

TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

DECEMBER 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held on the 8th day of December 2011 at 8:00 PM at the Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Rd., 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
Robert Roberson, Attorney
Eight interested individuals

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of November 10, 2011.

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:

Drainage	Claim	28	\$	65.00
General Fund	Claims	543-595	\$	76,782.89
Highway Fund	Claims	249-260	\$	66,228.18
Recreation Fund	Claim	77-81	\$	1,505.00
Refuse Fund	Claim	9	\$	33,014.99
Sewer Operating Fund	Claims	71-78	\$	9,567.81
Trust Agency Fund	Claims	54-67	\$	11,397.68
Water Construction Fund	Claim	21	\$	100.00
Water Operating Fund	Claims	190-205	\$	22,700.35

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to approve the abstract of audited vouchers as read by the Town Clerk.

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

RECOGNITION OF COUNCILMAN GEORGE J. BUSH

Supervisor Ellis stated that Councilman George Bush will be stepping down at the end of this year after 21 years of service as Town Councilman. He praised Councilman Bush for his long record of service to the Community, citing his dedication while serving in the positions as Deputy Town Supervisor, Recreation Committee Chairman, Chairman of the Town Yard Sale, Chairman of the Park Planning Committee and Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee. He stated that Councilman Bush has played an integral part in the development of the Town Park and has agreed to continue his services as Director of the Town Park and will be paid \$1.00 per year for his services.

The Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, Attorney Roberson and other Board members thanked Councilman Bush for his dedicated service and help throughout the years. A dinner in his honor will be held in January.

CROWN CASTLE LEASE AGREEMENT

- Nothing to report – Attorney Roberson will talk with Crown Castle this week.

TIME WARNER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

- Attorney Roberson reported a conference is scheduled for next week to discuss the unsettled issues.

BROWNFIELDS GRANT – FORMER LOCKPORT AIR BASE

- Supervisor Ellis indicated a report was received from the Engineers. The collection of samples and lab analysis has been completed; Wendel will attend the January meeting to report the findings.

FAIR VILLAGE SANITARY SEWER TV AND FLUSH

- Supervisor Ellis reported the contractor will finish work this week; there is some deterioration in the sewer lines. A report should be received for the January or February meeting. Supervisor Ellis is sending a letter to the Niagara County Sewer District #1 Board of Commissioners requesting reimbursement of \$5,250.00.

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following:

- ◆ Building Inspector's Report: Total Receipts: \$1,895.00
Total Estimated value of construction: \$175,100.00
- ◆ Town Clerk's Monthly Report: Total Receipts: \$61,391.55
- ◆ Letter from Pekin Fire Company requesting the removal of Corey Lauzau from the active roster as he moved out of the district.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to remove Corey Lauzau from the active roster of Pekin Fire Company.

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

- ◆ A thank you note was received from Mrs. Rosemary Warren regarding the Veteran's Day Ceremony.
- ◆ Letter from the New York Power Authority acknowledging the Town Board's resolution concerning appointment of a Niagara County resident to the Authority's Board of Trustees.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

- ◆ The ditching program will continue as long as the weather permits.
- ◆ Brush pick up/chipping will continue until the end of next week.
- ◆ The Highway Superintendent will begin enforcing the Parking Ordinance after the first storm.

WATER/SEWER REPORTS – No Reports.

ATTORNEY REPORTS – No Reports.

RECREATION MATTERS

- ◆ Councilman Roberts reported the Recreation Committee is recommending the Town Board merge the Recreation Committee and the Town Park Planning Committee.
- ◆ Work has commenced on developing a soccer program.
- ◆ The Recreation Committee is recommending Larry Amacher be appointed as Chairman of the Committee for 2012.

CONCERNS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Pamela Fleming, 4723 Lower Mountain Road questioned the issuance of a building permit for solar panels which appear to be of commercial grade and are an eyesore to the community. She expressed her concerns that the integrity of the rural character of our Town is being compromised by allowing the structures. Following a lengthy discussion, Supervisor Ellis indicated the matter would be checked into further.
- ◆ Larry Amacher questioned the Town Attorney about the Time Warner franchise and the length of time it is taking to resolve the issues.

YEAR END CLOSEOUT OF 2011 ACCOUNTS

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to authorize the Supervisor to encumber funds, pay bills and make necessary line item transfers in order to closeout the 2011 accounts.

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

Councilman Roberts requested that the Board members receive a copy of the transfers.

PD ZONE SITE PLAN SUBMITTAL

Supervisor Ellis reported an application has been received for a site plan review in the PD district on Eagle Drive at the former Air Force Station. The applicant, Dr. Steven Gasiewicz, explained his plans to convert an existing building into six- two bedroom, one bath apartments.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to declare the Town Board as Lead Agent for SEQR review of the Site Plan application.

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

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved to refer the Site Plan to the Planning Board for their review and submittal of recommendations to the Town Board.

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

Board members agreed to schedule a special Town Board meeting for Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 12 PM to review the recommendations of the Planning Board.

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS CONFERENCE

- Supervisor Ellis requested authorization for Town officers and officials to attend training.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to authorize Town officers and officials to attend the Association of Towns Conference in NYC from February 19-22, 2012.

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

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to authorize Councilman-elect Matthew Foe to attend the training for newly elected Town Officials to be held in Rochester, NY from January 4-6, 2010.

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

ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Supervisor Ellis requested that the Proclamations prepared for Edwin Beutel and Gerald Regester presented December 3, 2011 for their 50 years of service in the Pekin Fire Company be approved and inserted into the Minutes of the meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to approve the Proclamations issued for Ed Beutel and Gerald Regester as presented on December 3, 2011.

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

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, in October 1961, Edwin W. Beutel was accepted into the membership of the Pekin Fire Company, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, throughout his fifty years of service, Edwin has supported the Pekin Fire Company in a variety of responsible positions, performing the duties of Treasurer, Chief, Director, President of the Chief's Association, and member of the Fire Advisory Board, as well as serving on various Committees of the Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, Edwin's fifty years of volunteer service have been marked by exemplary dedication to the best interests of the fire service, our community and our fellow citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Edwin, as a Volunteer Fireman, has continually demonstrated his willingness to place his concern for his fellow man and the overall public good ahead of his own personal interests; and,

WHEREAS, Edwin, as Treasurer, has been an energetic participant at the annual fire company budget meetings with the Town Board, skillfully assembling and presenting facts and data in strong arguments to justify the budget requests of HIS Company; and

WHEREAS, Edwin's selfless commitment of his time and personal resources to the volunteer fire service vividly illustrates the essence of volunteerism as an elemental part of the tradition and fabric of our Town and our Country and is essential to the spirit and vitality of our People; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambria Town Board desires to recognize Edwin W. Beutel for a lifetime of commitment to his community and his neighbors, through his fifty years of service with the Pekin Fire Company.

NOW, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Cambria is proud of your contribution to the vitality of our Town and your commitment to the safety and well-being of our fellow citizens, and honors you on this 3rd day of December 2011 by resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Cambria.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in September 1961, Jerauld D. Register was accepted into the membership of the Pekin Fire Company, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, throughout his fifty years of service, Jerauld has supported the Pekin Fire Company in a variety of responsible positions, performing the duties of Director, Captain and Assistant Chief, as well as serving on various Committees of the Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, Jerauld's fifty years of volunteer service have been marked by exemplary dedication to the best interests of the fire service, our community and our fellow citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Jerauld, as a Volunteer Fireman, has continually demonstrated his willingness to place his concern for his fellow man and the overall public good ahead of his own personal interests; and,

WHEREAS, Jerauld is well known around the Pekin Fire Hall as the "Go-To Guy", the "Can-Do" person, the dependable backbone of all fundraising activities, whether washing dishes after a wedding reception, cooking chowder, or selling gun raffle tickets, always ready to tackle any job that needs doing, no matter how menial, in support of HIS Company; and,

WHEREAS, Jerauld's selfless commitment of his time and personal resources to the volunteer fire service vividly illustrates the essence of volunteerism as an elemental part of the tradition and fabric of our Town and our Country and is essential to the spirit and vitality of our People; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambria Town Board desires to recognize Jerauld D. Register for a lifetime of commitment to his community and his neighbors, through his fifty years of service with the Pekin Fire Company.

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ADDITIONAL MATTERS

- ◆ Councilman Bush commented on the two Eagle Scout projects that have been completed and the four new projects that are planned within the Town. The completed projects include the installation of trail plaques and birdhouses at the Town Park. The four new projects include the planting of memorial trees; installation of walking trail markers every 10th of a mile; Development of a Veterans' memorial area and the installation of park benches near the lake and playground.
- ◆ Sally Marotta-Reed, Recreation Director, indicated she is checking into the organization of a soccer program, emphasizing that the program should be gradually developed .

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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

There was no formal action taken at the Executive Session.

The executive session was closed by motion made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Blackman

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

Supervisor Ellis opened the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman Blackman and seconded by Councilman Ohol.
Time: 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ann Murawski, Town Clerk

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ann Murawski
Town Clerk