

**TOWN OF CAMBRIA TOWN BOARD**

**OCTOBER 12, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambria Town Board was held at 8:00 PM on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2006 at the Town Hall, 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Town of Cambria, NY

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor  
Robert E. Blackman, Councilman  
George J. Bush, Councilman  
Matthew P. Foe, Councilman  
Debra L. Kroening, Councilwoman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Lou Ann Murawski, Town Clerk  
Jon T. MacSwan, Highway Supt.  
Thomas Brandt, Attorney  
Five interested individuals

Following salute to the flag, the meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ellis. Board members took action upon the following matters:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilwoman Kroening and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to approve the Town Board Minutes of the meetings held on September 14, 21, 2006.**

**Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Foe, Kroening**

**-Motion Carried-**

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

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

Cemetery Fund	Claims 16 – 17	\$ 699.59
Drainage Fund	Claims 37 – 38	\$ 1,310.01
General Fund	Claims 444 – 494	\$30,086.68
Highway Fund	Claims 187 – 210	\$21,846.99
Recreation Fund	Claims 54 – 56	\$ 988.00
Refuse Fund	Claims 18 – 19	\$29,186.40
Sewer Construction	Claim 4	\$ 834.50
Sewer Operating	Claims 70 – 75	\$ 265.02
Trust Agency	Claims 33- 40	\$ 1,487.94
Water Construction	Claims 16	\$12,274.12
Water Operating	Claims 176 – 189	\$ 6,628.23

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Bush and seconded by Councilwoman Kroening, it was resolved that the abstract of audited vouchers be approved as presented by the Town Clerk.**

**Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Foe, Kroening**

**-Motion Carried-**

**FORMER BUSINESS**

- Nature Trail Grant - Supervisor Ellis reported they were hoping that paperwork would have been submitted prior to this meeting but they ran into a delay addressing NYS bid requirements – applying grant funds to the project. He indicated that grant funds will be applied to contractor services-there is some construction and there is a lot of material to be provided by the contractor. They are trying to get everything in line with the requirements for Phase I of the overall Park Master Plan. They hope to have it submitted by the end of the month.
- Small Cities Grant – Supervisor Ellis reported that the water line installation is complete and the new line is operating as designed. The restoration work is 80% complete. The contractor has submitted a Change Order for an extension of time for the completion of work from October 13<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>. There will no change in the contract price.
- Diller Road sewers – The 45 day waiting period will expire October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Board will take action at the November meeting
- Route 31 Sewer Extension – The material for the project is on hand. We are still awaiting notification from the property owner on the placement of the taps. As soon as the weather permits, they will be installing the sewer extension.
- Willow Creek Subdivision – Awaiting response for SEQR Coordinated Review notification – the last day is October 27<sup>th</sup>. Action to be taken at the November Board Meeting.

**CAMBRIA FAIR VILLAGE WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS – CHANGE ORDER NO. 4**

Upon a motion duly made by Councilwoman Kroening and seconded by Councilman Blackman, it was resolved to approve Change Order No. 4, Contract 21 Wendel Duchscherer Project No. 1257-59 dated October 12, 2006 resulting in change of schedule for completion of work from October 13, 2006 to October 31, 2006, and to further authorize the Town Supervisor to sign same.

**Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Foe, Kroening                      -Motion Carried-**

**2007 BUDGET**

Supervisor Ellis indicated the 2007 Tentative Budget was presented to the Town Board on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Budget work sessions are scheduled during October with the public hearing scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Ellis indicated there was a general increase in assessments throughout the Town this past year, as part of our six year annual assessment plan as set forth by the State. He stated the Tentative Budget which he presented to the Town Board does provide for a concurrent reduction in the overall tax rate to mitigate the increased assessments. The overall tax rate is proposed to be reduced by \$.25 per 1,000 of assessed valuation (approximately \$27.00 on a home assessed for \$110,000.)

**CONCERNS OF CITIZENS**

There was no one present desiring to be heard on any particular matter.

**TOWN CLERK REPORTS**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following:

- Niagara County SPCA Report – September 2006 Total Animal Contacts: 29
- Letter of Resignation submitted by Christine Osypian, Deputy Town Clerk, effective October 11, 2006.

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilwoman Kroening, it was resolved to accept the letter of resignation submitted by Christine Osypian with regret and gratitude for a job well done over a period of ten years.

**Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Foe, Kroening                      -Motion Carried-**

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

The Highway Superintendent reported as follows:

- Andrews Road Ditch – Mr. MacSwan reported the work is completed, although the weather hindered them on the lot to the east. All the critical sections are functioning.
- Deer Crossing Signs – will be installed at Baer Road and Upper Mt. Road.
- Snow Fencing – installation is scheduled for the end of the month at various locations
- Dale Askey Memorial – work on the memorial at Starpoint High School is progressing
- Chipping - Mr. MacSwan indicated they haven't been chipping in the rain; however, they expect to be out all day tomorrow.

Councilman Blackman mentioned the school stop sign which is down on the top of Blackman Hill. Mr. MacSwan indicated that his employees were there and observed three signs which were down-they are working on re-installation.

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**UNPAID WATER, SEWER AND REFUSE CHARGES**

Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Blackman and seconded by Councilman Bush, it was resolved to direct and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the letter of authorization to the Niagara County Real Property Tax Services Department to levy the following charges totaling \$25,390.23 to be included on the tax warrant for 2007:

Unpaid Water: \$24,024.77

Unpaid Sewer: \$1,129.26

Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Foe, Kroening

**-Motion Carried-**

**LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

The following fund transfers dated 10/12/06 were presented to the Board:

General Fund

- Transfer of \$10,000 from Engineer Account 1440.04 to Attorney Account 1420.04
- Transfer of \$ 2,600 from Contingent Account 1990.04 to Records Management Contractual Account 1460.04
- Transfer of \$ 1,200 from Garage Contractual Account 5132.04 to Garage Equipment Account 5132.02

Highway Fund

- Transfer \$31,000 from General Repairs- Personal Services Account 5110.01 to the following:
  - \$10,500 to Account 5112.201 Permanent Improvements (CHIPS)
  - \$ 8,200 to Account 5130.02 Equipment
  - \$12,000 to Account 5130.04 Contractual
  - \$ 300 to Account 5140.04 Weed & Brush

Drainage Fund

- Transfer \$4,400 from Account 8540.01 Personal Services to the following:
  - \$3,600 to Account 8540.02 Equipment
  - \$ 800 to Account 8540.04 Contractual

Cemetery Fund

- Transfer of \$1,300 from Account 8810.043 Equipment Maintenance and \$1,500 from Account 8810.046 Operations and Maintenance (\$2,800 total) to Account 8810.02 Equipment

**Upon a motion duly made by Councilman Foe and seconded by Councilman Kroening, it was resolved to approve the fund transfers as presented in memo of October 12, 2006.**

Ayes: Blackman, Bush, Ellis, Foe, Kroening

**-Motion Carried-**

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made by Councilwoman Kroening and seconded by Councilman Foe. Time: 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ann Murawski  
Town Clerk