

TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

March 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held at 7:00 pm on the 13th day of March 2025 at the Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Town of Cambria, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Paula N. Jones, Deputy Town Clerk
Abe Platt, Attorney
Tim Walck, Engineer
14 interested individuals

Louise Brachmann, Councilwoman - absent

Following salute to the flag, Supervisor MacSwan opened the public hearing on the Local Law to increase the maximum Veteran's exemption.

The following public hearing notice was read by the Town Clerk:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF CAMBRIA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Cambria on the 13th day of March, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Sanborn, New York to consider establishing a new Local Law which would increase the maximum Veteran's exemption allowable in Real Property Tax Law, Section 458-a(2)(a)(b) and (c), to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00), twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), respectively.

At such public hearing, all persons interested, who wish to be heard will be heard.

As no one desired to be heard the public hearing was closed at 7:02 pm.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
MS4 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Tim Walck, Wendel, gave a brief presentation regarding the Stormwater Management Program which included the six factors affecting Stormwater Management: public education and outreach, public participation, and involvement; illicit detection/discharge; construction control measures; post-construction control measures and stormwater pollution prevention. The report is available for review on the Town of Cambria website and in the Town Clerk's office.

Supervisor MacSwan called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Board members took action upon the following matters:

**LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2025
TOWN OF CAMBRIA
COUNTY OF NIAGARA, STATE OF NEW YORK**

A Local Law of the Town of Cambria, New York, for the year 2025, In Relation to the Alternative Veteran's Exemption from Real Property Taxation Under Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) of the State of New York

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Cambria as follows:

A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF CAMBRIA, NIAGARA COUNTY, NEW YORK FOR THE YEAR 1998, IN RELATION TO THE ALTERNATIVE VETERAN'S EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION UNDER SECTION 458-a OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW (RPTL) OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 1. Title

This Local Law shall be known as and may be cited as "A Local Law of the Town of Cambria, New York, for the year 2025, In Relation to the Alternative Veteran's Exemption from Real Property Taxation Under Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) of the State of New York."

Section 2. Purpose, Intent and Authority

The purpose of this Local Law is to increase the maximum exemption allowable in Real Property Tax Law, Section 458-a(2)(a)(b) and (c), to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00), twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), respectively, as authorized by said Section.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of the State of New York.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to adopt Local Law #1 of 2025 In Relation to the Alternative Veteran's Exemption from Real Property Taxation Under Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) of the State of New York.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Musall it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meetings of February 13, 2025, 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:

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ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Cemetery	\$ 11.00
Fire	\$ 2,251.00
General	\$ 133,641.64
Highway	\$ 91,303.00
Refuse	\$ 43,865.09
Sewer Operating	\$ 3,151.64
Water Operating	\$ 10,845.52

There is an adjustment to the General abstract from February 13, 2025, the actual amount is \$229,283.85.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Musall it was resolved to approve the abstract of audited vouchers dated March 13, 2025, and amended General fund from February 13, 2025, be approved as read by the Town Clerk.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

OLD BUSINESS

Wendel Projects: Tim Walck reported as follows:

- **Baer Road Culvert-** Waiting on the DOT to approve this stage of design plans, anticipate DOT to approve the project extension for summer of 2026.
- **Cambria Road Culvert-** The permits are in place, waiting for the Town to decide if they will be doing this project or put it out to bid.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

Jon MacSwan, Supervisor, reported as follows:

- Attending an Eagle Scout ceremony this Saturday to present two proclamations.
- Met with Cypress Creek yesterday, has not receive any new information.

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

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

- Town Clerk Report February: Total Receipts: \$ 62,200.17
- Building Inspector Report February: Total fees collected: \$ 3,995.85
Estimated value of construction: \$ 752,730.25
- In receipt of a letter from the Cambria Vol Fire Co. requesting to add to their active roster: Thomas Burns, 3507 Pleasant Avenue, Hamburg, NY 14075 pending receipt of physical paperwork

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Roberts it was resolved to approve the addition of Thomas Burns to the active roster, pending receipt of physical paperwork for the Cambria Volunteer Fire Co. as requested in the above-mentioned letter.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

- There are 2 Boy Scouts that have attained the rank of Eagle Scout, Nicholas Lee Streiff and Max Henry Harmon. Their ceremony is this Saturday at the Cambria Fire Hall.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION
NICHOLAS LEE STREIFF**

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910, in the United States of America; and

Whereas, in 2014, Nicholas Lee Streiff joined Cambria Cub Scouts Pack 8; and

Whereas, Nicholas earned his Arrow of Light in 2019, and crossed over to Cambria Boy Scout Troop 8; and

Whereas, Nicholas has earned 32 merit badges and the Cornell Cooperative Community Service Award, served his Troop as Den Chief, Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; and

Whereas, Nicholas has exemplified leadership qualities, organizational skills and strength of character while completing his Eagle Scout Project; planning & construction of a 20 foot wooden footbridge that connects the Lytle Nature Preserve and the groups on Niagara County Cooperative Extension in Lockport; and

Whereas, as a member of Troop 8, Nicholas, through his hard work and personal commitment, attained the rank of Eagle Scout on October 29, 2024, the highest and most prestigious rank offered by the Boy Scout Program; and

Whereas, Scouts believe it is their duty to love their country, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies; and

Whereas, character, participation and leadership are the basis of good citizenship; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Town of Cambria is proud of your achievement, advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout, and shares with you in one of the greatest occasions, not merely of your career as a Scout, but of your whole life, and honors you this day by resolution of the Town Board on March 13, 2025.

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EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION MAX HENRY HARMON

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910, in the United States of America; and

Whereas, in September 2015, Max Henry Harmon joined Cambria Cub Scouts Pack 8; and

Whereas, Max earned his Arrow of Light on June 13, 2020, and crossed over to Cambria Boy Scout Troop 8; and

Whereas, Max has earned 40 merit badges and, served his Troop as Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Bugler; and

Whereas, Max has exemplified leadership qualities, organizational skills and strength of character while completing his Eagle Scout Project; rejuvenating the Sarah Johnson Memorial at the Wilson Central School soccer complex to make it virtually maintenance free and a new plaque describing who Sarah was; and

Whereas, as a member of Troop 8, Max, through his hard work and personal commitment, attained the rank of Eagle Scout on November 19, 2024, the highest and most prestigious rank offered by the Boy Scout Program; and

Whereas, Scouts believe it is their duty to love their country, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies; and

Whereas, character, participation and leadership are the basis of good citizenship; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Town of Cambria is proud of your achievement, advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout, and shares with you in one of the greatest occasions, not merely of your career as a Scout, but of your whole life, and honors you this day by resolution of the Town Board on March 13, 2025.

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Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to approve the Eagle Scout Proclamations for Nicholas Lee Streiff and Max Henry Harmon.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Superintendent Kroening reported as follows:

HIGHWAY:

- Highway Clerk has moved to the office in the Municipal Garage.
- Fixing and servicing equipment.
- Request approval to purchase Rubber Tire Excavator, only one bid was received.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Musall it was resolved to approve the purchase of a new/unused 12-ton Rubber Tire Excavator with attachments from Anderson Equipment for \$283,899.00.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

- Fixing scarfs (digs from plows) and patching potholes.
- Tearing down two of the plow trucks.
- Requesting to advertise for a full-time Laborer position split with Water and 2 part time summer help positions.
- Presented the Agreement for the Expenditures of Highway Monies to include and requested approval in the amount of \$585,000.00 for 36.6 miles of Town roads.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Musall, it was resolved approve the Agreement for the Expenditures of Highway monies for general repairs in the amount of \$585,000.00 of approximately 36.6 miles of Town highways.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved authorize the Highway Superintendent to advertise for and hire a full time Laborer position split with Water and for two more summer help positions.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

CEMETERY

- Clean up will begin shortly as soon as the weather permits.

WATER/SEWER

- Still changing out meters.
- Installing water services in the upcoming weeks.
- Maintenance on equipment.

PARK

- Servicing Park equipment.
- The ice rink has been drained.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- A new D. I. in parking lot has been changed out and installed, waiting for black top to finish it.

ATTORNEY:

Attorney, Abe Platt reported as follows:

- Tying up loose ends for a Local Law for codifying municipal codes for next month.
- The State has amended its new short term rental law, the only issue is if local municipality wants to establish their own registry for short term rentals, then no action needs to be taken by the Town at this time.

PROCUREMENT PURCHASES

Highway 2025-04

2025 Paving Quotes

<i>Kenneth L. Young Paving, Inc.</i>	\$4,601.70
Villager Construction, Inc.	\$4,850.00
Amherst Paving	\$6,880.00

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to accept the proposal from Kenneth L. Young Paving, Inc., Youngstown, NY for 2025 paving in the amount of \$4,601.70.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam, it was resolved to authorize other Towns to use the paving bid.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL

Supervisor MacSwan would like to use money from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve to pay for the purchase of the new new/unused 12-ton Rubber Tire Excavator with attachments from Anderson Equipment for \$283,899.00

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Roberts, it was resolved to authorize the Supervisor to spend \$283,899.00 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve on the purchase of a new new/unused 12-ton Rubber Tire Excavator with attachments from Anderson Equipment.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to approve the appointment of Mark March, Lower Mountain Road as a member to the Zoning Board of Appeals- term to end 12/31/2027.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

CONCERNS OF CITIZENS – Supervisor MacSwan noted there was 10 students from Starpoint in the audience.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS - None

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam. Time: 7:27 pm.

Ayes: MacSwan, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

Respectfully submitted,

Paula N. Jones, Deputy Town Clerk, RMC