

Town Board Meeting

July 8, 2024

The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Cambridge was duly called, Monday July 8, 2024 at the Cambridge Town Hall, at 7:30 PM the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Larry Carrino

Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Bryan Genevick, Ken Pinepater, Carmella & Jared Barber, Roselia Presser

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

Public hearing held

Public Hearing was held for the Agreement between the Town of Cambridge and Cable television franchise of Spectrum Northeast. This was due to last month's Legal Notice was left out of the paper and must have a copy of that for Spectrum.

The Supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:35 PM. The Supervisor asked of the Public 3 times if there was any questions or discussion. With there being none, she closed the public hearing at 7:36 PM.

Resolution #31 Amended

Councilman Bailey motioned,

Seconded by Councilman Carrino,

Be it Resolved that an application was submitted to the Town of Cambridge, County of Washington, New York, by Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. (Charter), a limited liability company organized and existing in good standing under the laws of State of Delaware doing business at 2604 Seneca Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14305, for the approval of a renewal agreement for Charter's cable television franchise for fifteen (15) years commencing with the date of approval by Public Service Commission. The franchise renewal agreement would bring the franchise into conformity with certain provisions of the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended, and certain court rulings.

A public hearing was held in the Town of Cambridge, New York on June 10, 2024 at 7:30 PM and notice of the hearing was published in the Eagle on May 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Town of Cambridge finds that:

1. Spectrum Northeast, LLC has substantially complied with the material terms and conditions of its existing franchise and with applicable law; and
2. Spectrum Northeast, LLC has the financial, legal and technical ability to provide these services, facilities and equipment as set forth in its proposal attached; and
3. Spectrum Northeast, LLC can reasonably meet the future cable-related community needs and interests, taking into account the cost of meeting such needs and interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Cambridge hereby grants the cable television franchise of Spectrum Northeast, LLC and the Town of Cambridge for fifteen (15) years commencing with the date of approval by the Public Service Commission and expiring fifteen (15) hence.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Cambridge hereby confirms acceptance of this franchise renewal agreement.

The foregoing having received a unanimous vote of Ayes – 5 Noes – 0 was thereby declared adopted.
Dated: July 8, 2024 and signed by Heather Greenawalt Cambridge Town Clerk.

Bills Audited

General	#102 – 116	\$ 1,545.31
Highway	#83 – 94	\$22,214.21

Supervisor Report

Resolution #35

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the Supervisor's Report from June 2024.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Approving of the minutes

Resolution #36

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2024 meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

The Supervisor reported that she called the State about the Annual Report extension and that we are still unable to file the Report. They understand the situation.

All CHIPS money reimbursed; this money was received in 3 different batches. This is why you will see some of the CHIPS reimbursement in June report and some will be in July report.

People from the County will be coming next month to discuss Solar Pilots.

Planning Board Report

Planning Board meeting held Wednesday, July 3rd.

- Discussed the upcoming training for PB and TB members from NYMIR on the Sexual Harassment and Work Place violence training on July 16th, webinar.
- Planning Board Chair Scott Clark mentioned that he had a few emails, one inquiring whether the Town had a software program with zoning maps and solar regulations. Other communications being a continuance from a prior possible subdivision on Vly Summit property in Town of Easton, they later decided not to subdivide.
- Stuart Ziehm from Tiashoke farm present at the meeting to propose a minor subdivision of 7 Galloway Lane off County Route 74, tax map #280.-2-32, 84.4 acres. They are proposing subdividing off approximately 43 acres on the eastside of the Grange Hall on County Route 74. The property is being sold to a Local Resident who is going to use it for hunting purposes. The

boundary lines are all clean, already created by the road. The Planning Board granted permission to move forward with the survey.

Town Clerk Report

- Had an online Demo with Williamson Law, the Software looks very good! Would make our life much easier and are just waiting on a quote. Quote was received from Williamson Law this afternoon and the total amount is approx. \$23,650 plus an additional amount of \$175/hour for training hours. Then yearly the Annual support will be \$3,700.00.
- Standard workday Resolution has been posted for the 30 days and will be filed with Retirement system after July 10th.
- The Assessor is looking into finding another phone carrier, because of the extreme raise in the phone bill to \$75.00 per line. Possibly going with Verizon.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that they had just come off the 4th of July shutdown.

- Staff of 2 – Charlie Pearson retired and he will be missed greatly
- 3 Attended Safety days
- Behind on storm clean up – more storms on the way
- Mower and the Boom arm mower have both been out.
- Concentrating now on two passes on the roads, mower tractor is in the hospital
- Doing grading, kind of leery with all the down pours
- CHIPS money has come in
- Paving having a problem getting the trucks here no one can get help
- They have done ditching and replaced culverts
- This month will be sending the new pickup to Truis to have the new snow plow attached
- Truck Flat bed on the blue truck will be done it is on the list. Blue truck is currently in the hospital for a steering problem.
- Charlies' official retirement date is August 14th, he has been with the town for 25 years.
- End of July the Highway Dept. will need a flagger for paving.

Privilege of the Floor

Jared and Carmella Barber attended the meeting to discuss the fallen tree at their residence on South Park St. across from the Cambridge Central School. They were questioning whether the NY Forward Grant would cover the sidewalk. Referred them to Village of Cambridge Clerk and the Town of White Creek which is where the property is located.

Bryan Genevick was at the meeting to discuss with the Board his determination from the BAR from grievance day. His property is located at 123 Irish Lane, he feels the assessment has been raised unfairly and his taxes have over doubled in the last few years. He feels that 2 structures on his property are drastically over assessed. This would include a preexisting barn and a camp that is on the top of a hill on his property that is falling in. He mentioned that the guest house was valued at \$137,000 and the barn next to the road valued at \$38,000. He said that he did attend Grievance Day and he waited for 1 ½ hours. The BAR came to their conclusion from google earth, Bryan did bring 25-30 pictures of guest house and 20 pictures of the barn. The BAR denied any change to the Assessment. He questioned the Board what the next step was? It was mentioned that the next step was small claims and this must be filed within 30 days. Supervisor said that she would check with BAR on why they did not consider a change on the falling barn and cabin.

Executive Session

Resolution #37

Councilman Carrino motioned, seconded by councilman Bailey to go into Executive Session at 8:45 PM.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Resolution #38

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to exit out of Executive session at 9:00 PM.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Transfer of money

Resolution #39

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to give Supervisor Fedler permission to pay the budgeted salary that was overlooked 1st quarter and 2nd quarter of the Budget Officer A1340.1 in the amount of \$809. (The first quarter was overlooked in March)

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler abstained from this vote.

Resolution #40

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to move \$4200 out of the clerk to the Supervisor contractual A1220.12 to the budget officer line A1340.1. This is to cover the pay for the hours the Supervisor has spent due to the Supervisor's Clerk position being vacant.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

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Supervisor Fedler abstained from this vote.

Billy Herrington called Councilman Carrino to see if there was anything that could be done to the dust conditions on Lees Crossing Road. Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley mentioned that he would be putting Calcium Chloride on Lees Crossing Road.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge