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TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

March 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held at 7:00 pm on the 9th day of March 2023 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
Randy M. Roberts, Councilman

Benjamin D. Musall, Councilman, absent

ALSO PRESENT:

Paula N. Jones, Deputy Town Clerk
Steven Kroening, Deputy Highway Superintendent
Robert Roberson, Attorney
Tim Walck, Wendel
David Godfrey, Legislator
9 Interested individuals

Following salute to the flag, Supervisor Ellis called the 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 Roberts, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meetings of February 9, 2023 work; February 9, 2023 regular.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

March 9, 2023	CLAIM NUMBERS	ACCOUNT
Cemetery	3	\$350.00
General	96-142	\$67,805.92
Highway	23-40	\$111,033.12
Refuse	2	\$36,405.24
Sewer Operating	8-12	\$4,527.97
Trust & Agency	6	\$473.00
Water Operating	27-45	\$11,387.77

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Foe it was resolved that the abstract of audited vouchers dated March 9, 2023 be approved as read by the Town Clerk.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

FAIR VILLAGE SEWER REPLACEMENT

Tim Walck, Wendel reported the field survey is done; the design will be done in a week or so; the next step is to submit for review to the County Health Department, then a 202b public hearing can be scheduled for the April meeting. Supervisor Ellis stated this is original sewer line from the old Lockport Airforce base, approximately 1,000 feet. Supervisor Ellis stated ARPA funding and a \$20,000.00 stipend from the Niagara County Sewer District will help fund this project.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Roberts it was resolved to set an Article 202b public hearing for April 13, 2023 at 7pm pending receipt of the map plan and report, approximate cost \$320,000.00.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

2023 FEE SCHEDULE

Councilman Hurtgam reported the recreation day program registration rates will increase to \$150.00 for residents and \$250.00 for non-residents. The increase in the registration fees will help cover the activities planned for this year's program. The program is 5 ½ weeks long with daily activities; this is a good value for the program provided.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to make the following changes to the 2023 fee schedule under the summer recreation program: resident per child increase from \$80.00 to \$150.00 and non-resident per child increase from \$150.00 to \$250.00.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

REZONING REQUEST-4074 RIDGE ROAD

Supervisor Ellis reported he is in receipt of a letter from the Planning Board Vice-Chairman stating the Town of Cambria Planning Board moved unanimously at their February 27, 2023 meeting to recommend the Town of Cambria Town Board grant rezoning request for 4074 Ridge Road in the Town of Cambria from B-1 to A-R. The Niagara County Planning Board also recommended approval of this application and A-R use of the property is more conducive than business use due to the very small size of the property.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to adopt the recommendation of the Town of Cambria Planning Board letter dated March 1, 2023 to rezone 4074 Ridge Road from B-1 to A-R.

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
RANDY ROBERTS voting AYE

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following:

- Town Clerk Report February: Total Receipts: \$ 46,760.94
- Building Inspector Report February: Total fees collected: \$ 2,721.30
- Estimated value of construction: \$ 711,476.00
- The Town Clerk has appointed Cynthia Curione, Upper Mountain Road as Deputy Town Clerk II. The rate of pay was set at \$16.00/hour at the January Town Board meeting.

- Our office is in receipt of a request from Cambria Fire Company to remove the following members from active status: Jamieson Hayes, 3876 North Ridge Road, Lockport; Nicholas Johnson, 4662 Cambria-Wilson Road, Lockport; and Luke Price, 168 Allen Street, Lockport.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to remove Jamieson Hayes, 3876 North Ridge Road, Lockport; Nicholas Johnson, 4662 Cambria-Wilson Road, Lockport; and Luke Price, 168 Allen Street, Lockport from the Cambria Fire Company active roster and placed on social membership.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

- In addition, we are in receipt of a letter dated 10/28/2021 from the Cambria Fire Company. This is a copy of the resignation letter from Lauren Rick, Scovell Street, Lockport that she dated 10/28/2021. The Town Board will use this letter in order to take action to remove her from the active roster of Cambria. She was added to the active roster of Pekin in November of 2021 and at that time the Town had not received notice to remove her.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to remove the Lauren Rick, Scovell Street, Lockport from the Cambria Fire Company active roster.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Steven Kroening, Deputy Highway Superintendent, reported as follows:

- Getting ready for another snowstorm and fixing equipment in the garage.

WATER SEWER REPORTS

- The water leak at Willow Creek has been repaired.
- The sewer manhole that was plugged on Eagle Drive is repaired.

ATTORNEY REPORTS

No reports.

Supervisor Ellis reported he is in receipt of a report from Modern, the Town recycling rate is usually 17-18% and is now at 37.3%.

Supervisor Ellis stated the Town is in the midst of its re-valuation program; visit the Assessor's page on the Town's website for valuable information about how it was done, a podcast from GAR Associates, the company that performed the re-val. Grievance day is May 23, 2023 if you'd like to challenge your new assessment, the forms and procedure are available on the website as well.

The NYS Department of Public Service is holding a virtual meeting on March 21, 2023 regarding the availability of broadband in the state, more information and links to the meeting are on the Town website.

BEAR RIDGE SOLAR PROJECT

Supervisor Ellis reported the Town has submitted all of our information to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, executive director will go over all of the paperwork and make a decision, this has been a lengthy process.

CONCERNS OF CITIZENS

Supervisor Ellis recognized the two students in attendance for their participation in government class for school.

Niagara County Legislator David Godfrey reported:

- The broadband meeting is to correct the FCC maps which are not accurate at this time, Niagara County will be getting some FEMA funds from the December storm, Governor Hochul does not want to distribute the Medicaid funding from the federal government to the counties which will cause a 6 million dollar shortfall to the Niagara County budget and will cause increases to the county tax, and the electrification of the homes needs to be put off, our electrical grids are not equipped to handle that amount of electricity needed.

SAFETY AND TRAINING COORDINATOR APPOINTMENT

Supervisor Ellis announced Councilman Benjamin Musall will be appointed as the Safety and Training Coordinator responsible for scheduling all safety and workplace training for Town employees, he is not responsible for professional training which is the responsibility of each department head. This will get the Town and Municipal employees up to date with the required annual trainings.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to appoint Benjamin Musall Safety and Training coordinator.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

TOWN OF CAMBRIA FIRE PROTECTION-DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to approve the 2022 member census for the Cambria Fire Protection District Service Award Program: Defined Contribution Service Award Program with 40 eligible members, 27 from the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company and 13 from Pekin Fire Company.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

SPDES PERMIT AUTHORIZATION

Tim Walck, Wendel reported the NYS DEC is now requiring a form designating an authorized official to sign the MS4 paperwork, Wendel performs this work for the Town and Mr. Walck is requesting the Town Board approve this designation of authorization.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to designate the Town Engineer as duly authorized representative for the Town of Cambria authorized to sign all MS4 acceptance forms.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

PROCUREMENT POLICY PURCHASES

2023-13 HIGHWAY

24" Planer – Milling Head

1. Bobcat of Buffalo (sole source):

\$22,733.48

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to approve the purchase from Bobcat of Buffalo (state bid) for the purchase of a 24" planer – milling head in the amount of \$22,733.48.

Ayes: Ellis, Foe, Hurtgam, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

2023-14 HIGHWAY

Hyster forklift: To repair cylinder (safety precaution), cylinder would not hold position.

1. Alta Material Handling (sole source) \$3,858.27

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to approve the purchase from Alta Material Handling (sole source) for repair to the cylinder in the amount of \$3,858.27.

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

2023-15 HIGHWAY

Update lighting in the truck bay area to more efficient LED lighting.

1. MH Thilk \$7,085.35

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to approve the update to the lighting in the truck bay area to LED lights.

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

ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Councilman Foe announced the Town will host a tire recycling drop off in May – the date will be announced soon. This will be for Town residents only; car & truck passenger tires, (4) large agriculture tires, electronic recycling and chips will be available for pick as well.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman and seconded by Councilman Foe. Time: 7:38 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula N. Jones, Deputy Town Clerk