

**TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD**

**June 10, 2010**

The regular meeting of the  
Town of Cambria Town Board was held  
at 8:00 PM on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010  
at the Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain  
Road, Town of Cambria, NY

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor  
Robert E. Blackman, Councilman  
George J. Bush, Councilman  
Joseph Ohol, Councilman  
Randy M. Roberts Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jon T. MacSwan, Highway Superintendent  
Lou Ann Murawski, Town Clerk  
Thomas Brandt, Attorney  
Six interested individuals

Following salute to the flag, Supervisor Ellis welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilman Bush, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2010.**

**Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Ohol, Roberts**

**-Motion Carried-**

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

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

Cemetery	Claims	2-3	\$	2,515.60
Drainage	Claims	9-10	\$	2,098.75
General Fund	Claims	212-255	\$	56,446.99
Highway Fund	Claims	126-148	\$	49,626.73
Recreation Fund	Claims	11-14	\$	4,988.24
Refuse Fund	Claim	5	\$	31,005.18
Sewer Operating Fund	Claims	26-28	\$	120.72
Trust Agency Fund	Claims	28-30	\$	1,193.28
Water Operating Fund	Claims	111-128	\$	7,331.17

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to approve the abstract of audited vouchers as presented.**

**Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Ohol, Roberts**

**-Motion Carried-**

**WILLOW CREEK SUBDIVISION AMENDMENT TO RESTRICTIONS**

Supervisor Ellis reported the matter has been forwarded to the Planning Board for discussion at the June 21, 2010 meeting.

**TOWN CLERK REPORTS**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following:

- Building Inspector's Report – May 2010 – Total Receipts: \$1,630.00  
Total estimated value of construction cost: \$648,380.00
- Niagara County SPCA Report – May 2010 – Total animal contacts: 21
- The dog census is approximately 90% complete. Letters have been forwarded to those residents who were not home or have not yet responded to the census inquiry.
- An email/internet policy proposal will be distributed to the Town Board for their review and consideration for the next meeting.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

The Highway Superintendent reported as follows:

- Comstock Road – shoulders are rebuilt and the road has been chip sealed.
- Raymond Road – has been recycled; it will be top coated later in the summer.
- Further work will be done on Irish Road and Baer Road.

**RECREATION**

Supervisor Ellis reported a copy of the deed for the Upper Mountain Road property, (adjacent to Town Park) which the Town recently purchased, has been received.

Councilman Roberts reported the Recreation Day Program has five certified lifeguards on staff for this season. They are awaiting the pre-inspection of the Pekin and Cambria sites that will be performed on Monday, June 21.

Councilman Roberts also reported the Recreation Committee expressed concerns that the baseball diamonds were not ready in time for the games. Also, the question arose as to how soon the diamond could be ready for the 11-12 year olds. As their team is a sanctioned Little League team, their field needs to meet certain requirements. This team is currently playing on Route 429 behind the American Legion Post and Cambria is calling this their "home" field. Jon MacSwan indicated he plans to have one diamond done this summer; it is already staked out. He also indicated the plans are to have both diamonds Little League sanctioned.

James Schwabb, Blackman Road, expressed his concern over the preparation of the baseball diamonds and the baseball program, in general. Councilman Roberts replied the baseball diamonds have improved over the last few years, but they are still in poor condition. A lengthy discussion followed.

Supervisor Ellis stated the Town Board approved a substantial increase in the 2010 budget for the Baseball program. The issue with the diamonds lies with the Baseball Director, the Recreation Committee and the Highway Superintendent.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WALTER E. BLACKMAN, JR.**

Supervisor Ellis presented the following Proclamation recognizing Walter E. Blackman, Jr., for his years of Community Service:

**WHEREAS, in January of 1951, Walter E. Blackman, Jr. was appointed to the Town of Cambria Zoning Board of Appeals and served his fellow citizens for 27 ½ years as a member of that Board, including eight-and-one-half years as its Chairman; and**

**WHEREAS, in July of 1957, Walter was elected to the Starpoint Central School District Board of Education where he served for fourteen years, including one term as Vice President and three terms as President, carefully guiding the development of that educational institution through its infancy and ensuring its reputation as a premier school district in Western New York; and**

**WHEREAS, Walter is the sole surviving charter member of the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company, which was formed in January of 1944, with him elected as the Company's first Secretary; and**

**WHEREAS, through those formative years with the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company, he served in a variety of line and administrative positions, nurturing the development of that emergency services organization into a valuable and highly regarded component of the community; and**

**WHEREAS, Walter recognized the need for expanded medical services in rural Niagara County and served for many years on the Board of Directors of Inter-Community Memorial Hospital of Newfane, overseeing its early growth and remarkable success; and**

**WHEREAS, he has been an active and life-long member of Cambria Congregational Church, contributing his time and talents to the congregation through service in**

various leadership positions, offering well-reasoned counsel during critical periods in the life of the Church; and

WHEREAS, Walter has served his neighbors and his community with dedication and distinction through an extensive list of civil appointments and offices, demonstrating his willingness to always place his concern for the public good ahead of his own personal interests; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambria Town Board desires to recognize Walter E. Blackman, Jr. for a lifetime of dedicated community service;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Town of Cambria is proud of your contribution to the vitality of our Town and commitment to the welfare of our fellow citizens, and honors you on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010 by resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Cambria.

Cambria Town Board

Wright H. Ellis, Town Supervisor

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to approve the Proclamation recognizing Walter E. Blackman, Jr. for his dedicated community service.

Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

#### RESOLUTION - RELEASE OF MICHAEL HUSKEY'S MEDAL OF HONOR

Supervisor Ellis indicated that the Niagara County Legislature has requested the Town's support of their efforts to have Michael Huskey's Civil War Medal of Honor released to Niagara County where it will be displayed in the Rotunda of the Niagara County Courthouse.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Blackman and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved to support the efforts of the Niagara County Legislature requesting the United States Navy to release Michael Huskey's Medal of Honor to Niagara County for permanent retention and safekeeping. His medal of honor would be placed in a prominent display in the Niagara County Courthouse Rotunda as a perpetual memorial honoring Michael and all other veterans.

Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

#### LETTER OF RESIGNATION – GERARDO BUZZEO, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

Gerardo Buzzeo submitted a letter of resignation from his position as a member of the Planning Board.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Bush, it was resolved to accept the resignation of Gerardo Buzzeo.

Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

#### APPOINTMENT OF ROGER SCHREADER, SR. TO PLANNING BOARD

Supervisor Ellis indicated the Planning Board Chairman has recommended that the alternate member, Roger Schreader, Sr., be appointed to fill the vacancy created by Jerry Buzzeo's resignation.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved to appoint Roger Schreader, Sr. to the Planning Board, term to expire 12/31/2012.

Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AUDIT**

Supervisor Ellis indicated that the audit of the Town's Stormwater Management practices was conducted on May 2, 2010 and, with the exception of a few administrative issues, the audit was generally satisfactory. It was noted that the registration of our petroleum storage tanks was not in order. He requested Town Board authorization to submit a check in the amount of \$600 to NYSDEC along with the appropriate registration application.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to authorize payment to NYSDEC for the registration of the petroleum storage tanks.**

**Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Ohol, Roberts**

**-Motion Carried-**

**NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Supervisor Ellis indicated the Town has received correspondence from NYSDEC indicating they have reviewed the draft of the amendment to the local law for Flood Damage Prevention and have found it acceptable for the Town's continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. He indicated the Town Board will schedule a public hearing in July for the August meeting on the proposed local law.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to enter executive session to discuss the labor union contract.**

**Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Ohol, Roberts**

**-Motion Carried-**

There was no formal action taken during the executive session.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the regular meeting.**

**Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Ohol, Roberts**

**-Motion Carried-**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Roberts. Time: 9:50 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Lou Ann Murawski  
Town Clerk**

