

**TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2013**

**The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held at 8:00 pm at the Town of Cambria Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Town of Cambria, NY on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor  
Robert E. Blackman, Councilman  
Matthew P. Foe, Councilman  
Joseph Ohol, Councilman  
Randy M. Roberts, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Lou Ann Murawski, Town Clerk  
Steven Kroening, Deputy Highway Supt.  
7 interested individuals

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

The following public hearing notice was read by the Town Clerk:

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013 at 8:00 PM. Said public hearings shall be as follows:

- 1. Any objections to the 2013 Assessment Roll for the following Districts:

Amount to be Raised by Taxes:

Cambria Water District.....	\$472,251.00
Cambria Fire District.....	\$482,375.00
Cambria Refuse & Garbage District.....	\$361,350.00
Cambria Sewer District No. 1.....	\$301,916.00
Cambria Drainage District .....	\$ 39,629.00

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 2014 are as follows:

Cambria Volunteer Fire Company	\$168,233.00
Cambria Volunteer Fire Company Ambulance Service	\$ 40,833.00
Pekin Fire Company	\$168,233.00
Pekin EMS Contract	\$ 32,275.00
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 2014 Preliminary Budget. A copy of the 2014 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	\$22,416.00
Councilman	\$5,920.00 Each





**TOWN POLICIES/PROCEDURES REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Councilman Foe indicated that the Committee met with the Attorney for the purpose of clarifying issues relating to some of the language. He will be working with the Building Inspector to ensure that the proposed changes meet the legal requirements, as well as the needs of the community.

**DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**

Councilman Ohol reported that the Drainage Committee recently met and approved seven of ten applications. He indicated that some from the 2010-2012 listing were lacking signatures and some could not be completed because of crops. They are getting caught up and are down to about ten petitions.

**CONCERNS OF CITIZENS**

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

**SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT**

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

Whereas, under Section 135-a of the Highway Law, the Town Board is empowered to enter into written contracts with the Commissioner of Public Works acting as County Superintendent of Highways for the removal of snow and the sanding and treatment of pavement for ice control purposes, for three (3) years; and

Whereas, such contracts have been negotiated by the Town Superintendent of Highways at the actual cost incurred by the Town per mile for removal of snow from County roads and the control of ice at the actual cost incurred by the Town; therefore, be it, and it hereby is

Resolved, that the Town Highway Superintendent of the Town of Cambria be empowered as an agent of the Town Board to enter into the attached Ice Control and Snow Removal Contracts with the Commissioner of Public Works acting as County Superintendent of Highways for a period of three (3) years.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilman Foe, it was resolved to approve the resolution to enter into the Snow and Ice Contract with Niagara County.**

**Ayes: Blackman, Ellis, Foe, Ohol, Roberts**

**-Motion Carried-**

**SUNNKING, INC. RECYCLING AGREEMENT**

Supervisor Ellis indicated that a contract has been entered into with Sunnking, Inc. for electronics recycling. They will be setting up the recycling bins next week so our electronics recycling will continue with no break in service.

With regard to curbside recycling, Supervisor Ellis indicated that surveys were solicited to get public input as to changing from the current recycling bins to the large capacity wheeled recycling carts. Seventy three percent (73%) of the returned surveys were favorable. The conversion to the wheeled carts would save about \$42,000/yr. as Modern would be picking up the recycling every other week, rather than weekly. There would be no additional cost to the homeowner. He indicated there are about 1,100 bins left, which the Board would make a determination as to disposition.

The initial investment in the wheeled carts would be about \$115,000, which would require the Town to advertise for bids. The Board would hope to complete the bidding process at the beginning of the new year. He requested authorization to develop bid specifications and present them at the December meeting and set a bid date at that meeting.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Ohol, it was resolved to authorize the Supervisor to develop bid specifications for presentation at the December Town Board meeting.**

**Ayes: Blackman, Ellis, Foe, Ohol, Roberts**

**-Motion Carried-**

**PROCUREMENT FORM – TREE REMOVAL**

Supervisor Ellis indicated that Board approval is required for procurement for services for tree removal at property located at 4277 Ridge Road. The tree roots were causing pressure on the water line at this location. He requested the Board to ratify the action of the Supervisor on the procurement for the services of Mohawk Tree Service for the removal of two trees at a cost of \$2,000 per tree.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to ratify the action of the Town Supervisor on October 25, 2013 for the procurement of services of Mohawk Tree Service for a total of \$4,000.00 for the removal of two willow trees at 4277 Ridge Road.**

**Ayes: Blackman, Ellis, Foe, Ohol, Roberts**

**-Motion Carried-**

**ADDITIONAL MATTERS**

The Town Clerk announced that our annual Veterans' Day event will be held on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am and invited those present to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ann Murawski  
Town Clerk