

TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

February 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held at 7:00 pm on the 14th day of February 2019 at the Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Town of Cambria, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor
Matthew P. Foe, Councilman
Jeffrey S. Hurtgam, Councilman
Randy M. Roberts, Councilman
Joseph Ohol, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk
Jon MacSwan, Highway Superintendent
Robert Roberson, Attorney
12 interested individuals

Following salute to the flag, Supervisor Ellis called the regular meeting to order. Board members took action upon the following matters:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meetings of January 10, 2019.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts -Motion Carried-

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Having been reviewed by the Town Board, the following claims were presented for payment:

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Drainage	1	\$1,800.00
General	32-85	\$51,017.99
Highway	3-26	\$69,537.63
Refuse	1 & 2	\$29,550.39
Sewer Operating	2-9	\$275,926.25
Trust Agency	2-5	\$472,283.00
Water Construction	2	\$156.25
Water Operating	6-33	\$24,544.10

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilman Foe it was resolved that the abstract of audited vouchers dated February 14, 2019, be approved as read by the Town Clerk.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts -Motion Carried-

SAUNDERS SETTLEMENT ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT

Wendel, Engineer is still waiting for a highway work permit from the DOT.

CAMBRIA HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Supervisor Ellis indicated that Karen Heffler will be reappointed to the Cambria Housing Authority for a five year term.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Foe it was resolved to reappoint Karen Heffler to a five year term on the Cambria Housing Authority to expire 4/18/2023.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts -Motion Carried-

2019 FEE SCHEDULE

In January the non-resident fee for Baseball and Softball was increased to \$80.00. There is a request from the Recreation Director to decrease that fee to \$60.00.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to amend the 2019 Fee Schedule Baseball/Softball non-resident fee to \$60.00.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts -Motion Carried-

up during their presentation-waterways. Solar plants require large amounts of water for cooling their turbines, and cleaning solar collectors. It can strain all available water sources and the loss of ground water further impacts wildlife and the surrounding farms. Other issues that may impact the Town are the potential for fire, electrocution and tax burdens on residents. Ms. Merlo feels that if this project comes to the Town, it will invite more industrial interest to an area that has been promoted as agricultural and whose residents have moved here for quality of life; this has been a longstanding tradition for the past 200 years.

Bob Hoover-Hoover Road

Mr. Hoover was also in attendance at the Cypress Creek Bear Ridge Solar Project presentation and did not like the way it was handled. He indicated that the person reading the questions was picking and choosing the ones to read and not all questions were answered. He feels there are a lot of things that need to be answered and it wasn't right or just for the approx. 150 people that were in attendance.

FIREMEN'S SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

Supervisor Ellis indicated that the census for the Firemen's Service Award Program has been completed. There are 13 members from Pekin and 29 members from Cambria for a total of 42 people eligible for the points.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to approve the 2018 census for the Pekin Fire Company with 13 eligible members and Cambria Volunteer Fire Company has 29 eligible members for the Fireman's Service Award Program for 2018.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Supervisor Ellis reported that final draft of the proposed amendments for the Zoning Ordinance has been submitted to the Town Board for consideration. The Town Board would like to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed amendments on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 7:00 pm. Copies of proposed amendments will be forwarded to the wineries.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to schedule a Public Hearing on proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments for Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

TOWN HALL HEATING SYSTEM

Highway Superintendent, Jon MacSwan indicated that the Town has been looking into replacing the heat exchange and air conditioning unit for the Town Hall. He would like authorization from the Town Board to put the project out for bid. Mr. MacSwan indicated that he will send the specs to the attorney for approval. Bid Opening will be set for Monday, April 8th at 10:00 am.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for a new heat exchange and air conditioning unit for the Town Hall. Bids are to be received at the Town Hall on Monday, April 8th at 10:00 am.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

Councilman Ohol asked the Supervisor to inform those present of Governor Cuomo's decision to cut out aid to municipalities.

Supervisor Ellis indicated that in the same budget that the Governor reported a 2.8 billion dollar deficit, he cut out the AIM (Aid and Incentives for Municipalities) payments to municipalities. In the past the Town would get a fair amount for youth services however, the amount has gradually been cut back from approx. \$45,000.00 to General Aid around \$24,000.00. Towns and villages scheduled to receive AIM that are less than 2% of their total local fiscal year 2017 as reported by the state comptroller will be removed from the program. This eliminates the counties in Niagara from the program. This means (approx.) \$24,000.00 must come out of next year's budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Roberts.
Time: 7:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk