

TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD

December 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held at 7:00 pm on the 11th day of December 2025 at Cambria Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Sanborn, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Matthew Foe, Supervisor
Jeffrey S. Hurtgam, Councilman
Benjamin D. Musall, Councilman
Randy M. Roberts, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk
Abe Platt, Attorney
Steve Kroening, Highway Superintendent
Approx. 28 interested individuals

Louise Brachmann, Councilwoman-absent

Following salute to the flag Supervisor Foe called the regular meeting to order and the Town Board members took action on the following matters:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meetings of November 3 work and November 6, 2025.

Ayes: Foe, 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	\$ 186.85
Drainage	\$ 62.50
General	\$ 165,790.91
Highway	\$ 107,809.21
Refuse	\$ 41,490.70
Sewer	\$ 13,343.34
Water Operating	\$ 64,963.52

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Musall it was resolved to approve the abstract of audited vouchers dated December 11, 2025, be approved as read by the Town Clerk.

Ayes: Foe, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

OLD BUSINESS

WENDEL Reports

Tim Walck, Wendel reported as follows:

- Baer Rd. Culvert- in the final stages of design.
- EPA- The Town is in a good position with lead sampling; water samples have been collected and sent for testing and as soon as they get back, they will be submitted to the state.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Foe reported as follows:

Bear Ridge Solar meeting was held on December 4th with Cypress Creek, Town of Pendleton, County IDA, County Manager, Wendel Engineers and the COIS Group. They spoke in length about the 'Taxing Agreement' which is the new term for PILOT. The Town wants to get the most out of the host community agreement. The County IDA is requesting a base tax agreement at \$4,000.00. This amount does little for the Town because the school gets 60% of that, the county gets 30% and the Towns of Cambria and Pendleton get 10%. The Town of Cambria is bearing the brunt of this project and should be getting the larger share for the Town. Wendel is also suggesting that the Town updates the battery storage law because other companies will be piggybacking behind these 94 C projects and moving into our towns and potentially wanting to put up battery storage. Cypress Creek has no intention of putting up battery storage. Supervisor Foe encouraged people to attend the Zoning Board meeting next Monday as there is a different company on the agenda who wishes to place a battery storage in Cambria.

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

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

- Town Clerk Report November: Total Receipts: \$ 73,932.03
- Building Inspector Report November: Total fees collected: \$ 5,174.85
Estimated value of construction: \$ 1,717,523.00
- In receipt of a request from Cambria Fire Co. to add the following to the active roster:

Tracy Chalmers- Scarbora Drive, Buffalo &
Jaime Stuart-Lockport-Olcott Rd. Lockport – restricted member

**Physical paperwork for Chalmers was received 12/11/2025*

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to approve the request from the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company to add the following to the active roster: Tracy Chalmers- Scarbora Drive, Buffalo & Jaime Stuart-Lockport-Olcott Rd. Lockport – restricted member. **Physical paperwork for Chalmers was received 12/11/2025*

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

- In addition- they are requesting the removal of:

Cameron Wollaber-Ridge Rd., Jeremy Klever-Upper Mt. Rd., Miranda Manning-Upper Mt. Rd., and Nicholas Pressley-Upper Mt. Rd.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Roberts it was resolved to approve the request from the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company to remove the following from the active roster: Cameron Wollaber-Ridge Rd., Jeremy Klever-Upper Mt. Rd., Miranda Manning-Upper Mt. Rd., and Nicholas Pressley-Upper Mt. Rd.

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

- Report that all those appointed to committee positions last month have taken their oath of office.
- Notice of an application to NYS Liquor Authority for 30 Day Advance Notice for 5432 Baer Rd-The Golden Willow.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Steven Kroening, Highway Superintendent reported as follows:

Superintendent Kroening thanked his Deputy Jon Pressley, Highway, Water, Sewer and Parks Departments for the tremendous job they did this past storm.

HIGHWAY:

- Requesting approval to fill the Mechanics Position with Thomas Mendola

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to approve the hiring of Thomas Mendola, Baer Rd. Ransomville, as the Mechanic starting 1/5/2026.

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

- Offroad ditching Andrews Rd.
- Plowing and salting.
- Fixing minor issues with snow removal equipment.
- Drainage Meeting-Councilman Musall will speak on.

CEMETERY

No report.

WATER

- Changing out meters and helping with snow removal.
- Servicing small equipment.
- Requesting permission to solicit quotes for the 2026-2027 one-ton pickup truck/ dump truck equipped with a snowplow package to be shared with Water and Park.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Roberts it was resolved to authorize Highway to solicit quotes for the 2026-2027 one-ton pickup truck/ dump truck equipped with a snowplow package to be shared with Water and Park.

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

SEWER

- Standby generator for Fairview lift station- no one will respond with a quote

BLDGS & GROUNDS

- Issues with heating system at Town Hall, trying to work out the bugs in system
- Alarm system has issues that are being addressed as well

ATTORNEY

Abraham Platt, Town Attorney, reported as follows:

- Held an organizational meeting of the Board of Ethics.
- They are looking to have a meeting by the end of the year for the Zoning Planning Committee with monthly meetings to start in the month of January.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS

PLANNING BOARD:

Councilman Roberts reported as follows:

- The Planning Board had 3 applicants: 2 Minor Subdivisions and a site plan.

RECREATION:

Councilman Hurtgam deferred the reports as follows:

PARK- Pat Mccoy reported on the following:

- Spring cleanup after the snow. The park had a great summer. The Town has 3 teams that call Cambria home. They had 5 weekends of tournaments. Lacrosse teams rented the fields the entire summer and just ended at the end of October.
- The focus this summer was on parking and drainage on the bike path. Next summer they plan on doing the same and perhaps extending the bike path.
- Ice rink is what it is with weather permitting.
- Continue selling memorial trees.
- They applied for 3 different grants.
- New for next year is the hometown heroes banner program. This is open to Town residents and past and present military members.

David Godfrey, Legislator- Indicated that he would write a letter of support for the park for the grant.

RECREATION-Corrine DiNieri reported on the following:

- Tried to start the year with a Chinese New Year camp as the kids were off school; this never happened.
- February-there was a movie and craft night and a lego night. In April there was a spring break camp. Then there was the summer rec program which was 6 weeks over July and August. A car show was held at the park in July. Halloween and Veterans Day events were held and there was a Christmas in the park. She also has a December winter break camp scheduled.
- Day Rec had 66 children. All residents but 2.

HIGHWAY/WATER:

Councilman Musall reported as follows:

- He thanked the guys for keeping our roads safe.
- Drainage committee meeting - drainage is pretty good throughout the Town.
- Looking at different options for trucks moving forward. New trucks are not lasting. The Town currently has a 1996 that keeps on running and some of the newer stuff has cost in repairs/breakdowns. Perhaps there is a more cost effective solution would be to lease.

NEW BUSINESS

SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT NIAGARA COUNTY HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, under Section 135-a of the Highway Law, the Town Board is empowered to enter into written contracts with the Commissioner of Public Works acting as County Superintendent of Highways for the removal of snow and the sanding and treatment of pavement for ice control purposes, for three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, such contracts have been negotiated by the Town Superintendent of Highways at the actual cost incurred by the Town per mile for removal of snow from County roads, and the control of ice at the actual cost incurred by the Town; therefore, be it, and it hereby is

RESOLVED, that the Town Highway Superintendent of the Town of Cambria be empowered as an agent of the Town Board to enter into the attached Ice Control and Snow Removal Contracts with the Commissioner of Public Works acting as County Superintendent of Highways for a period of three (3) years.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam it was resolved to it was resolved that the Town Highway Superintendent of the Town of Cambria be empowered as an agent of the Town Board to enter into the attached Ice Control and Snow Removal Contracts with the Commissioner of Public Works acting as County Superintendent of Highways for a period of three (3) years.

Ayes: Foe, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

USE AND DISSEMINATION AGREEMENT WITH NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cambria hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to enter into a Use and Dissemination Agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services authorizing the Town's Constables to access the DCJS Public Safety Credentialing and Training System; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute any and all documents in such form as is satisfactory to the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney and to take whatever other actions may be necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Hurtgam and seconded by Councilman Roberts it was resolved to authorize the Town's Constables to access the DCJS Public Safety Credentialing and Training System and authorize the Supervisor to execute any and all documents in such form as is satisfactory to the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney and to take whatever other actions may be necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

Ayes: Foe, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

2025 YEAR-END CLOSEOUT OF ACCOUNTS

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Musall 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 2025 accounts.

Ayes: Foe, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Tabled until January 2026-waiting for one more member.

CELL TOWER CONTRACT

Supervisor Foe indicated that the contract with the Cell Tower is up in 2025 and some corrections were made to the contract and sent to the company and the Town is waiting for a response.

CONCERNS OF THE CITIZENS

Dave Godfrey-County Legislator reported on the following:

- County Budget was passed but difficult with the 9 unfunded mandates from the state. These make up 96% of the budget leaving 4% for the county to work with. They stayed under the tax cap. Cambria will see 4.6% reduction in taxes.
- Chairman Becky Wydysh was forced to step down but still works upstairs in the courthouse. No replacement has been named yet.

Mr. Godfrey wished everyone a safe and happy new year.

Roger Palmer-Subbera Rd.

Mr. Palmer voiced his opposition to the battery storage.

Charlotte Patterson-Townline Rd.

Ms. Patterson asked if the Town Board is taking any action on the liquor license application that came in or is it just a notification. Supervisor Foe indicated that it was just a notification. Ms. Patterson asked if the applicant is in the correct Zoning and if they have a certificate of occupancy. Supervisor Foe indicated that he does not know of the C/O but as he understands it they are in the correct location.

Mary Brenzel-Thrall Rd.

Ms. Brenzel asked that the Agriculture Committee has a good cross section of people that represent agri-tourism, small farms and farms. The Board indicated that this is why the delay, so they can do just that.

Dennis Scovazzo-Cambria Rd.

Mr. Scovazzo asked if there was any progress on the Unicorn Drive Apartment project.

Mr. Platt, Town Attorney, reported that there were no updates and the real estate deal hasn't even closed as of yet.

Supervisor Foe acknowledged the students from Starpoint School to fulfill their government requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilman Musall and seconded by Councilman Hurtgam. Time: 7:32 pm.

Ayes: Foe, Hurtgam, Musall, Roberts

-Motion Carried-

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara J. Cooper, Town Clerk