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**TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD**  
**December 8, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held at 7:00 pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022 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  
Randy M. Roberts, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Paula N. Jones, Deputy Town Clerk  
Robert Roberson, Attorney  
Jon MacSwan, Highway Superintendent  
Drew Reilly, Wendel  
13 Interested individuals

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 Musall, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meetings of November 10, 2022 (work and regular).

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

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

<b>December 8, 2022</b>		
<b>FUND</b>	<b>CLAIM NUMBERS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Drainage</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>\$4,569.00</b>
<b>General</b>	<b>536-589</b>	<b>\$119,829.23</b>
<b>Highway</b>	<b>188-203</b>	<b>\$101,528.24</b>
<b>Refuse</b>	<b>15 &amp; 16</b>	<b>\$35,071.97</b>
<b>Sewer Const.</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$87.38</b>
<b>Sewer Op</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$7,690.00</b>
<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	<b>15 &amp; 16</b>	<b>\$12,439.00</b>
<b>Water Operating</b>	<b>182-196</b>	<b>\$25,885.49</b>

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved that the abstract of audited vouchers dated December 8, 2022, be approved as read by the Town Clerk.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-



Companies, as complete and authorizes the publication of a Notice of Completion and the filing of copies of the FGEIS in accordance with Section 617.12 of the SEQRA law.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Foe it was resolved to adopt the resolution as stated.**

The question of the adoption of the forgoing Resolution was put to a roll call vote, 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 voting AYE**

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#### **TOWN PARK SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM**

Councilman Foe reported there are currently (4) cameras installed and working at the Town Park; they will keep moving forward with the project.

#### **COMSTOCK RD/MEAHL RD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSIONS**

The Highway Superintendent reported Meahl Road is complete and Comstock Road is up next.

#### **TOWN CLERK REPORTS**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following:

- Town Clerk Report November: Total Receipts: \$ 56,140.28
- Building Inspector Report November: Total fees collected: \$ 1,635.00
- Estimated value of construction: \$ 46,175.00
  
- In receipt of two email correspondences from November that were copied and distributed to the Town Board.
- In receipt of a request from Cambria Volunteer Fire Company to add Karl Kons, 4479 Lower Mountain Road to their active roster. No physical paperwork has been received.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Roberts it was resolved to approve the addition of Karl Kons, 4479 Lower Mountain Road to the active roster for Cambria Volunteer Fire Company, pending receipt of physical paperwork.**

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

**-Motion Carried-**

#### **WATER SEWER REPORTS**

No report.

#### **ATTORNEY REPORTS**

No report

#### **BEAR RIDGE SOLAR PROJECT**

John Soto spoke about the letter mailed out to the residents; he will be videoing Bull Creek and encouraged the residents to attend the Public Hearings for NYS Renewable Energy Siting for additional public comment on December 13, 2022- 5:00 pm and December 14, 2022-6:00 pm at Cambria Vol. Fire Co., 4631 Cambria-Wilson Rd.,

Lockport, NY 14094. Supervisor Ellis encouraged the residents concerned about the project to attend one of the two meetings scheduled for next week and voice their concerns.

### **CONCERNS OF CITIZENS**

Supervisor Ellis recognized the four students in attendance from Starpoint tonight for their government class.

John Soto asked if the Town would consider a senior discount for dog licenses. Supervisor Ellis said the Town will take it into consideration.

### **2022 YEAR-END CLOSEOUT OF ACCOUNTS**

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to authorize the Supervisor to encumber funds, pay bills and make necessary line item transfers to close out the 2022 accounts.**

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

**-Motion Carried-**

### **PERSONNEL**

The Highway Superintendent stated the Town Park is open year round now and it is necessary to hire a full time laborer to help keep up with maintaining the park.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to authorize the Supervisor to apply to Niagara County Civil Service Office to create the full time laborer position and authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for the position.**

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

**-Motion Carried-**

Supervisor Ellis appointed a committee to review the applications, conduct the interviews for the Town Park laborer position and make a recommendation to the Town Board; Councilman Hurtgam as chairman, Councilman Randy Roberts to assist and Town Park Director Pat McCoy.

Supervisor Ellis reported the resignation of Rae Amacher as Town Clerk Deputy II and Planning Board alternate member Dave Carter.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Musall it was resolved to accept the resignation of Rae Amacher and Dave Carter with appreciation for the fine work they have both done.**

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

**-Motion Carried-**

### **ADDITIONAL MATTERS**

Supervisor Ellis stated the lease for the Town Park land is due for renewal. The Town leases the property to a farmer so the land can be worked and spares the Town the expense of maintaining it.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to grant a one year extension of the Town Park lease with Danielewicz Farm Inc. to expire 12/31/2023 for 30 acres at a rate of \$55.00/acre.**

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

**-Motion Carried-**

Supervisor Ellis reported the Town's medical insurance is with Highmark BlueCross BlueShield and they will not continue to cover the Catholic Health providers, therefore it will result in higher costs to the town's employees and the Town. One option is to offer another plan; Independent Health to the employees to choose from if the Highmark/Catholic Health contract is not resolved.

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to authorize the Supervisor to enter into contract on behalf of the Town with Independent Health to provide a comparable plan to that which is currently provided to the town employees for calendar year 2023.**

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

**-Motion Carried-**

The question of the adoption of the forgoing Resolution was put to a roll call vote, 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 voting AYE**

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Ellis wished everyone a Happy Holidays on behalf of the Town Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Foe. Time: 7:36 pm**

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

**-Motion Carried-**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula N. Jones, Deputy Town Clerk