Town Board Meeting
December 9, 2024

2The Regular Town Board Meeting of Town of Cambridge was duly called, Monday, December 9, 2024 at the Cambridge Town Hall, at 7:30 PM the following were present:
Supervisor Catherine Fedler
Councilman Larry Carrino
Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot
Councilman Robert McIntosh
Councilman Bruce Bailey
Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Ashleigh Morris from the Eagle, Alan Davis, Alan Bell
Meeting called to order and Supervisor Fedler led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#179 – 200	$ 3,219.03
Highway	#143 – 160	$ 186,013.43

The Supervisor mentioned that the Truck was running through on the bills tonight and the Truck body would run through in the end of January or maybe February.

Approving of the Supervisor's Reports
Resolution #62
Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the Supervisor's reports of October and November of 2024.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Transfer of funds
Resolution #63
Councilman Carrino motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to transfer funds from contingent A1990.4 to A1410.2 Town Clerk, Equipment for $28.50 and A1990.4 to Assessor, contractual A1355.4 in the amount of $30.00 to cover envelopes and then A1990.4 in the amount of $345.00 to A1340.1 Supervisor Clerk.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report
Planning Board meeting was December 4, 2024 with all members present

- Brian Larson – Public hearing held and the final survey reviewed for Tax Map #280.-2-32 65 King Rd. Subdivision of acre lot for his son. The Planning Board reviewed the survey again and the neighbor was present at the meeting again to voice his concerns of the distance of his well to the future septic system. Brian Larson had a signed letter form the County Code Enforcement approving the septic permit for the Spring of 2025. It was mentioned that the Septic would be well over 200 ft from the well. The Planning board said that hey would document that this letter was in existence and that there were concerns. The Planning Board gave final approval of the Larson subdivision.

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- Public Hearing was held for the English Subdivision-Patti Krause was present for property located at 128 English Rd. Tax Map#262.-2-1, she presented the final survey of the 205.3 acre parcel and the 35.07 acres will be subdivided out on the southside of the parcel across the road. The Planning Board found everything to be the same and granted final approval.
- Public Hearing was held for Tiashoke Farms presented by Stuart Ziehm for 7 Galloway Lane – Tax Map #279.-2-23. Subdividing 42.23 acres from the parent parcel of 84.4 acres this is across County Route 74 on the eastside of the Grange Hall. The Planning Board found the Final survey to be the same as last month and granted final approval.
- Public Hearing held for Anne and Michael Marko purchasing property from David Guy Adams Vly Summit Property – Tax Map #261.-2-16.1 Portion of property is in the Town of Cambridge and Town of Easton. Subdividing in both towns. The Planning Board chair for the Town of Cambridge and the Town of Easton meet in November to walk and view the property. The total acreage in the Town of Cambridge will be 3 acres that is subdivided out, Planning Board had concerns about road frontage however they found there to be 51.48 ft which they thought was plenty. The Town of Easton portion was 6.96 acres. It was suggested that when building to put house and well and septic all in the same Town and possibly the biggest acreage which would be Easton. This would make things much easier. The Planning Board approved the Subdivision for the Town of Cambridge portion. The Easton Planning Board meeting would be the end of December and then the Marko's would come back in January and have the final survey stamped and any notes added to the map.
- Keisha Timms and Kevin Everts presented a sketch for her sons property located at 938 County Route 74 Tax Map #270.-1-2. Property is 4.4 acre lot and they are looking to subdivide out 1 acre lot with the house and then build on the remaining 3 acres. The Planning Board granted permission to proceed with the surveying of the property.

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Town Clerk Report

- Working with Williamson and Law trying to get the software program set up. Have started inputting employees' to the payroll system. Once get that finished will work on setting up some more of the payroll software with Mike from the company. Have been in touch with the gentlemen about the General Ledger program and have sent them copies of the 2024 and 2025 budget. They will be in touch when they are ready to work on the installation.
- Heather M. Morgan stopped by the office to introduce herself and see at what point Town is at with our Solar Law. She said that Town of Bethelem was the best Solar Law to look at. She did mention that her and her boss Teddy Epstein would be willing to come to the Board meeting and talk.

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Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley reported that lately they have been busy plowing and sanding. They have cleaned ditches and culvert ends before winter. They have also cut some limbs and trees and were out with the boom arm mower. They cleaned up the old culverts and scrap steel and sent it in for scrap. Also gotten rid of the old tires. They attended defensive driving class. The newest hire has quit (he was still under the probationary period. Right now, they are working with 3-part timers and 2 have CDL's.

Approving of the minutes

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2024 meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler said that she had spoken with the Eagle trying to come up with a way to inform the Eagle quicker and better. Thought could possibly ask the secretary(Town Clerk) could give a quick synopsis after the meeting or bullet the points. Or even possibly send over the recording of the meeting which is foilable anyway Ashleigh from the Eagle said.

Supervisor Fedler also made a point of mentioning some concerns that had been mentioned during the budget season. She mentioned that breakage(unexpended) was the $36,000 earned in interest and also the Health Insurance, benefits of ss and Health insurance due to being down one full time employee. This is what caused the Town to have the extra money. She mentioned that the budget was only over the tax cap by $2640. She had talked with Doug Ford and he mentioned that cost of parts have jumped by 40% and the money that was increased in the Highway would be much needed.

Alan Davis said that he is not saying that it was a bad budget. He is only saying that the money that was left in the unexpended could have been used so that they didn't have to override the tax cap. Councilman McIntosh asked if the budget is turned over to Audit and control and if they review it. The Supervisor said that it is sent on to the state and they review. She did also mention that the state suggests that the Town had 2 months of money on hand in case of an emergency.

Year End Meeting

It was decided to have the year end meeting to audit the bills and address anything else that comes before the Board on Monday, December 30th at 9:00 PM

Purchase of the Tandem Truck

Resolution #65

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to move the money out of the Highway Reserve account in the amount of $174,739.00 into the Highway Checking account to pay for the Truck.

Vote: Ayes -5 Noes – 0

Resolution #66

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to give permission to pay for the Tandem Truck for purchase amount of $174,939.00.

Vote: Ayes -5 Noes – 0

Permissive Referendum Purchase of the Software program

A Permissive Referendum was posted in the paper for 30 days and on the Bulletin Board to notify the public of the possible intent to purchase the software from Williamson Law software for Payroll and the General Ledger. There was no petitions submitted against this Referendum

Resolution #67

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to move money out of the Town Hall Reserve account to the General Account to cover the cost of the software program for Payroll and Accounting software

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noe - 0

Resolution #68

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to approve the payment of the software for up to $25,000.

Vote: Ayes-5 Noes – 0

Fuel Oil Bids

There was only one fuel oil bid received from Doug's Oil who is who we have now for fuel supplier Bid for Fuel and Diesel Fuel for all the Town locations of Cambridge, NY. For the period from December 14th, 2024 to December 14th, 2025 is $.14 over rack price cost for that day of delivery.

Fuel Oil

Cost as of December 3, 2024 - $2.259
Cents over cost $0.14
Total Cost $2.399

Diesel Fuel:

Cost as of December 3, 2024 - $2.309
Cents over cost $0.14
Total Cost $2.449

Diesel winter blend 50/50 mix

Cost as of December 3, 2024 - $2.489
Cents over cost $0.14
Total Cost $2.629

Resolution #69

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by councilman Bailey to accept the fuel oil bid from Doug's Oil for the period of December 14th, 2025 to December 14th, 2025 with the above amounts.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Public Hearing for the Spectrum agreement

Public Hearing was held for Spectrum agreement between the Town of Cambridge and Spectrum LLC. Opened at 8:45 pm and with the supervisor calling 3 times and no public comment the hearing was closed at 8:46 pm.

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Resolution #70

Councilman Carrino motioned, seconded by councilwoman Wilmot to give the supervisor permission to sign the agreement with Town of Cambridge and Spectrum LLC.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

County Route 60 Contract

Resolution #71

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to give Supervisor permission to sign the agreement with the County for the plowing of County Route 60.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Planning Board Appointment

The Supervisor received an email from Thomas Hemmerling and he is interested in being appointed to the position of the Planning Board member. He will be appointed at the January meeting.

The Supervisor mentioned that the Retirement bill would be paid outside the audit there were still some calculations to be made. The discount will be applied for the December payment.

Town Board

Councilwoman Wilmot thanked the Highway guys for the excellent job done on the roads. It was mentioned that the Highwaymen have already been out plowing on Thanksgiving Day to plow for the storm. Supervisor Fedler thanked everyone also.

It was also mentioned that there was issue at DeMarco lane. Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. did get advice from Cornell and they said if put cones on the lawn then it becomes the Town property. He did mention that there were no issues when it snowed.

Councilman Carrino had questioned about the pile of house on Academy St. he asked if there was anything that could be done with this problem. Carmen had requested to reach out to Code Enforcement at Ft. Edward. Supervisor Fedler said that she would mention this to John Grahmn County Code Enforcement.

Solar Law

Alan Bell was present at the meeting and was questioning where the Town of Cambridge was at with the Solar Policy.
Councilman McIntosh mentioned that the Town had been in touch with NYSERDA and a list of concerns were submitted to NYSERDA. He also mentioned to Alan Bell that they had a joint meeting with Planning Board and the Town Board. The State is still evolving policies waiting on responses. For example the Battery storage.

Councilman Carrino said that in Schaghticoke, he mentioned that the Zebb Solar farm had problems in regards to Battery storage now no battery storage allowed in Schaghticoke. He did also mention that watching Hoosick Falls and the Town Jackson and what direction they move in regards to Solar Laws. Councilman McIntosh did mention that after the 1st of the year he is going to reach out to NYSERDA and see if they have clarified things at all.

There being further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk - Town of Cambridge