

Town Board Minutes
January 14, 2008

At the Regular Monthly and 2008 Organizational Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 14th day of January 2008, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor JoAnn Trinkle
Councilwoman Carol Imhof
Councilmen: Frank Ziehm, Joel Nichols, Ted Berndt

Others present: Town Clerk Sally Eddy, Highway Superintendent Eric Shaw, Code Enforcement Officer LaVerne Davis, Town Justice Tom Armet, Lou Imhof, Meaghan Wilkins, Evan Lawrence, Robert McIntosh, Dan Schmitt, Debra Ryan & daughter, Margaret Shaw

Supervisor Trinkle called the meeting to order and immediately led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oaths of Office

Judge Tom Armet administered the Oath of Office to Supervisor JoAnn Trinkle, Councilman Frank Ziehm, Councilman Ted Berndt, Town Clerk Sally Beelen Eddy and Highway Superintendent Eric Shaw.

Supervisor Trinkle welcomed and recognized newly elected board member Ted Berndt to the Town Board.

Minutes

Councilman Joel Nichols motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Carol Imhof, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the December 10, 2007 and December 31, 2007 meetings and approve them as mailed by the Town Clerk.

Vote: 5 – Ayes 0 – Noes

Items to be Added to Agenda

Under New Business – d) Discuss Cold War Veterans Exemption

Supervisor's Report

1. The monthly financial report was reviewed and commented upon.
Councilwoman Imhof motioned, seconded by Councilman Nichols to approve the December 2007 General and Highway Financial Reports as presented.
Vote: 5 – Ayes 0 – Noes
2. Supervisor Trinkle and Town Clerk Sally Eddy have begun work on the 2010 Census. The first task was to review for accuracy the names of town roads and correct them if necessary. That's been completed. The next step will be to review addresses.
3. Received notification that the 40 MPH speed limit on Gannon Road has been granted by State DOT. The town highway department will erect the sign as soon as they receive the order from the state.
4. On the 21st of January Supervisor Trinkle will meet with NYMIR Agent Dick Look to review the town's insurance policies.
5. Received the fourth quarterly 2007 sales tax check from the county in the amount of \$7453.36. In 2008, it's projected the town's total share of the county sales tax money will be \$32,663.00.
6. Received confirmation from the State Office of Real Property Tax Services that the town has been approved to receive a \$5.00 per parcel maintenance aid reimbursement for the recent revaluation of town properties.

Town Board

Councilman Ted Berndt reported he attended the Association of Towns training school for newly elected officials on January 7, 8, and 9 in Albany. He commented it was informative and new ideas were presented.

No Planning Board Report

Highway Superintendent's Report

1. We dealt with a number of storms in the past month.
2. For the month of December, we used 1840 gallons of diesel fuel. The price ranged from \$2.919 to \$3.049 per gallon.
3. Brush was cut in different areas of the Town.
4. The entire lower end of our 1982 snow plow was rebuilt in shop.
5. Regular maintenance was done on all trucks and equipment.
6. Equipment that broke down was repaired and is back in service.
7. Before the thaw, culvert ends were cleaned out.
8. Had another breakdown this morning. A new ballast was replaced in a light in one of the trucks.

Code Enforcement

Officer LaVerne Davis had no monthly report since the building department is very quiet this time of year. However, Mr. Davis did submit an overall report for 2007 which stated there were eight (8) new homes built, twelve (12) septic systems installed, four (4) additions, five (5) alterations, three (3) storage sheds, two (2) swimming pools and issued ten (10) Certificates of Occupancy. He commented the activity was about the same as in 2006.

Assessor's Report

Sole Assessor Jeffry Jackson delivered a written report which stated:

1. Renewal applications have been sorted and mailed for those residents receiving the enhanced STAR exemption, aged exemption and agricultural assessment exemptions which resulted in well over 200 pieces of mail being sent out.
2. Notification was received that the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPS) had approved the Town's application for maintenance aid for the 2007 revaluation. Attached is a copy of the award certificate issued by ORPS.
3. Transfers continue to be added to the system and quarterly sales reports sent to ORPS.
4. Constituent relations are considered good during the report period.

No Communications

Unfinished Business

Town Justice Tom Armet submitted a report of the activity of the Justice Court for 2007. There were 76 Vehicle and Traffic Summonses (19 are pending), 8 criminal cases, 1 ENCON summons, 1 eviction resolved, 2 small claims for a total of 88 matters. Total monies collected resulted in \$5625.00 which, according to Judge Armet, is down about \$1000 from 2006. He added that the 19 outstanding vehicle and traffic summonses may be responsible for being under.

New Business

Introduced by Councilman Frank Ziehm
Seconded by Councilman Joel Nichols:

2008 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved, the following salaries and expenses may be paid to the Town of Cambridge Officials for the year 2008:

<u>OFFICIAL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>PAYABLE</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Supervisor	\$ 2800	Quarterly	\$ 1800
Deputy Supervisor	250	Annually	
Clerk to the Supervisor	6665	Quarterly	
Supt. Of Highways	38,600	Bi-weekly	1250
Town Justice	800	Quarterly	500
Clerk to the Justice	2700	Quarterly	
Councilpersons(4) \$850 ea	3400	Quarterly	450
Town Clerk	16,910	Bi-weekly	4000
Deputy Town Clerk & Clerk per diem	1,248	\$8.00 hr. per diem	
Sole Assessor	17,590	Bi-weekly	750
Board of Review 3 @\$100ea	300	Annually	

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Planning Board Clerk	1750	Quarterly	500
Registrar Of Vital Statistics	100	Semi-annually	
Dog Warden	1800	Monthly	750
Animal Control Officer	300	\$15 per call	200
Health Officer	300	Semi-annually	
Budget Officer	1100	Quarterly	
Code Enforcement Officer	8435	Monthly	885
Deputy Code Enf. Officer			
Historian	250	Annually	50
Dog Damage Adjuster	\$15 per call	Per Call	

Further Resolved, that each Planning Board member shall be paid \$20.00 for each meeting attended, and the Acting Chairman at such meeting of the Planning Board shall be paid \$25.00 for each meeting chaired, and be it

Further Resolved, that the officials of the town, using their own vehicles on official town business, may be reimbursed at the rate of \$.35 per mile, and be it

Further Resolved, the voting machine custodians shall be paid \$.35 per mile for any schooling attended and mileage incurred as a result of securing voting machine supplies.

Be It Further Resolved, that the hourly wage rates in the Highway Department be: \$14.78 for working foreman; \$14.45 for heavy machine equipment operators (HEO); machine equipment operators (MEO) \$14.12; for year-round part-time MEO \$11.00; \$8.00 for part-time laborer; and be it

Further Resolved, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to use unexpended balances in all the funds for expenses in 2008, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board appoints D. Alan Wrigley on a per diem basis as Counsel to the Town as required by the Board, and be it

Further Resolved, that the voting premises for District I will continue to be the Town Hall, County Route 59; and the voting premises for District 2 will be the lobby of the former Mary McClellan Hospital, and be it

Further Resolved, that Carol Imhof shall be appointed Deputy Supervisor for 2008 by Supervisor Trinkle, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month at the Board Room in the Town Hall at 7:30 PM unless changed by the call of the Supervisor, and be it

Further Resolved, that the power and light bills and the telephone bills be paid without prior audit, and be it

Further Resolved, that the following Town Officials be and are hereby appointed for the year 2008:

Clerk to the Planning Board.....	Sally Beelen Eddy
Sole Assessor.....	Jeffry Jackson
Historian.....	Sandra Davis
Registrar of Vital Statistics.....	Sally Beelen Eddy
Budget Officer.....	JoAnn Trinkle
Clerk to the Supervisor.....	Margaret Shaw
Clerk per diem to Supervisor.....	

Deputy Town Clerk, Registrar, Tax Collector..... Jean K. Korb
 Code Enforcement Officer.....H. LaVerne Davis
 Dpty. Code Enforcement Officer.....
 Health Officer..... Dr. Paul Byron
 Dog Warden & Animal Control.....Edward Holland
 Assistant Dog Warden/Animal Control.....Nancy Quell
 Dog Damage Adjuster..... Frank Ziehm

Further Resolved, that the Eagle is hereby designated the official newspaper of the Town of Cambridge, and the Glens Falls National Bank and Trust, Cambridge, NY, and the Evergreen Bank of Glens Falls, NY (Greenwich, NY Branch) are hereby designated as the official depositories of town funds for the year 2008, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board shall make all necessary arrangements and issue invitations as are deemed practical to attend the meeting of the Association of Towns in 2008, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Board designates JoAnn Trinkle as voting representative to the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns and Carol Imhof as alternate, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board does authorize the Superintendent of Highways to advertise for bid: culvert pipe, oil and stone, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Highways to purchase equipment, tools and implements without prior approval of this Board in the amount not to exceed \$1,000 for any one item for the year 2008, and be it

Further Resolved, that the price paid for gravel purchased in 2008 be not more than \$6.00 per yard, and the price for sand be not more than \$6.00 per yard.

Further Resolved, that the Supervisor be authorized to make application to the NY State Youth Commission for approval of a recreational project in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the Rules and Regulations of the Youth Commission, and be it

Further Resolved, that this Town Board authorizes the acceptance of claimant's certifications on a voucher form approved by the NY State Department of Audit & Control

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Was duly pit to vote and resulted in 5 Ayes and 0 Noes.

Excavator Bids

In response to the Legal Notice, only one bid was received for the purchase of a used excavator and trailer. The bid was submitted by Raymond Schraver in the amount of \$25,000. The machine/trailer met the specs according to Supt. Eric Shaw.

Councilwoman Carol imhof motioned, seconded by Councilman Frank Ziehm, to accept the \$25,000 bid submitted by Raymond Schraver for a used excavator and trailer.

Vote: 5 – Ayes 0 – Noes

Agreement to Spend Highway Funds

Councilman Joel Nichols motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Carol Imhof, to sign a an Agreement to Spend Highway Funds in the amount of \$90,600 for general repairs upon 64.29 miles of town highways for 2008 pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law.

Vote: 5 – Ayes 0 – Noes

Cold War Veterans Exemption

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Supervisor Trinkle passed out copies of a proposed law providing for the real property tax exemption for Cold War Veterans. Washington County has adopted the exemption as well as the towns of Jackson and White Creek. Discussion followed. Councilman Nichols suggested the town wait and see how many veterans file for the county portion then we we'll have an idea of the number there would be in the town. More discussion. Councilman Nichols motioned that the town wait one year to determine the financial impact the exemption would have upon the town. Seconded by Councilman Ted Berndt. Councilman Nichols revised his motion . Councilman Nichols motioned to take no action on the proposed law until the number of veterans in the town who filed at the county level for the Cold War exemption can be determined. Seconded by Ted Berndt.

Vote: 5 - Ayes 0 - Noes

Intermunicipal Agreement

Motion by Councilwoman Imhof, seconded by Councilman Ziehm, to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Hadley for providing bus transportation to the annual meeting of the Association of Towns in New York City from February 17 -20, 2008 at the cost of \$46.84 per person.

Vote: 5 - Ayes 0 - Noes

No one spoke at Privilege of the Floor

Supervisor Trinkle reminded board members about the Comprehensive Plan public meeting on January 23, 2008 at the Pleasant Valley Grange in South Cambridge on County Route 59A., 7:00 PM.

County Report

1. The Democratic and Republican Primary Election will be held February 5, 2008.
2. The County received complaints from Election Inspectors regarding not being paid in a timely manner following the November General Election. Most Inspectors like to receive their check before Christmas. This year it was well after. To accommodate the Inspectors, the County has corrected the measure by setting t up a plan so that the Inspectors can be paid outside the normal audit process.
3. The County has begun a campaign to promote recycling again. Last year they had a loss of \$800,000.

The following bills were presented for audit and approved for payment:

General #1 - 13 \$1784.80
Highway #1 - 11 \$2599.15

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was moved and carried to adjournment at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Beelen Eddy
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Town Clerk