

TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

December 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held at 7:00 pm on the 12th day of December 2024 at the Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Town of Cambria, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jon T. MacSwan, Supervisor
Jeffrey S. Hurtgam, Councilman
Randy M. Roberts, Councilman
Benjamin D. Musall, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk
Steven Kroening, Highway Superintendent.
Abe Platt, Attorney
Tim Walck, Engineer

Absent: Louise Brachmann, Councilwoman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meetings of November 7, 2024, work and regular.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Having been reviewed by the Town Board, the following claims were presented for payment December 12, 2024:

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ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Fire	\$ 7,500.00
General	\$ 176,778.75
Highway	\$ 97,673.10
Refuse	\$ 39,000.93
Sewer Operating	\$ 16,522.67
Water Operating	\$ 42,667.32

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Musall it was resolved to approve the abstract of audited vouchers dated December 12, 2024, be approved as read by the Town Clerk.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Walck, Engineer reported as follows:

The Baer Rd. culvert project is still in review by DOT but Wendel is still proceeding with the design. The next step is getting a couple easements after the approval from the DEC.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

Jon MacSwan, Supervisor, reported as follows:

- The Town Board received a letter dated November 19, 2024, from the Planning Board recommending approval of the Site Plan from Kyle Dunn, 1 N. Castlerock Lane, East Amherst 14051 for a Residential Structure on Willow Creek Lane, Sanborn.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to approve the Site Plan from Kyle Dunn, 1 N. Castlerock Lane, East Amherst 14051 for a Residential Structure on Sherk Rd. and Willow Creek Lane, Sanborn.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

- **Bear Ridge Solar- no update**
- **Town Board and Town Attorney will discuss increasing the fee for non-payment of water bills and or water shut off.**
- **The Town Hall will close at noon on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.**

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk, reported as follows:

- Town Clerk Report November: Total Receipts: \$ 63,994.67
- Building Inspector Report November: Total fees collected: \$ 1,653.20
Estimated value of construction: \$ 208,310.00
- In receipt of an email that has been distributed to the Town Board.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Superintendent Kroening reported as follows:

HIGHWAY:

- Plowing, salting and fixing equipment.

Mr. Kroening would like to hire Jonathan Pressley, 3051 Lower Mountain Rd., Sanborn, to the MEO position starting January 6, 2025.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to hire Jonathan Pressley, 3051 Lower Mountain Road, Sanborn to the MEO; start date 1/6/2025.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

WATER/SEWER

- Changing out meters.
- Maintenance on equipment, helping Highway with snow removal
- Attending CDL training classes.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Repairing glass block windows in the garage.

- Hire New Cleaning Company for the Town Hall and Municipal Building.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Musall it was resolved to hire a new cleaning company- Niagara Pro-Clean, Lockport, to begin cleaning at the Town Hall and Municipal Building 1/1/2025.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

ATTORNEY:

Attorney, Abe Platt reported as follows:

BAER RD. RESOLUTION NEG. SEQR.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to approve the Short Environmental Assessment Form for the Baer Road culvert replacement project. The Board finds no apparent, negative environmental impacts as a result of the project. The Cambria Town Board, therefore, declares a negative declaration for the project under SEQR.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

RESOLUTION LIMITING THE CONSTABLE DUTIES:

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Town Law Section 20, the Town of Cambria has enacted a Local Law known as “Local Law No. 1-2024, Town Constables” establishing the position of Town Constable within the Town of Cambria; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Town Law Section 39, town constables shall be subject to the general authority and direction of the town board and to such orders and regulations as the town board may prescribe, not inconsistent with law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to prescribe that within the Town of Cambria, the duties of its Town Constables shall be to serve as security officers for the Town of Cambria Justice Court and for meetings of the Town Board, as necessary, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that within the Town of Cambria, the duties of its Town Constables shall be to serve as security officers for the Town of Cambria Justice Court and for meetings of the Town Board, as necessary.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Musall it was resolved to approve the above resolution read by the Town Attorney limiting the duties of the Town Constables.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

CONCERNS OF CITIZENS

Sharon Tasner-Subbera Road

Ms. Tasner still has concerns about storage containers in the Town being used as sheds, etc. They are an eye sore and seems that they collect junk in front of them. She has gone to the Building Department and with no result. Supervisor MacSwan told her to pick a time, and he will go with her to their office to discuss the issue.

Ms. Tasner indicated she understands that President Elect Trum will be including Lee Zeldon to be the administrator of the EPA. She is asking that the Town and Town Attorney consider contacting Mr. Zeldon regarding the proposed Bear Ridge Solar project.

2024 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 2024 accounts.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

PROCUREMENT PURCHASES

HIGHWAY 2024-24

Emergency Head Gasket Repair Dump Truck #10

Regional Heavy Equipment & Truck Repair Lockport NY \$6,381.50

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Musall it was resolved to approve the emergency purchase of head gasket repair dump truck #10 in the amount of \$6,381.50 from Regional Heavy Equipment & Truck Repair Lockport NY.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

SEWER 2024-25

Briggs & Stratton standby generator

To protect pump stations during power outages.

MH Thilk Electric Wilson NY \$12,734.00

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Roberts it was resolved to approve the purchase from MH Thilk Electric for a Briggs & Stratton standby generator in the amount of \$12,734.00. (Southway Dr.)

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

DRAINAGE 2024-26

Tree Removal Service

Emergency Hazard Tree Removal from service lines

Parkhill & Land Management LLC Sanborn \$6,750.00

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to approve the purchase from Parkhill & Land Management for emergency tree removal on Baer Rd. in the amount of \$6,750.00.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Roberts. Time: 7:25 pm.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk