

**City of Cambridge**  
**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday April 16, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm via Zoom due to the ongoing pandemic. In attendance were Mayor Sherry Tyler, Commissioners Gary Osborne, Brad King, Gayle Wilhelmi, attorney Carrie Ritsert, and resident Carol Huelsman. The meeting in March was canceled so the minutes from the February meeting and the budget report were distributed via email. Gary made a motion to approve the minutes. Gayle seconded and the motion was passed.

**Old Business:** Sherry said the house at 2909 Miles has a corrected sale price of \$218,000 as of 3-4-21.

The speed indicator machine was set up by the police on Cambridge Rd. in March. Sherry distributed the summary reports from the data collected. The machine faced towards Lowe Rd. for two weeks and then was turned around to face the other direction for two weeks. We were only given data for one week in that direction. Although the data was interesting, the accuracy was questionable as it recorded a speed of 95mph in one time slot which seems doubtful. Everyone felt that traffic was definitely slower while the machine was in place, but a FedEx truck drove too fast today now that the indicator is gone. Sherry will call to report that driver to FedEx. Gayle said she received postcards about a portable speed indicator apparatus that attaches to a sign post. Gary looked it up and said they run about \$2,000 which is comparable to the cost of a speed hump. Carrie said that any speed hump would either have to be painted with reflective paint or the city would have to install signs warning of a speed hump. She said most cities in residential streets don't like the signs and use paint. Brad will contact PSI to ask about any pricing change with adding paint and their availability to begin work. In addition, we will request their guidance as far as how many speed humps they feel would be best for the length of Cambridge and the optimum locations.

**New Business:** Brad made a motion to appoint Carol to fill the vacant commissioner spot. Gary seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Carol was sworn in by Carrie to fill the commissioner slot in charge of Police, Fire, and Traffic. Carol will need to sign a printed copy of the oath of office which will then be returned to Carrie.

Sherry proposed increasing the salary for the positions of Mayor and Treasurer from \$50/month to \$100/month. Carrie said the deadline for increasing the pay for a Mayor would be Oct/Nov (2022) before the next term which would be January 2023, but the Treasurer's pay could be adjusted anytime after revising the ordinance. After some discussion it was decided to take care of the pay increase for both positions together via revising the ordinance with the Treasurer pay increasing immediately and the Mayor's at the start of its new term. Gayle made a motion to raise the treasurer's pay to \$100 per month. Gary seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Gary made a motion to increase the pay for the position of Mayor to \$100 a month. Brad seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. Sherry will send a copy of the ordinance that covers salaries to Carrie who will then write the amendments. We will vote in May on the revised ordinance.

The first reading of ordinance #1, series 2021-22 for the proposed budget for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 was held. The second reading, vote and adoption will be at the May meeting.

Sherry reported that the PVA is behind so we may not get new assessments in the tax bills so she hasn't been able to propose a tax rate for the bills for next fiscal year. With assessments increasing and two new homes being build in Cambridge she feels the tax rate will have to be lowered from the current .187% to stay within the allowed 4% yearly revenue increase. Carrie said we can use wording in the ordinance to keep the tax rate the same or lower and then fill in the actual rate when we know it. The first reading of ordinance #2, series 2021 setting the tax rate for fiscal year 2021-2022 will be held next month.

Gary was contacted by the owner of the large white house on Browns Lane regarding his interest in building another structure plus a swimming pool on his property. Sherry will send the appropriate ordinances to the owner.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm. The next meeting will be May 18 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,