:00am to 6:00 pm. Councilman Skiff asked if the program was mandatory. Ms. Canty said that no it was a decision of the employer to adopt this program and then the employee would decide if this was right for them.

Resolution #88

Councilman Ford motioned,
Seconded by Councilman McMurray,

Adoption of The State of New York Deferred Compensation Plan

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambridge wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the "Plan") for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambridge is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambridge has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with the Town of Cambridge by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambridge hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials of the Town of Cambridge are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.

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of the Town of Cambridge,

I hereby certify that the Town of Cambridge is a local public employer within the meaning of Section 5 of the State Finance Law and that the adoption of the Plan has received all required approvals of any local governing body or officer and otherwise complies with local law.

Witnesseth by: Heather Greenawalt

Town of Cambridge
By: William H. Watkins

Assessor – None

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she had received in the mail information from the Association of Town's on schooling. The Schooling is for Town Supervisors, Board members, Clerks, Attorneys, Highway Superintendents and many other Department heads. The schooling will take place on Friday, November 2, 2012 in Syracuse, New York and Thursday, November 8, 2012 in Newburgh, New York. The Seminar will cover Personnel Management, Labor Relations and Ethics.

Town Board

Supervisor Watkins reported that he had spoken with State DOT officials and Route 372 is slated to be repaired next year. The method that will be used rips up the existing pavement and uses it as a base and covers that with new pavement. He also reported that Supervisor's Robert Shay from White Creek and Alan Brown from Jackson were interested in signing the letter in regards to the terrible condition of Route 372.

Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Alan Davis reported that the highwaymen had replaced 36" of culvert on Center Cambridge Rd. They also used about 300 ton of blacktop to shim about 1,200 ft. on Gannon Rd.. Most of the dirt roads have been graded for the final time. A couple of days have been spent picking up down trees and limbs after some hard windstorms. It was also reported that shoulder stone has been put down on some of the corners. On South Cambridge, Tollison and Whiteside roads the highwaymen have done some ditching. They have also taken out a hedgerow close to the road on South Cambridge Road. Gravel has been hauled from Daily's on rainy days. The roadside mowing is complete. The Highway Superintendent, last Tuesday attended training with the Cornell Local Roads Program in Fort Edward about the Legal Liability in the highway department.

The Highway Supt. also reported that the new pickup is somewhere in New York State and should be delivered the end of this week or the first part of next week.

Supervisor Watkins asked about the plow for the new truck. Mr. Davis submitted to the Board 3 Plow Quotes and was seeking approval to order a 9' Western Plow from Trius Inc. The three plows submitted and their amounts are as follows.

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Trius Inc.

9' Western Pro Plus \$4,346.80
9' Fisher HD Series \$5,589.00

Arrowhead

9' Fisher HD Series \$4,874.00

Resolution #89

Councilman Skiff motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to purchase the 9' Western Plow from Trius Inc. in the amount of \$4,346.80 and to have it installed when the truck arrives.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Councilwoman Fedler questioned if they were all set on the old pickup on putting it on auctions international. Highway Superintendent said that yes as soon as the new truck came in all that needed to be done was to take pictures and set it up. It was believed that the minimum was set at \$8,000.

Planning Board Report

In Sally Eddy's absence Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk reported. The Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, October 4, 2012, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall with 4 members present and 2 people from the public.

There was one item of business before the board:

Preliminary Approval was granted to Virginia McNiece for a 1.5 acre subdivision located on Edie Road. The lot contains a house and three barns and will be conveyed to her daughter who currently lives in the house. When asked by the board why the survey map showed the subdivision to be 1.5 acres when the sketch plan showed it to be anywhere from 3-3.5 acres, Mrs. McNiece responded the sketch plan was only a rough estimate made by the surveyor. The survey revealed its true size.

A public hearing on the matter will be held at the November 1, 2012 meeting.

Code Enforcement

LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement reported that the Town may have a new house before the snow.

Communications

Supervisor Watkins mentioned that he was contacted by a young lady from Pennsylvania whose father was killed in a plane crash in the Town of Cambridge on County Rt. 59 back in 1970's. She was here on the 6th of October and looked at the monument which is in place outside the Town Hall. She mentioned that she would be back to visit again and was very appreciative for everyone's help.

Unfinished Business

The Supervisor mentioned that they are still investigating the dumps and are looking at Local Laws from other towns.

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New Business

A Public Hearing was set for the 2013 Budget for October 24, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall.

County Report

They are working on the budget. The Supervisor said that they were hoping it didn't go up to much, but he said that they had the 2% cap so it shouldn't go up to much.

Privilege of the Floor

Nancy Maebus a resident from the Town submitted a letter for the record that she would like the board to reconsider the 2% raise for the employee's. She stated that this raise is unreasonable with the present economy the way that it is.

Nancy Maebus also submitted a second letter for the record, directed to Councilwoman Fedler. This pertained to the Comprehensive Plan. She reminded Councilwoman Fedler that the residents of the town voiced their opinion on the comprehensive plan once.

Supervisor Watkins mentioned that there would be a position available the first of the year on the Planning Board. This position would be posted for 30 days before the first of the year. Someone asked whose position this was. Charolette Banazaf's position is the one that will be up.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was moved and carried to adjournment at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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