

TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD
April 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1, temporarily modifying the Open Meetings Law due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in the interest of public safety. Town Board members met at 7:00 pm on the 9th day of April 2020 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 S. Hurtgam, Councilman
Benjamin D. Musall, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk
Robert Roberson, Attorney

Randy M. Roberts, Councilman absent

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meetings of March 12, 2020, regular and work meeting.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Musall

-Motion Carried-

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

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Drainage	6	\$315.00
General	140-175	\$24,854.93
Highway	42-52	\$48,727.21
Refuse	5 & 6	\$30,992.89
Sewer Operating	14-16	\$365.59
Water Construction	5	\$2,515.07
Water Operating	57-78	\$57,255.97

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved that the abstract of audited vouchers dated April 9, 2020, be approved as read by the Town Clerk.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Musall

-Motion Carried

SAUNDERS SETTLEMENT ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT

Supervisor Ellis indicated that the shop drawings are complete for the work on the Saunders Settlement Road Waterline and the contractor is still waiting for the review of the highway work permit application from DOT. Anticipated starting date is mid-May beginning at the Baer Rd. end of the project as requested.

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following:

- Town Clerk Report March: Total Receipts: \$5,163.76
- Building Inspector Report March: Total fees collected: \$ 1,377.00
Total estimated value of construction: \$59,500.
- Request from Cambria Fire Co. to remove Christopher Pettit, 3082 Maple Road, Newfane, from the active roster.
- Request from Pekin Fire Co. to add Christopher Pettit, 3082 Maple Road, Newfane, to the active roster.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Musall it was resolved to remove Christopher Pettit, 3082 Maple Road, Newfane from the active roster of Cambria Fire Co. and to add him to the Pekin Fire Co. active roster.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Musall

-Motion Carried-

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Councilman Foe indicated that the Highway Department is working on an alternate shift- 1/2 crew on 1/2 crew off and the following week they work opposite. There was a drainage issue on Subbera Rd. as well as ditch on the Jowdy property was being cleaned. Weather permitting brush pick up and chipping will begin. The Town has recently acquired an old manure spreader to use for spreading the chips on the Town Park Nature Trail.

WATER SEWER REPORTS

Supervisor Ellis reported there is ongoing hydrant maintenance and a man door is being painted in the garage.

BEAR RIDGE SOLAR PROJECT

Supervisor Ellis indicated that the Article 23 was approved as part of the state budget. It may take 9-12 months to implement because various departments have to figure out how to put it into effect.

Kevin Kohlstedt has stepped down from Cypress Creek Renewables and is being replaced by Keith Silliman as lead developer of the project.

Supervisor Ellis, reported as follows:

TOWN PARK LEASE

Supervisor Ellis talked with the Brachmanns regarding extending their current lease for one year at \$45 an acre. There is some issue with the drainage plan which is the master drainage plan for the park that is based on the original Towns masterplan. It was submitted to the DEC and the Army Core of Engineers. The Town has a SPDES Permit for that.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Musall it was resolved to extend the present five-year lease for 30 acres of undeveloped Town Park property with Danielewicz Farm Inc. for one year expiring 12/31/2020 all present terms and conditions apply.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Musall

-Motion Carried-

EMERGENCY AUTHORITY

Supervisor Ellis is requesting the following resolution so that bills will be approved for payment when the Town Board is unable to meet due to emergency circumstances.

Councilman Foe indicated that the Governor extended closures until May 7th, and it could have an effect on the May Town Board meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Musall it was resolved to approve the resolution to authorize the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to pay all bills on an emergency basis or under emergency conditions under circumstances where the Town Board meeting cannot be held. An attempt will be made to have the abstract reviewed by members of the Town Board prior to payment.

The question of the adoption of the forgoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

WRIGHT H. ELLIS voting AYE
MATTHEW P. FOE voting AYE
JEFFREY S. HURTGAM voting AYE
BENJAMIN D. MUSALL voting AYE

RANDY ROBERTS absent

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Ellis reported that he had a conference call with the other three Towns (Pendleton, Somerset, and Newfane) in the Niagara County Refuse Consortium, as well as Dawn Timm and the Villages of Middleport and Barker. The problem is, based on other Towns who have recently gone out to bid, that the increases are running from 20-30%. They are trying to get the Towns \$40 increase per unit. If the carts were used, it would go up approximately \$187.00. The carts are down to \$45.00 per cart and are 95-gallon carts (holds five 30-gallon kitchen bags). Should be paid back in about two years. 2200 homes at \$45.00 per cart is \$99,000.00. There is currently \$77,000.00 in the Refuse reserve fund. The Town has traditionally used a portion of those funds to decrease the charge to the homeowner. To save money there is a three-bulk item per month per unit. The cost will also be cheaper if the Town takes over the maintenance of the carts.

ATTORNEY REPORTS

No reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam.
Time: 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk