

End of the Year Meeting
December 29, 2010

At the Year Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 29th day of December 2010, 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor William Watkins
Councilwoman Catherine Fedler
Councilman Alan Davis
Councilman Frank Ziehm
Councilman Ted Berndt – Came into the meeting late 7:15

Others present: Deputy Town Clerk Melissa Stannard, Jimmy Stannard, Rani Bass, Henry Peabody, Clerk to the Town Justice Karen Dorst, Town Justice Janet DeCarlo, David DeCarlo

Supervisor Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and immediately led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Public Hearing for the Local Law #1, Dog Control Law was opened at 7:02 PM.

Rani Bass from the public had questions on the new Dog Control Law why the license has to be renewed yearly when the license is tied to the rabies vaccine, which for a mature dog is renewed every 3 years this means that the tax has to be paid yearly. The Supervisor commented that the reason was to keep track of the population of the dogs. Rani Bass also urged to rethink the cost of the dog tax because for some people this is large increase.

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt commented that it was looked into about the 3 year program however the Town Clerks decided to keep the renewal every year. Town Clerk also commented that Town of Cambridge, did take the lead and charge less than the other towns \$5.00 for spayed and neutered and \$15.00 for unspayed and unneutered.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:12 PM.

Resolution #131

Supervisor Watkins motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Davis,

Be it Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge, does hereby adopt Local Law #1 of the Year 2010, Which is a Dog Control Law for the Town of Cambridge.

Be it Further Resolved that as of January 1, 2011 this Local Law #1, Dog Control Law will go into effect for the Town of Cambridge.

Vote: Aye – 4 Noe – 0

Councilman Berndt was absent for this vote therefore the vote was Aye – 4 and Noe – 0, he came in later at 7:15 PM.

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Transfers

Margaret Shaw Clerk to the Supervisor requested that two transfers be made, Supervisor Watkins read the requests.

Resolution # 132

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ziehm to transfer money from Highway Garage contractual A5132.4 for the amount of (\$23.87) and Traffic Signs contractual A3310.4 for the amount of (\$83.16) to Highway Superintendent Contractual A5010.4 in the amount of (\$107.03) to cover uniforms and year end supplies. The second transfer was \$798.37 be transferred from the contractual of Highway equipment DA5130.2 to contractual DA5130.4 in the amount of \$798.37 to the Machinery Contractual to cover parts and repairs.

Vote: Aye – 4 Noe – 0

Councilman Berndt was also absent for this vote therefore the vote was Aye – 4 Noe – 0, he came in later at 7:15 PM.

Councilman Davis questioned the Supervisor whether or not we were going to have to buy all new signs for the town. The Supervisor stated no that Eric Shaw the Highway Superintendent said that only some signs would have to be replaced.

Councilman Ziehm asked Supervisor Watkins for a report on the Article 78 hearing. The Supervisor reported that the hearing had been postponed for 45 days. The Towns lawyer asked to postpone the hearing because Mr. Imhof made a statement about a transaction and Mr. Deily wanted to look into the matter further.

Councilman Berndt stated that he went to the hearing not knowing that it had been adjourned. Mr. Berndt stated that he contacted Mr. Deily's firm and made them aware that two board members are supposed to be made aware of any changes in the Article 78 Preceding, per resolution from a previous Board Meeting. The firm made Mr. Berndt aware that there will be a conference on the 23rd of January.

Assessor's Report

Councilwoman Fedler reported for the Assessor Jeffry Jackson. Renewal applications forms for the senior citizens/enhanced STAR exemption were mailed out today. To maintain their eligibility, an otherwise eligible applicant needs to complete the form, attach proof of their 2010 income and return to my office no later then March 1, 2011.

Those property owners that had earlier signed up to be part of the enhanced STAR income verification program were notified last week of their continuing eligibility.

Renewal applications for the agricultural assessment program will be mailed out during the first week of January, 2011.

Jeffry Jackson stated not to hesitate to contact him with any questions.

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Town Justice Report

Town Justice Janet DeCarlo submitted her year end report to the Supervisor and reviewed it at the meeting. The Town Justice reported that she had 5 small claims cases, 2 evictions, 48 criminal matters, 35 traffic tickets, 13 orders of protections. The total money generated by the court that goes directly to the town is \$3409.80, the report was given to the Town Clerk to file in the office. The Town Justice also introduced her Court Clerk Karen Dorst, and she stated that the court system is completely computerized now.

Audit Bills

General #237 – 249 = \$ 7,988.85

Highway #142 – 150 = \$ 13,055.04

There being no further business before the Board, Councilwoman Fedler motioned, seconded by Councilman Davis, carried by all to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Greenawalt