

Town Board Meeting
February 10, 2025

The Regular meeting of Town of Cambridge Town Board was duly called, Monday February 10, 2025 at 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, Alan Davis

Auditing of the Bills

General	#14 – 38	\$11,589.22
Highway	#6 – 17	\$16,794.53

Approving of the minutes

Resolution #9

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh and Carrino to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 with one correction: on page 1 in regards to salt it should read that all NYS Towns must buy American Salt per State bid. This year Cambridge has American Salt this is what the OGS bid was.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Approving of the minutes

Resolution #10

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh and Carrino to approve the minutes of the Year end meeting December 30, 2024.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #11

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the Supervisor's Report for December 2024.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Update on the computer system

It was reported by the Supervisor that there was no Supervisor's Report for January 2025 due to not having everything inputted into the computer program yet. There have been 3 payrolls done. On Friday, February 7th when Supervisor and Town Clerk met to work on some of the reports and inputting in the system could not get the systems to talk to each other so Nick with Williamson and Law had to do some work to make some changes. Wendy will be coming in after the meeting to help with some of the work.

Supervisor reported that time to do the Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment training there is one available online. The Town Clerk will forward on to everyone.

Supervisor also reported that she would be working with the Insurance companies to get the renewal completed, she requested permission to sign the contracts when they come in.

Resolution #12

Insurance Policies

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to give permission to the Supervisor to sign the insurance contracts as soon as they come in.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr reported

- They have been busy plowing, sanding, and in between times making repairs
- They did have the boom arm mower out a few days.
- The road salt quality seems better, but OGS has now sent out a notice that there is going to be a supply problem.
- The body for the new plow truck should be built, or finished. With any luck it will be at Zwack's by the end of the month. Steel Aluminum tariffs only on trucks not bodies.

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley requested prior authorization to pay the salt bills that come in. American Salt only have 30 days to pay the bills. When they bring salt, you must take it when you can get it. They delivered 2 on Friday and 2 Saturday with no notice on the second two loads that they were coming.

Prior Authorization to pay salt bills

Resolution #13

Councilman Carrino motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh to give Jim Buckley Jr. prior authorization to pay the salt bills.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Highway Superintendent also reported that he was going to be up at the county and meet with Jimmy Hogan and other Highway Superintendents on Salt bids for next year.

Also reported that lots of Plowing and sanding has been very relentless.

County Route 60

Resolution #14

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh to accept the money for County Route 60 in the amount of \$15,219.00 in as unanticipated money.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #15

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh to move the unanticipated money for County Route 60 into DA2302.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

The report for the Assessor is that exemptions are going well. Arek the Assessor is also helping with the computer glitches and issues with printing checks.

Quotes for new screen for Clerk to the Supervisor

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by everyone on the Town Board to purchase a larger screen for the Clerk to the supervisor computer. The measurements on the new screen would be 27 inches the amount approximately \$120.00.

Resolution #16

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by everyone to give permission to purchase a larger computer screen for the Clerk to the supervisor computer.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

Planning Board meeting was February 5, 2025 with all members present

- Welcomed Thomas Hemmerling to the Planning Board
- Election of Officers and Scott Clark is Chair and Dorothy Yurschak is Vice-Chair
- Public Hearing held for Keisha Timms and Kevin Everts presented a survey map for her son's 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 Final Approval.
- The Planning Board discussed about having certain requirements that must be put on the survey map such as the Town of Easton does. This was brought up due to the Marko subdivision that was in both the Town of Easton and the Town of Cambridge. These things that they list are that the Town recognizes parcel is in Right to Farm law area and whether in ag district and any other thing that might be of concern. Planning Board also mentioned may want to consider that need to have the well and septic noted on the survey maps if applicable.

Heather Greenawalt the Secretary mentioned that she had already reached out to Michelle Skiff the Easton Planning Board Clerk and she said that she would email over the info.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Town Clerk Report

- Still working with Williamson and Law more setting up Payroll and Accounting software program. Wendy Ford has come in more and is learning more about the program. The Supervisor and I were here on Friday learning more about the software so that reports can be created for January. The Retirement report and NYS withholding were created and reported on Friday Things are moving along.
- Supervisor's reports are not finished for the month of January due to more figures need to be inputted in software.
- The first deadline for taxes January 31st has past and the total amount collected is \$1,736,963.95 and the total amount has been paid to the Town for the 2025 budget

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\$848,514.00 and the remaining amount has been turned over to the Washington County Treasurer.

Privilege of the Floor

Alan Davis a resident of the Town had a question if the Town has a Full mechanic that is parttime and mechanically inclined. Also, a question of whether the Town is getting CDL's – the Town is not getting CDL's.

Solar Information

Councilman McIntosh had Solar Packets for all Board members. He had question and answers from Camille Warner at NYSERDA about three documents: Siting Battery Energy Storage Systems Under the 2020 Fire Code of New York State, Overview of the Model Law, and the Model Solar Energy Local Law.

There were some suggestions such as specify that if ownership changes then they can shut down the solar farm.

Thought good idea to put in the new law that responsible for training fire personnel. It was said that they burn and set on fire to see how respond to it, must meet certain criteria. NYS Fire Code update mid 2025 suggested that moratorium on Battery Storage systems until that goes in.

The Supervisor suggested that everyone review this information and will talk about at the March meeting.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge