

TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

November 6, 2014

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held at 8:00 pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014 at the Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Town of Cambria, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor  
Matthew P. Foe, Councilman  
Jeffrey Hurtgam, Councilman  
Randy M. Roberts, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk  
Robert Roberson, Attorney  
8 interested individuals

Absent:

Joseph Ohol, Councilman  
Jon MacSwan, Highway Superintendent

Following salute to the flag, Supervisor Ellis opened the public hearing on the 2015 Preliminary budget.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2015 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014 at 8:00 PM. Said public hearings shall be as follows:

- 1. Any objections to the 2014 Assessment Roll for the following Districts:

Amount to be Raised by Taxes:

Cambria Water District	í í í í í í í í í ..	\$484,654.00
Cambria Fire District	í í í í í í í í í ..	\$495,044.00
Cambria Refuse & Garbage District	í í í í í	\$350,560.00
Cambria Sewer District No. 1	í í í í í í í ..	\$309,845.00
Cambria Drainage District	í í í í í í í í í	\$ 40,670.00

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 2015 are as follows:

Cambria Volunteer Fire Company	\$171,600.00
Cambria Volunteer Fire Company Ambulance Service	\$ 41,650.00
Pekin Fire Company	\$171,600.00
Pekin EMS Contract	\$ 32,920.00
Sanborn Fire Company	\$ 1.00

With an additional allocation of \$45,000.00 for the Service Award Program.

- 3. The Town Board will conduct a public hearing on the 2015 Preliminary Budget. A copy of the 2015 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	\$22,865.00
Councilman	\$6,040.00 each
Justice	\$19,075.00 each
Town Clerk	\$40,800.00
Tax Collector	\$6,105.00
Highway Superintendent	\$57,075.00

Further Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 495, the Exemption Report that shows total assessed values on the final assessment roll that was used in the budgetary process that is exempt from taxation is on file with the 2015 Preliminary Budget.

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

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Supervisor Ellis presented an overview of the 2015 budget, which totals \$5,006,293.00, an increase of \$13,000 over 2014 or ¼ of 1%. The overall tax assessment is 2,403,991.00, which is an increase of 1.7% which stays below the 2% property tax cap. General fund increased \$18,000.00; Cemetery fund decreased by \$3,200.00; Highway fund increased by \$32,000.00 due to a 27% increase in road salt; Drainage fund increased \$1,000.00; Fire Protection increased by \$26,696.00 due to increase in Workmanø Compensation because of an illness in one of the fire companies. A requirement has been established for an amount to be set aside for a potential settlement. Refuse fund has been reduced by 9% or \$37,457.00 and is attributed to the new recycle cart program. Taxes in the Refuse District were reduced by \$5.00. Sewer Operating fund increased \$27,000.00; Water Operating decreased by \$55,000.00 as a 20 year water bond has been paid off.

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 Roberts, and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to approve the budget work minutes 10/3, 10/14 and 10/21/2014 and regular minutes of October 9, 2014.**

**Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts -Motion Carried-**

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

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

General Fund	Claim	439	\$ 17,483.86
Highway Fund	Claims	173-192	\$ 35,579.61
Recreation Fund	Claims	64 & 65	\$ 840.00
Refuse Fund	Claims	14	\$ 30,221.47
Sewer Operating Fund	Claims	36-40	\$ 8,519.45
Trust Agency Fund	Claims	46-49	\$ 11,051.82
Water Operating Fund	Claims	183-203	\$ 10,097.78

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved that the abstract of audited vouchers dated November 6, 2014, be approved as read by the Town Clerk.**

**Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts -Motion Carried-**

**RESOLUTIONS 2015 BUDGET**

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Foe, it was resolved to adopt the 2015 Preliminary Budget with total appropriations of \$5,006,293.00.**

**Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts -Motion Carried-**

**(A copy of the 2015 Adopted Budget is included and made a part of these Minutes).**

**APPROVAL OF 2014 ASSESSMENT ROLL/SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to approve the 2014 Assessment Roll and the amounts to be raised by taxes for the Special Districts as set forth in the notice of public hearing.**

**Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts -Motion Carried-**

**APPROVAL OF FIRE PROTECTION/AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACTS**

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, 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: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts -Motion Carried-**

### **SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION**

Supervisor Ellis has received the Notice of Award for the work on the sewer lines at the old air force base. Wendel, Engineer, has reviewed the contract documents and as soon as the Town's Attorney reviews the document there will be a Notice to Proceed issued to the contractor. At that time Supervisor Ellis will be making a petition to the Niagara County Sewer District for a reimbursement of \$20,000.00.

### **COMPERHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Supervisor Ellis reported that the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee held a second public information meeting on October 30, 2014. It was well attended. The committee will be sending a letter accompanying the draft to the Town Board recommending they proceed with the process. If all goes well, tentative Public Hearing in January 2015.

### **ADDITIONAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT**

Supervisor Ellis reported that the Town is waiting for National Grid's proposal in order to proceed.

### **ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING/DISPOSAL**

Supervisor Ellis reported the Town has a proposed contract with Sunking so the Town can continue with electronic recycling program for the next year.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a new agreement with Sunking for a one year term.**

**Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts**

**-Motion Carried-**

### **TOWN CLERK REPORTS**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following:

Town Clerk Reports:

- Town Clerk Report September: Total Receipts: \$38,031.52  
+ or - \$1.00 (trouble with Town Clerk computer program)
- Receipt of a letter from the EPA stating they received the Town's resolution regarding the Clean Water Act and it will be included in the official docket.
- Building Inspector Report September: Total fees collected: \$ 4,350.00  
Total estimated value of construction: \$215,255.00

### **PROPANE FUEL/HEATING OIL CONTRACT**

Supervisor Ellis reported it is time to renew the Town's contract with Ken Wendt's Propane. The current contract is for one year with two one-year renewals.

Councilman Foe added that Wendt's Propane is offering State Bid price.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Foe, it was resolved to execute the first of two, one-year renewals under the contract with Wendt Propane, Inc. for providing the Town's supply of propane gas for 2015.**

**Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts**

**-Motion Carried-**

### **VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY**

Supervisor Ellis announced that the annual Veterans' Day Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the community room, all are welcome to attend.

### **HIGHWAY / WATER SEWER REPORTS**

No Reports presented.

### **TOWN POLICY/PROCEDURES REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Councilman Foe reported the Comprehensive Plan is in draft form and the committee is taking a look at it to see where it interfaces with some of the procedures they are reviewing.

### **ATTORNEY REPORTS**

No reports presented.

### **CONCERNS OF CITIZENS**

There was no one present desiring to be heard on any particular matter.

**2013 JUSTICE COURT AUDIT**

Supervisor Ellis indicated that the Town is required to audit the records of the Justice Court annually. This is normally done in conjunction with the audit of the Town finances and preparation of the financial statements. A presentation was given in June by the Town’s accounting firm however, the Town Board neglected to make a formal resolution to recognize and accept the audit.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to acknowledge the receipt and filing of the audit of the Town of Cambria financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2013, as conducted by Lumsden & McCormick, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, which audit included the examination of the Justice Court records.**

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts                        -Motion Carried-

**NIAGARA-ORLEANS REGIONAL ALLIANCE (NORA) RURAL BROADBAND INITIATIVE**

Supervisor Ellis indicated this is a project that has been worked on for a while in an attempt to bring broadband to some of the Town’s rural areas. The Town is served by Time Warner Cable and Verizon. The Town hired someone to do a survey and now that it is complete an RFP (request for proposals) went out on November 3, 2014, to various telephone and cable companies to see if we can get some more competition.

**UNPAID WATER/SEWER/REFUSE CHARGES**

Supervisor Ellis indicated that there was an error in the breakdown of unpaid water/sewer/refuse accounts reported at the last board meeting and he is requesting a new resolution with the correct amounts.

The Town Board was provided a listing of the unpaid water/sewer/refuse accounts to be placed as a lien upon the real property for which services were provided. A copy of the listing is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to place a lien on the Real Property for which services were provided in the amounts of: Unpaid Water: \$21,919.70; Unpaid Sewer: \$1,816.10 Unpaid Refuse: \$503.66 for a grand total of \$24,239.46.**

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts                        -Motion Carried-

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Roberts.  
Time: 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara J. Cooper  
Town Clerk