

Town Board Meeting

October 10, 2024

The Regular Town Board Meeting of Town of Cambridge was duly called, Thursday, October 10, 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, Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley, Tom Hemmerling

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

The Supervisor mentioned that the code for the Lawyer bill for the Mary McClellan Property should be coded B1420.4

Approving of the minutes

Resolution #49

Councilman Carrino motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Budget Public Hearing

It was decided to hold the Budget Workshop on October 21st at 7:00 PM - The supervisor mentioned that she still needed to do work on the unexpended balance. She mentioned that hard to stay within the tax cap when there is a 2-3% increase in health insurance.

Public Hearing for Budget

Resolution #50

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by councilwoman Wilmot to hold the Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget on November 4, 2024.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Tax Cap Override Public Hearing

Resolution #51

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to hold the tax cap override Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget on November 4, 2024.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Permissive Referendum

Resolution #52

Councilman Carrino motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to use the Town Hall Reserve funds to purchase the software package from Williamson Law to help with the Clerk to the Supervisor position.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

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Spectrum Agreement

Public Hearing was held for the Spectrum agreement again due to an issue with the dates not matching on the agreement and the date the meeting was held.

Public Hearing was opened at 8:00 PM

Supervisor called 3 times whether or not there was any public comment and then the Public Hearing was closed at 8:01 PM.

Resolution #53

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambridge Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor, Catherine Fedler to sign the renewal Cable Television Franchise Agreement between Spectrum Northeast, LLC. And the Town of Cambridge, New York.

The Town Board voted as follows:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler – Aye

Councilman Bruce Bailey – Aye

Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot – Aye

Councilman Larry Carrino – Aye

Jcap Grant

Resolution #54

Councilman McIntosh motioned,

seconded by Councilman Bailey,

WHEREAS, the Cambridge Town Court requires two secured filing cabinets;

Be It Resolved that the Board of the Town of Cambridge authorizes the Cambridge Town Court to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program grant in the 2024-25 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

Vote:

Ayes – 5

Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

Planning Board meeting was October 2, 2024 with all members present

- Brian Larson – Preliminary 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 realized the 50 ft acreage was there split in two sections. They had concerns that the driveway for the original lot would only have 27 ft road frontage. The new lot created would have 145 ft. The Planning Board no longer had any concerns and granted approval to set public hearing for the November 6th meeting.

Anne Marko purchasing property from David Guy Adams Vly Summit Property Sketch Plan – Tax Map #261.-2-16.1 Portion of property in Town of Cambridge and Town of Easton. Subdividing in both towns.

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Town Clerk Report

- Selling many 2024-2025 hunting licenses, the transition to plain paper licenses seems to be going well still. Still selling many hunting licenses even though available online.

<http://www.townofcambridgeny.org>

Highway Report

- Have been ditching and doing some culvert work
- Have been cutting shoulders various spots
- Both the boom arm and roadside mower have been out some
- Patched potholes with the hot box
- Have put up winter sand
- Highway superintendent thinks that should pay for the new tandem truck before the end of the year.

Purchase of the Tandem Truck

Resolution #55

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to pay for the truck without the body and plow before the end of the year.

Vote:

Ayes – 5

Noes – 0

Councilman Bailey asked how the Highway crew is doing and whether the new guy is working out. Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley said that he is a kid, working out ok.

2025 Budget

Supervisor Fidler reviewed some of the increases in the 2025 budget. She reported that there was a 8.67% increase MVP retire, 13.8% increase for CDPHP. All of the tax cap would be used for health insurance. The only thing that has changed for health insurance I preferred pharmacy nonpreferred pay 50%. She did also mentioned that when figuring forward need to figure on Health insurance for any new hire for Highway. There was increase in the Clerk to the supervisor position to \$12,000 in hopes to get someone. 8.89% increase on employees which equals a \$2.00 an hour raise for Highway men, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk. Assessor has asked to go to \$15,500 and he is now helping with IT work so everyone was fine with that. In the section B account the Attorney outside Counsel for Law suites (B1420.4) was changed due to being figured incorrectly in wrong category.

In Highway DA winter accounts slightly increased because of cost of parts. Supervisor mentioned that the top rate for the highway pay is now \$25.02. The Supervisor mentioned that she has the figure from the county on the Sales tax dollars expected. She mentioned that these numbers need to be added in the budget and also the mortgage tax dollars need to be added in. Not sure where to put mortgage tax dollars.

Councilman McIntosh mentioned that he noticed on the inventory that still have all the old trucks. The Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley mentioned that going to keep the '03 truck as a spare and get rid of the '07. It was mentioned that if down a truck then it is handy to have extra. It also was mentioned that other day had extra man and used the truck. Highway Superintendent Buckley mentioned that same amount of wear and tear no matter how many you have. Councilman Bailey asked if will lease the trucks similar to what they do with the buses. Superintendent mentioned that even towns rolling trucks over faster for purchasing are not leasing.

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There being no further business before the Planning Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge