

TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

MAY 8, 2008

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held at 8:00 pm on the 8th day of May 2008 at the Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Town of Cambria, New York

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor
Robert E. Blackman, Councilman
George J. Bush, Councilman
Debra L. Kroening, Councilwoman
Joseph Ohol, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Jon T. MacSwan, Highway Superintendent
Lou Ann Murawski, Town Clerk
Edwin J. Shoemaker, Attorney
Timothy Walck, Wendel Duchscherer
Five interested individuals

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilwoman Kroening, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2008 Town Board meeting.

Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Kroening, Ohol -Motion Carried-

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

Cemetery Fund	Claim 7	\$ 70.03
Drainage Fund	Claim 9	\$ 300.00
General Fund	Claims 200 – 241	\$ 34,305.03
Highway Fund	Claims 90 – 107	\$132,977.40
Recreation Fund	Claim 4	\$ 306.35
Refuse Fund	Claim 8	\$ 17,117.86
Sewer Operating	Claims 20-23	\$ 231.98
Trust Agency Fund	Claim 22	\$ 78.44
Water Construction Fund	Claims 6-7	\$ 15,125.00
Water Operating Fund	Claims 75 – 95	\$ 13,046.54

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

Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Kroening, Ohol -Motion Carried-

Upon a motion duly made by Councilwoman Kroening and seconded by Councilman Bush, it was resolved to authorize payment to Don MacSwan in the amount of \$696.00 (General Fund)

Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Kroening, Ohol -Motion Carried-

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN - 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Timothy Walck, Wendel Duchscherer, presented an overview of the draft 2008 annual report on the management practices implemented by the Town of Cambria to prevent pollutants from entering municipal storm sewer systems and local waterways. He explained the MS4 area extends from Town Line Road east to the new Willow Creek subdivision. The NYSDEC requires an annual report to be presented each year to document that the Town has complied with stormwater regulations. The Town was required to be in full compliance, taking into account six categories which includes public education/outreach; public involvement and participation; legislation regulation of illicit discharges; pollution prevention and good housekeeping. The Town is a member of the WNY Stormwater Coalition comprised of various municipalities in Niagara County. They have been successful in receiving grant funds to offset expenses involved with law compliance.

There were no comments from the public relative to the matter.

FORMER BUSINESS

- **TOWN PARK NATURE TRAIL**

Supervisor Ellis indicated information is being finalized for the interpretative sign. Supplemental signs for the nature trail will be done as part of an Eagle Scout project.

- **UPPER MOUNTAIN ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT**

A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for May 16th at 11:00 am in the conference room.

- **TOWN PARK GRANT APPLICATION**

Supervisor Ellis indicated that, as part of the next grant application, it will be necessary for the Town Board to approve the Town Park Master Plan. The plan, which outlines the eleven phases of the park, was originally developed in 2006. The most recent update to the plan is dated June 19, 2007.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilwoman Kroening and seconded by Councilman Bush, it was resolved to approve the Town Park Master Phasing Plan dated August 14, 2006 and revised June 19, 2007, including map of park delineating the eleven phases of development, reflecting a total cost of \$6,266,714.67.

Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Kroening, Ohol -Motion Carried-

Supervisor Ellis also indicated that another survey will be conducted. Residents will be approached at the baseball games to complete a survey relative to the Town park.

CONCERNS OF CITIZENS

Thomas Reed, Cambria Road, expressed his appreciation to the Town of Cambria Highway Department for replacing the drainage pipe along his property; the larger pipe should resolve the drainage issues. He presented photos to the Town Board of the drainage problems incurred in the past.

Mark Printup, Upper Mountain Road, questioned if the Town has approached the County about paving the shoulders of Upper Mountain Road. He indicated the number of pedestrians has increased and will continue to increase as the residents avail themselves of the Town Park/Nature Trail. Mr. MacSwan indicated he will check into the matter and get back to him.

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following:

- Niagara County SPCA Report, April – Total Animal Contacts: 24
- Building Inspector's Report – April, 2008 – Total Receipts: \$2,295; Total estimated construction cost: \$719,816
- Communication from Assemblywoman Francine DeMonte, indicating she has secured \$10,000 in Assembly Local Initiative funding to assist the Town of Cambria with the purchase of a new Town Hall sign.

Supervisor Ellis appointed Thomas Reed as Sign Committee Chairman, along with Councilwoman Kroening and Lou Ann Murawski. These individuals will be responsible for obtaining proposals and presenting ideas for a Town Hall sign to the Town Board.

- Request of Pekin Fire Company to include the names of Eric Beecher, 3541 Saunders Settlement Road and Carl Ortel, 5809 Unicorn Drive, Apt. 4, to the roster of active members.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilwoman Kroening and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to include the names of Eric Beecher and Carl Ortel on the roster of active members for Pekin Fire Company.

Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Kroening, Ohol -Motion Carried-

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HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

The Highway Superintendent reported as follows:

- Highway crews are in the process of paving in the areas of Unicorn Drive and Fairview Drive. Work is also scheduled for Baer Road between Upper Mountain Road and Lower Mountain Road
- Sidewalks on Franklin Street are scheduled for removal

WATER/SEWER REPORTS

- Mr. MacSwan reported they are in the process of completing the New York State mandated Stage II testing

ATTORNEY REPORTS – None

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Councilman Bush requested the Town Board to consider adoption of a resolution which would allow the display of banners in excess of 12 sq. ft. and the display of temporary signs throughout the Town, announcing upcoming Bicentennial events.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved to exempt the Town from Article XI, Section 1105.2 (a 1) of the Zoning Ordinance which would allow the display of banners in excess of 12 sq. ft. and the display of temporary signs throughout the Town, announcing upcoming Bicentennial events.

Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Kroening, Ohol -Motion Carried-

Councilman Bush indicated Bicentennial meetings with NCCC representatives are held bi-weekly, as are meetings of the Town Bicentennial Committee. He indicated he has contacted the wineries within the Town informing them that the NCCC College Association will be selling alcohol at their Friday and Saturday evening event and if they are interested in having their wine available for sale, they should contact College Association personnel.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Kroening indicate that the Baseball Program started on Monday. The Midget A Team sign-ups are underway - \$15.00 fee to Cambria.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW TRAINING

Letter received from Janelle Kroening, Assessor, requesting the Board to consider compensating members of the Board of Assessment Review for attending mandatory training sessions in the amount of \$30.00. A brief discussion ensued relative to the matter.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved that the members of the Board of Assessment Review be compensated for attending mandatory training sessions in the amount of \$30.00.

Ayes: Bush, Blackman Ellis Noes: Kroening, Ohol -Motion Carried-

Councilwoman Kroening indicated the members of the Planning and Zoning Boards are not compensated for attending training classes and indicated she felt it wasn't fair to compensate certain boards and not others. Supervisor Ellis indicated the matter will be further addressed at budget time.

CHANGING NAME OF CHURCH STREET TO CHURCH ROAD

Supervisor Ellis indicated that a research of highway records indicate when Church Road was laid out it was designated as Church Street. This has caused confusion in recent years as GPS units are directing those unfamiliar with Cambria's "Church Street/Road" to Church Street in

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the City of Lockport. This has created a problem for Lazy Lakes Campground located on Church Road, which attracts out of town/out of state patrons.

The following resolution was presented for the Board's consideration:

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cambria Town Board that Church Street aka Church Road in said Town has historically been designated as both a street and a road; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined to designate said highway as "Church Road" in said Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED, that Church Street aka Church Road in the Town of Cambria shall hereafter be designated as "Church Road", and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Cambria shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Assessor of the Town of Cambria, the Planning Board of the Town of Cambria, the Niagara County Clerk, the Niagara County Commissioner of Public Works (attention County Engineer) and the United States Post Office, Lockport, New York.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilwoman Kroening, it was resolved to approve the foregoing resolution and to further send a copy of the resolution to the Niagara County Board of Elections.

Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Kroening, Ohol -Motion Carried-

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilwoman Kroening and seconded by Councilman Ohol. Time: 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ann Murawski
Town Clerk

