

TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

September 11, 2014

The work meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held at 8:00 pm on the 11th day of September 2014 at the Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Town of Cambria, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk
Jon MacSwan, Highway Superintendent
Robert Roberson, Attorney
David Godfrey, Niagara County Legislator
Randy Roeseler, Wendel
7 interested individuals

Absent: Matthew P. Foe, Councilman

Following salute to the flag, Supervisor Ellis asked for a moment of silence to honor the 13th anniversary of September 11th, and to remember the 3,000 lives lost and those families left behind.

The regular meeting was then called to order and the 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 work minutes and regular minutes of August 14, 2014.

Ayes: Ellis, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

ASSESSOR CLERK

Supervisor Ellis indicated that the effective date for the Assessor Clerk, Melinda S. Olick, was recorded as September 1st in the August 14th Town Board minutes. However, the 1st was the Labor Day holiday and so the effective date must be changed to September 2, 2014.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved that Melinda S. Olick be appointed Assessor Clerk effective September 2, 2014, with an hourly rate of \$12.00 / hr.

Ayes: Ellis, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

Capital Project AFB	Claim	1	\$ 1,700.00
Drainage	Claim	18 & 19	\$ 502.31
General Fund	Claims	359-390	\$ 19,833.33
Highway Fund	Claims	140-155	\$ 111,861.65
Recreation Fund	Claims	55-61	\$ 3,633.17
Refuse Fund	Claim	12	\$ 30,221.47
Sewer Operating Fund	Claims	31-32	\$ 1,119.17
Trust Agency Fund	Claims	33-35	\$ 13,290.57
Water Operating Fund	Claims	154-168	\$ 6,308.33

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved that the abstract of audited vouchers dated September 11, 2014, be approved as read by the Town Clerk.

Ayes: Ellis, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

COMPERHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Supervisor Ellis reported that the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee has been working on the update for the past year. A public information meeting that was held last fall and a public survey both provided data for the final comprehensive plan draft. It is now time for a second public information meeting, which will be held October 30, 2014, at 7 pm in the Community Room.

ADDITIONAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT

Supervisor Ellis indicated that the Town will set up a meeting within the next two weeks with National Grid, Wendel Engineers, Councilman Foe, Highway Superintendent MacSwan and Town Electrician John Thilk to discuss the additional security equipment for the Town Park.

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following:

Town Clerk Reports:

- Town Clerk Report August: Total Receipts: \$44,384.71
- Building Inspector Report August: Total fees collected: \$ 1,250.00
Total estimated value of construction: \$39,282.00

HIGHWAY / WATER SEWER REPORTS

The Highway Superintendent, Jon MacSwan, reported as follows:

- Currently picking up brush
- Paving will continue next week, in addition to road repair before winter hits
- Diller Rd. is completely paved
- All main roads should be striped by the end of the month
- Two trees came down from the storm (9/10/14): Plank Rd. and Baer Rd.
- Cedar gate being installed at entrance the Town Park as part of security plan

Mr. MacSwan indicated that after a road is milled the material is ground up and hauled back to the Town Hall. He is asking for authorization from the Town Board to declare this material surplus. The reason being that the state and county will not permit this material to be used for road base as it is not suitable.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Ohol and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved that the Highway Superintendent, Jon MacSwan, be authorized to declare road millings as surplus now and in the future as they are not suitable for use on town and county roads.

Ayes: Ellis, Hurtgam, Ohol, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

TOWN POLICY/PROCEDURES REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report presented.

ATTORNEY REPORTS

No reports presented.

CONCERNS OF CITIZENS

Roger Schreader Jr.
4400 Green Rd., Lockport

Mr. Schreader asked the Town Board if there was any truth to the reports that sewage/sludge was dispersed on a farmer's field on Rt. 425 near Ridge Rd. the prior week. Supervisor Ellis specified that "Equate" was spread on a field on Rt. 425. Equate is not considered sewage/sludge. It may be a portion, no more than 50%, of the whole, and is considered by the DEC as a Class A biosolid, which is safer than a Class B biosolid. All authorization and permits are issued by the DEC for this process. Mr. Schreader asked what the Town Board's stance is on this practice as he feels this issue affects the Town as a whole. Supervisor Ellis indicated they have no problem with it. The Town Board members have done extensive investigation into it from various standpoints. The Board feels it is safe as long as it is properly applied in accordance with DEC guidelines. The Supervisor also indicated that there is considerable misinformation out to the public regarding this issue.

A brief discussion ensued.

Ann Marie Reeb
6630 Sheetram Rd., Lockport

Mrs. Reeb, a concerned Pendleton resident, addressed the Town Board with her concerns regarding the spreading of sludge and how it affects children. She noted the hours of research she has completed on this matter and is concerned with the run off of the "Equate" into the water supply and the accompanying smell. Mrs. Reeb presented the Town Board with a document regarding a proposed federal ban on microbeads and requested the Town Board to take more time to research how the spreading of "Equate" affects Cambria residents and their children.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Roberts.
Time: 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara J. Cooper
Town Clerk