

TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

NOVEMBER 10, 2011

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held on the 10th day of November 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
David Godfrey, Niagara County Legislator
11 interested individuals

Following salute to the flag, Supervisor Ellis requested that a moment of silence be observed in remembrance of Leroy Zastrow who passed away on October 23, 2011. Mr. Zastrow was a lifelong resident of Cambria and worked for the Cambria Highway Department for 30 years.

Supervisor Ellis opened the public hearing on the 2012 Preliminary budget. The Clerk read the following public hearing notice:

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 10th day of November 2011 at 8:00 PM. Said public hearings shall be as follows:

- 1. Any objections to the 2012 Assessment Roll for the following Districts:

Amount to be Raised by Taxes:

Cambria Water District.....	\$448,181.00
Cambria Fire District.....	\$465,660.00
Cambria Refuse & Garbage District.....	\$360,195.00
Cambria Sewer District No. 1.....	\$279,552.00
Cambria Drainage District	\$37,606.00

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 2012 are as follows:

Cambria Volunteer Fire Company	\$157,080.00
Cambria Volunteer Fire Company Ambulance Service	\$ 38,126.00
Pekin Fire Company	\$157,080.00
Pekin EMS Contract	\$ 30,135.00
Sanborn Fire Company	\$ 1.00

With an additional allocation of \$40,000.00 for the Service Award Program.

- 3. The Town Board will conduct a public hearing on the 2012 Preliminary Budget. A copy of the 2012 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:

Supervisor	\$21,440.00	
Councilman	\$5,661.00	each
Justice	\$17,881.00	each
Town Clerk	\$36,000.00	
Tax Collector	\$5,722.00	
Highway Superintendent	\$53,519.00	

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

Supervisor Ellis presented an overview of the 2012 budget, which totals \$4,715,685.00, an increase of 1% over the 2011 budget. There was a reduction in the budget for the General, Cemetery, Drainage and Water funds. The other funds increased by varying amounts. The Town Board was able to keep the tax levy within the 2% property tax cap guidelines as set forth by New York State. Altogether, the tax rate will decrease by 15.5¢ per \$1,000.00. The Fire Company contracts have been increased by 5% for both companies.

As there were no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of October 5, 2011, October 11, 2011, October 12, 2011 and October 13, 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:

Cemetery	Claims	14-16	\$	414.58
Drainage	Claims	25-27	\$	757.69
General Fund	Claims	504-542	\$	29,592.50
Highway Fund	Claims	233-248	\$	12,402.59
Recreation Fund	Claim	76	\$	585.16
Refuse Fund	Claim	8	\$	31,227.49
Sewer Operating Fund	Claims	65-70	\$	6,700.36
Trust Agency Fund	Claims	52-53	\$	8,676.53
Water Construction Fund	Claim	20	\$	1,201.25
Water Operating Fund	Claims	167-189	\$	9,839.77

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

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

2012 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved to adopt the 2012 Preliminary Budget with total appropriations of \$4,715,685.00.

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 approve the 2012 Tax Roll and the amounts to be raised by taxes for the five Special Districts as set forth in the notice of public hearing.

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

FIRE PROTECTION/AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACTS

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Blackman, 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.

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

TIME WARNER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Attorney Roberson indicated he had nothing to report on this matter; he will contact the government representative again and follow up with her.

BROWNFIELDS GRANT – FORMER LOCKPORT AIR BASE

Supervisor Ellis reported that last month a Phase II Environmental Assessment was authorized. The field work has been completed, the samples are being evaluated and they are now waiting for the results.

FAIR VILLAGE SANITARY SEWER TV AND FLUSH

Supervisor Ellis reported bids were accepted last month. The attorney is reviewing the insurance documents.

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following:

- Building Inspector's Report: Total Receipts: \$1,592.00
Total Estimated value of construction: \$125,800.00

- Town Clerk's Monthly Report: Total Receipts: \$47,209.16
- Letter from NYS DOT was received regarding the request for a speed limit reduction on Baer Rd. It was their determination that a speed limit reduction from 55 mph to 45 mph is not needed at this time

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

- The ditching program will continue as long as the weather permits.
- Chipping will continue until the end of the month and then the truck will be converted for snow plowing. Councilman Blackman inquired about the intersection of Blackman Rd. and Thrall Rd. where a bush obstructs the view of motorists. Following a brief discussion, it was determined that the Highway Superintendent will follow up with the County regarding this matter.

WATER/SEWER REPORTS

- Procurement Policy for purchase of fire hydrant markers.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to accept the proposal from Lock City Supply for the purchase of 550 fire hydrant markers and heavy duty stainless steel springs in the amount of \$12,380.50.

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

RECREATION MATTERS

Supervisor Ellis reported Tamara Cooper has submitted a letter of resignation as chairperson and also as a member of the Recreation Committee.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved to accept the resignation of Tamara Cooper from the Recreation Committee and to authorize the Supervisor to advertise for the position.

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

ATTORNEY REPORTS

- Attorney Roberson has made a recommendation to the Town Board that a comprehensive sexual abuse/sexual harassment policy be developed. He indicated he will prepare a draft for the Town Board's consideration.

CONCERNS OF CITIZENS

David Godfrey, Niagara County Legislator reported on the following matters:

- Congratulated the Town Board for their hard work on their budget and keeping the tax increase to 1%. The Legislature will start their budget meetings next week.
- Narrow Banding – They are in the final phases in analyzing the bids submitted by two vendors, one bid came in at 12 million and one at 7.3 million. The matter should be finalized before the end of the year.
- Wished "Happy Birthday" to the Marine Corps and also recognized all the veterans in honor of Veterans' Day tomorrow.

PROPANE FUEL/HEATING OIL CONTRACT

- Supervisor Ellis reported the first of two renewal options are up this year.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved to exercise the first of two, one-year renewals under the contract with Wendt Propane, Inc. for providing the Town's supply of propane gas.

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

- Supervisor Ellis reported the Town would also like to have Wendt's provide the heating oil for the Historical Building located at 4153 Lower Mt. Rd.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to authorize the purchase of #2 heating fuel oil from Wendt's Propane, Inc. (automatic delivery) for the Historical Building at 4153 Lower Mt. Rd. at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 for 2011 and at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 for 2012.

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

CROWN CASTLE LEASE AGREEMENT

Supervisor Ellis reported Crown Castle is interested in extending the lease, but is not offering a bonus payment at this time. Unison Site Management has indicated interest in buying out the lease. The Attorney is reviewing the proposals to determine which option will be in the best interests of the Town.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS

- Pekin Fire Company has two members that have achieved 50 years of service, Edwin Beutel and Jerauld Register. Supervisor Ellis is requesting authorization to prepare and sign a Proclamation to present at their Installation Dinner which is prior to the next Town Board meeting in December.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to authorize the Supervisor to prepare and sign a Proclamation honoring Edwin Beutel and Jerauld Register for 50 years of membership in the Pekin Fire Company.

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

- Supervisor Ellis indicated he is in receipt of five applications and one more pending for the Building Inspector position. He recommended that John Phillips and Jim McMann, along with one or two of the Town Board members, could conduct the interviews over the next few weeks.
- The Town Clerk announced the Town would be hosting its annual Veteran's Day ceremony at the Town Hall on Veteran's Day at 11am with refreshments to follow. Captain Pisano will be the guest speaker this year.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilman Roberts. Time: 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ann Murawski
Town Clerk