

TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

November 8, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held at 7:00 pm on the 8th day of November 2018 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
9 interested individuals

Following salute to the flag, Supervisor Ellis opened the public hearing on the 2019 Preliminary Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2019 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

The following public hearing notice was read by the Town Clerk:

Notice of Public Hearing

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Cambria will conduct public hearings on the matters referred to herein at the Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Town of Cambria, NY on the 8th day of November 2018 at 7:00 PM. Said public hearings shall be as follows:

1. Any objections to the 2018 Assessment Roll for the following Districts:

Amount to be Raised by Taxes:

Cambria Water District	í í í í í í í í í ..	\$525,215.00
Cambria Fire District	í í í í í í í í í ..	\$536,467.00
Cambria Refuse & Garbage District	í í í í í	\$365,025.50
Cambria Sewer District No. 1	í í í í í í í ..	\$335,599.00
Cambria Drainage District	í í í í í í í í í	\$ 39,533.00

All persons interested shall be heard at the public hearing to be held by the Town Board as aforesaid relative to assessments and amounts to be raised in said districts.

2. Fire Contracts: The Town Board of the Town of Cambria will consider allocations as follows and authorization to enter into contracts with fire companies protecting areas of said Town for fire protection. The fire companies and amounts to be allocated for the year 2019 are as follows:

Cambria Volunteer Fire Company	\$193,325.00
Cambria Volunteer Fire Company Ambulance Service	\$ 47,195.00
Pekin Fire Company	\$193,325.00
Pekin EMS Contract	\$ 36,696.00
Sanborn Fire Company	\$ 1,001.00

With an additional allocation of \$40,800.00 for the Service Award Program.

3. The Town Board will conduct a public hearing on the 2019 Preliminary Budget. A copy of the 2019 Preliminary budget is available at the office of the Town Clerk, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Town of Cambria, NY, where it may be inspected by any interested person during regular office hours. The proposed salaries of the elected officials are hereby specified:

Councilman	\$6,755.00	each
Justice	\$20,700.00	each
Supervisor	\$25,570.00	
Town Clerk	\$45,580.00	
Tax Collector	\$6,630.00	
Highway Superintendent	\$63,760.00	

Further Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 495, the Exemption Report that shows total assessed values on the final assessment roll that was used in the budgetary process that is exempt from taxation is on file with the 2019 Preliminary Budget.

All parties in interest and citizens will be heard at the public hearings to be held as aforesaid.

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Supervisor Ellis indicated the total budget for 2019 is \$5,248,026.00, an increase of around \$5,000.00 over the 2018 budget. The tax lien is under the state mandated 2% tax cap. The highest increase is the Highway Fund at 5% over 2018, which is due to the increase in the price of salt and increase in equipment purchases. General Fund is up around 3.5% due to setting money aside for the solar power project. The money will be for additional legal fees and engineering fees necessary for the process. The tax rates went up 1.6% on average. Total tax rate, if sewer is available, is \$4.79 per 1,000. If no sewer is available, the tax rate is \$3.84 per 1,000. Overall salaries were increased by 2%. Refuse Fund has increased by \$3.00 per unit due to cost of electronic recycling and disposal of tires. (services offered to residents at no charge)

Supervisor Ellis opened the hearing for public comment.

David Edbauer-4715 Plank Rd.

Mr. Edbauer wanted clarification as to whether the budget was available online prior to the public hearing.

The Town Clerk indicated that the public hearing notice/budget summary was available on the website. Supervisor Ellis stated that as per the public hearing notice, the budget was available in the Town Clerk's office for public viewing and that after the 2019 budget has been approved it will be on the website.

Michael Allen-5818 Joanne Drive

Mr. Allen inquired as to why Sanborn Fire Company only received \$1,001.00 in the budget. Supervisor Ellis explained that several years ago there was an arrangement between the Town of Cambria and Sanborn Fire Company and between Town of Lewiston and the Pekin Fire Company. The Sanborn Fire District is in Cambria and Lewiston. The Pekin Fire District is in Cambria and in Lewiston. The Town of Cambria would pay full amount for Pekin Fire Co. and Lewiston pays \$1.00 for the contract. The Town of Lewiston pays the full amount for Sanborn Fire Co. and Cambria pays \$1.00 for the contract. Over the past couple years the Town has been approached by the Sanborn Fire Co. to increase the amount of the contract. This request was because of the increase in calls due to NCCC Dormitory and BOCES. Last year the Town Budget had already been passed. This year the Town Board met with representatives from the Sanborn Fire Co. The Town Board asked them to provide additional information. All the information was not provided as requested. The original monetary request was \$108,500.00. Lewiston is already paying Sanborn around \$400,000.00 which includes covering the Cambria area. The Town Board went back and forth and decided on the \$1,000, in addition to the \$1.00 for the contract.

David Edbauer-4715 Plank Rd.

Mr. Edbauer asked if the budget had broken down how much was brought in from the baseball tournaments. Supervisor Ellis said no, it tracks charges for the park, baseball registration and sponsorship, and day program registration. The park charges for the tournaments was about \$4,000.00-\$5,000.00. Mr. Edbauer asked how much is spent on maintaining the diamonds. Supervisor Ellis said he did not have that number. The cost of maintaining the park (includes baseball diamonds) is split among 3 ½ employees. The half is for the groundskeeper for the Town Hall grounds who also does work at the park. Mr. Edbauer asked if the Town Board discussed making the diamonds compatible for the little kids. Supervisor Ellis said yes, and it is still under discussion.

Councilman Foe indicated that the reason it is so difficult to assess the exact cost on diamond maintenance is because even if the diamonds were not used for tournaments, they would still require some level of maintenance. The workers don't just work on diamonds; they work on walkways, soccer fields, trees, etc. so the Town does not monitor the number of hours strictly for diamond maintenance.

Jonathon Pressley-Cambria Fire Company

Mr. Pressley asked why the change in the Sanborn contract wasn't brought to the other fire companies' attention during their budget meetings. Supervisor Ellis indicated that because at the time the Town Board did not have the information from them when they met with Pekin and Cambria and felt it was best to deal with the two primary fire companies and talk with Sanborn as a separate issue. Mr. Pressley asked if Sanborn will always be treated separately. Supervisor Ellis said it depends on what Sanborn does. The contract amount will never approach what Cambria and Pekin receive and he expects that Pekin will go talk to the Town of Lewiston.

As there were no further comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 7:20 pm

Councilman Ohol wanted to mention that the Town of Cambria has no general Town Tax. The General Fund is supported by sales tax.

Supervisor Ellis called the regular meeting to order. The Board members took action upon the following matters:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilman Foe, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meetings of October 11, 2018.

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:

Cemetery Fund	Claim	9	\$	15.82
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General Fund	Claim	471-510	\$ 45,730.47
Highway Fund	Claims	170-182	\$ 31,369.89
Refuse Fund	Claims	16-17	\$ 29,424.49
Sewer Operating Fund	Claims	33-36	\$ 12,080.62
Trust & Agency Fund	Claim	26-27	\$ 3,112.00
Water Operating Fund	Claims	161-174	\$ 5,339.13

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved that the abstract of audited vouchers dated November 8, 2018, be approved as read by the Town Clerk.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

2019 BUDGET

RESOLUTIONS 2019 BUDGET

APPROVAL OF 2018 ASSESSMENT ROLL/SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Roberts it was resolved to approve the 2018 Assessment Roll and the amounts to be raised by taxes for the Special Districts as set forth in the notice of public hearing.

The question of the adoption of the forgoing Resolution was put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

WRIGHT H. ELLIS voting AYE
MATTHEW P. FOE voting AYE
JEFFREY S. HURTGAM voting AYE
JOSEPH OHOL voting AYE
RANDY M. ROBERTS voting AYE

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

APPROVAL OF FIRE PROTECTION/AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACTS

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved to approve the Fire and Ambulance contracts for Cambria Fire Company, Pekin Fire Company and Sanborn Fire Company in the amounts as set forth in the notice of public hearing.

The question of the adoption of the forgoing Resolution was put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

WRIGHT H. ELLIS voting AYE
MATTHEW P. FOE voting AYE
JEFFREY S. HURTGAM voting AYE
JOSEPH OHOL voting AYE
RANDY M. ROBERTS voting AYE

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

2019 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved to adopt the 2019 Preliminary Budget with total appropriations of \$5,428,026.00.

The question of the adoption of the forgoing Resolution was put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

WRIGHT H. ELLIS voting AYE
MATTHEW P. FOE voting AYE
JEFFREY S. HURTGAM voting AYE
JOSEPH OHOL voting AYE
RANDY M. ROBERTS voting AYE

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

(A copy of the 2019 Adopted Budget is included and made a part of these Minutes).

WATER RATE INCREASE

Supervisor Ellis indicated that last year the Niagara County Water District increased water rates by \$.15 per 1,000 gallons. That affects the rate they charge to their users in the 12 towns. At that time the Town of Cambria chose not to increase their rates. Many of the towns did make that increase and other towns went above the \$.15 to generate additional revenue for their Water Fund. The Town of Cambria didn't want the increase to get too far away from them, so the Board decided to raise the water usage rate the same amount as the county.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to increase the water usage rate by \$.15 per 1,000 gallons in accordance with section 11 of the Town of Cambria Water District Ordinance. This will compensate for the \$.15 per 1,000 gallons increase adopted by Niagara County Water District, the Town's supplier, which were effective 1/1/2018.

The question of the adoption of the forgoing Resolution was put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

WRIGHT H. ELLIS voting AYE
MATTHEW P. FOE voting AYE
JEFFREY S. HURTGAM voting AYE
JOSEPH OHOL voting AYE
RANDY M. ROBERTS voting AYE

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

SAUNDERS SETTLEMENT ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT

Supervisor Ellis reported that the Town is still waiting to hear about the grant for the Saunders Settlement Road waterline replacement project from NYS Environmental Services.

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following:

- Town Clerk Report October: Total Receipts: \$44,253.10
- Building Inspector Report October: Total fees collected: \$ 3,591.00
Total estimated value of construction: \$413,044.00
- In receipt of a request from Cambria Fire Company to add Sarah Benedict, 4528 Ridge Rd., Lockport 14094 to their active roster. Physical paperwork was received October 29, 2018.
- In receipt of a request from Pekin Fire Company to add James Coughlin, 700 Gardenwood Dr., Lockport 14094 to their active roster. Physical paperwork has not been received.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to approve the addition of Sarah Benedict, 4528 Ridge Rd., Lockport 14094, to Cambria Fire Company's active roster and to approve the addition of James Coughlin, 700 Gardenwood Dr., Lockport, NY to Pekin Fire Company's active roster pending receipt physical paperwork.

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

The Highway Superintendent, Jon MacSwan, reported as follows:

- Brush pickup winding down.
- Plow trucks are mounted up.
- Trouble with Ash trees dying.

WATER SEWER REPORTS

- Have received the inline camera system and the employees have been trained to use it.

ATTORNEY REPORTS

Mr. Roberson, Town Attorney, reported as follows:

- The Town has a couple BANs due next week and the end of the month and are in the process of being bid out.

Supervisor Ellis reported on the following:

- Recycling continues at 19%.
- Annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on 11/11 at 11:00 am at the Town Hall. It is the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. Speaker will be Chief Master Sgt. Ed Stefik a former Town resident.
- Vietnam Veterans will provide rifle detail for the ceremony and have donated \$200.00 toward refreshments.
- The Town is still working on the street light proposal with National Grid.

CONCERNS OF CITIZENS

Jonathan Pressley-Cambria Fire Company

Mr. Pressley addressed the Town Board regarding the new Cancer Disability benefit program that will take effect January 1, 2019. After a brief discussion, Supervisor Ellis agreed to investigate the matter further.

David Edbauer-4715 Plank Rd.

Mr. Edbauer asked if the old documents from the old website will be moved to the new website. Supervisor Ellis indicated that it is being worked on.

Supervisor Ellis addressed the passing of Kathy Mayer. She was the secretary to his predecessor for a number of years and his secretary for about eight years. She passed about a week ago. She was a valued member of the community and is sorry for her passing. The Town Board acknowledges Kathy's passing with regret and express their sympathies to her family.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Roberts.
Time: 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk