

TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

March 13, 2014

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held at 8:00 pm on the 13th day of March 2014 at the Town of Cambria Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Town of Cambria, NY

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor
Jeffrey S. Hurtgam, Councilman
Joseph Ohol, Councilman
Randy Roberts, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk
Robert Roberson, Attorney
Randy Roeseler, Wendel Engineers
David Godfrey, Niagara County Legislator
9 interested individuals

Absent:

*Matthew Foe, Councilman
Jon MacSwan Highway Superintendent*

Following salute to the flag, Supervisor Ellis called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2014, to include clarification on page 5 with regard to the cost of the Kubota mowers to be purchased.

Ayes: Ellis, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

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MOWER PURCHASE
TOWN PARK**

Supervisor Ellis indicated that the Town will purchase two Kubota 31 horsepower/ zero turn/ diesel liquid cool/ with 72" pro commercial deck mowers per NYS Contract at a unit cost of \$13,675.14 in addition, there will be a charge to deliver to Niagara County (Town of Cambria) and that fee is \$165.00 per unit which makes the total for each mower \$13,840.14. The cost of two mowers including delivery will be \$27,680.28. One will be charged to the Town Park and the second one to be charged to the Highway.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to authorize the purchase of two Kubota 31 horsepower/ zero turn/ diesel liquid cool/ with 72" pro commercial deck mowers unit cost with delivery of \$13,840.14 for total amount of \$27,680.28.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

Drainage Fund	Claims	5-8	\$ 10,069.98
General Fund	Claims	72-116	\$ 89,643.91
Highway Fund	Claims	25-42	\$ 39,353.88
Recreation Fund	Claim	1-3	\$ 4,188.50
Sewer Operating Fund	Claims	7-11	\$ 791.05
Trust Agency Fund	Claims	10, 11	\$ 9,703.82
Water Operating Fund	Claims	30-45	\$ 6,774.38

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

Ayes: Ellis, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

Supervisor Ellis reported on the following pending matters:

TOWN HALL SECURITY MONITORING SYSTEM

All cameras are installed and this project should be completed within the week.

FIRE SUPPRESSANT SYSTEM RECORDS ROOM

The Town is still waiting for the fire doors and for wiring of an automatic vent shutdown system to be installed in the Records Room before Life Safety can come in to install the fire suppressant system.

2013 FINANCIAL AUDIT

The audit has been completed by the Town accountants, Lumsden and McCormick, LLP. They are in the process of preparing the annual update document that will be forwarded to the Comptroller's office later this month, and will also be available in the Town Clerk's office.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Supervisor Ellis indicated that another Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting will be held at the end of the month to review the newest draft with a public information meeting to follow in April.

Randy Roeseler, Wendel Engineers, was present to update the Town Board on two current projects involving the Town.

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr. Roeseler reported that a meeting was held this week involving Donna Antoncich and Randy Shoop, from the Water Department, for the planning phase of the Asset Management Project. Information in various forms has been collected and once completed it will be reviewed, with hopes to update the Town Board on the progress on a monthly basis.

TOWN PARK – RESTROOMS

Mr. Roeseler indicated that the location in the Town Park where the restrooms will be and where the utility lines will be installed has been narrowed down along with cost estimation. In April the information will be reviewed and finalized in order to proceed with the next phase of this project, which will be to investigate Greenway Grant funding.

RECYCLING CART IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Supervisor Ellis announced that Modern will be presenting an informational open house on Saturday, March 15th, from 9 am to 12 pm in the Community Room for all interested residents. They will be discussing the roll out of the new recycling carts. The carts will be delivered to residents on Monday, March 24th and Tuesday, March 25th, the first pickup will be on Thursday, April 3rd, and every other week thereafter.

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following:

Town Clerk Reports:

- Town Clerk Report February: Total Receipts: \$25,940.01
- Building Inspector has nothing to report for the month of February.
- Letter from Cambria Volunteer Fire Company:
 - Requesting removal of several members:
 - Adam Boone, 4468 Ridge Rd., Lockport
 - Dominique Fricano, 4468 Ridge Rd., Lockport
 - Brad Henry, 4206 Lower Mt. Rd., Lockport
 - Aaron Slack, 5468 Comstock Rd., Lockport
 - Carl Chamberlain, 5293 Stone Rd., Lockport

Requesting change in status for William Schreader – currently a social member and they wish for him become an active member. We do have his physical form.

Requesting two new members, we are waiting receipt of their physical forms.

- Cody Godwin
4195 Burch Road, Ransomville
- Russell Henry
5063 Upper Mt Rd, Lockport

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved to approve the addition of Cody Godwin, 4195 Burch Road, and Russell Henry, 5063 Upper Mt. Rd., (*pending receipt of physical forms*) and William Schreader (*physical form on file*), to the active roster and to remove

from the active roster: Adam Boone, 4468 Ridge Rd.; Dominique Fricano, 4468 Ridge Rd.; Brad Henry, 4206 Lower Mt. Rd.; Aaron Slack, 5468 Comstock Rd.; and Carl Chamberlain, 5293 Stone Rd.

Ayes: Ellis, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

HIGHWAY / WATER SEWER REPORTS

No reports presented.

TOWN POLICY/PROCEDURES REVIEW COMMITTEE

Councilman Roberts reported that the Town Policy and Procedure Review Committee it still waiting to hear back from Mr. Billingsley, the Town Attorney, who is reviewing the changes that were submitted.

Supervisor Ellis indicated a change in the committee members. Lou Ann Murawski, who has retired, will be taken off the committee and Deputy Town Clerk I, Paula Jones, will replace her.

ATTORNEY REPORTS

No reports presented.

CONCERNS OF CITIZENS

Supervisor Ellis welcomed four students present from Starpoint Central School who were fulfilling a requirement for government class.

Sally Marotta-Reed, Cambria Road

Mrs. Reed addressed the issue of recycle carts and the group homes located in the Town of Cambria. Mrs. Reed, who works in a group home in Pendleton, is concerned that the allotted one cart per group home will not be sufficient enough to fulfill the recycle needs of the homes. Each home has different needs with regard to medication bottles, etc. and therefore may require more than one cart.

Supervisor Ellis indicated that when going through the list of residences, the group homes may have only been identified as single family residences. He is asking that the group homes use the already assigned cart for a trial basis. If their needs dictate a larger cart they may come to the Town to discuss further accommodations.

Roger Schreader, Sr., Upper Mt. Rd.

Mr. Schreader asked the Board where the recycling carts will be dropped. Supervisor Ellis did not have that specific information, but suggested Mr. Schreader attend the informational meeting on Saturday and ask that question of Modern.

David Godfrey, County Legislator

Mr. Godfrey was present and updated the Town Board on the initiative to save Niagara Falls Air Base. A meeting was held recently in Washington D.C. and members of NIMAC met with representatives Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, Congresswomen Slaughter, Congressmen Higgins and Collins. The prospect of a Simulator coming to the Air Base looks very promising and BIDS for this project will be coming soon. In addition, construction plans for a SCIB (*secure compartmentalized informational building*) will also be in the works for this summer. Drones, or Remote Piloted Aircraft, will not be housed at the base because they are restricted from flying in commercial air space, however, the operators of these devises may be working from this site.

FIREMEN SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

Supervisor Ellis reported that he is in receipt of the 2013 census from both the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company and the Pekin Volunteer Fire Company. This census is provided to the Town and is necessary in order to submit the information to the insurance company that handles the Service Award Program. Pekin Fire Company has 25 eligible members and Cambria Volunteer Fire Company has 37 eligible members. The qualified firemen will be credited \$550.00 for 2013.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to approve the 2013 census for the Pekin Vol. Fire Company, who has 25 eligible members and Cambria Vol. Fire Company who has 37 eligible members, for a total of 62 total members eligible for the Service Award Program.

Ayes: Ellis, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

TOWN PARK ADMINISTRATION

Supervisor Ellis indicated that in an effort to promote the growth of the Town Park and to make it more attractive to residents, the Town Board has decided to pass on some administrative duties to the Recreation Director, Sally Marotta-Reed.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved approve and increase in salary of the Recreation Director, Sally Marotta-Reed, to \$7,352 in compensation for assuming additional duties involving administration of the Town Park.

Ayes: Ellis, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

LOCAL LAW:

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF NYS UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE

Supervisor Ellis informed the Town Board that a local law update was submitted by James McCann, Building Inspector, for their consideration. Mr. McCann has prepared Local Law from 1984-85 -Administration and Enforcement of NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and it reflects changes made by New York State in 2003 and 2010. This law will be reviewed by the Town Board over the next month and if accepted, a public hearing will be set for May to adopt it.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS MATERIAL

Supervisor Ellis announced that the Town has 1,087 plastic recycling bins remaining and must declare them surplus in order to offer them to residents. If a resident would like one or two bins there will be no charge, if three or more are needed the charge will be \$3.00 each. The bins cost the Town \$10.00 when new, and available at the Highway garage.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to declare the 18 gallon plastic recycling bins as surplus and will be made available to Town residents, one or two bins at no cost, three or more at a cost of \$3.00 per bin.

Ayes: Ellis, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

NIAGARA COUNTY 2014 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Supervisor Ellis indicated that Niagara County is updating their Mitigation Plan from 2006/2009. A meeting was held between representatives of the County's consultant firm and Town of Cambria representatives that included, Supervisor Ellis; Highway Superintendent, Jon MacSwan; Building Inspector, James McCann; and Pekin Fire Co. The Town of Cambria is working on a plan of action to mitigate the impact of a manmade or natural disaster at the town and county level.

EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION

Kevin Brown- Cambria Boy Scout Troop 8

Supervisor Ellis briefly read a portion of the following proclamation that will be read in its entirety at the Eagle Scout Ceremony that will be held on March 22nd at 2 pm at the Cambria Fire Hall. The following proclamation was presented for the Town Board's consideration:

Proclamation

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910, in the United States of America; and

Whereas, in 2004, Kevin Brown joined Cambria Cub Scout Pack 8 as a Tiger Cub; and

Whereas, Kevin earned his Arrow of Light in March of 2009, at which time he crossed over into Cambria Boy Scout Troop 8; and

Whereas, Kevin has earned 34 merit badges representing a wide range of interests, earned Recruiter and God and Church awards, was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2012, and served his Troop as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Instructor, Bugler and Quartermaster; and

Whereas, Kevin has exemplified leadership qualities, organizational skills and strength of character while completing his Eagle Scout Project for St. John's Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, as a member of Troop 8, Kevin, through his hard work and personal commitment, attained the rank of Eagle Scout on February 8, 2014, the highest and most prestigious rank offered by the Boy Scout Program; and

Whereas, the Scout motto is "Be Prepared", and from the day that Kevin became a Scout, he set about preparing to help other people; and

Whereas, Kevin has lived by the standards of the Scout Law; and

Whereas, Scouts believe it is their duty to love their country, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies; and

Whereas, character, participation and leadership are the basis of good citizenship; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Town of Cambria is proud of your achievement, advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout, and shares with you in one of the greatest occasions, not merely of your career as a Scout, but of your whole life, and honors you this day by resolution of the Town Board on March 13, 2014.

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Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to approve the Eagle Scout Proclamation honoring Kevin Brown.

Ayes: Ellis, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam.
Time: 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara J. Cooper
Town Clerk