

**SPECIAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2025
BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA
1202 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE
NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PA 15714**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ALL MEETINGS ARE TAPE RECORDED. ANYONE WITH A POCKET RECORDER, PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE FACT.

PLEASE TURN ALL CELL PHONES ON SILENT AND NO TALKING, OUTBURSTS, OR SIDE COMMENTARY BY PERSONS NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL WILL BE TOLERATED.

Meeting called to order by President Pro Tem Donald Ferguson at 9:00 a.m. Also, present Albert LeGars, Ronald Nagle, Brandi Wargo and Mayor Lisa Mays.

Residents Present: Pete Barczak, Pat McMullen, Diane McMullen, and Solicitor Devin C. O’Leary (via telephone).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: PLEASE LIMIT YOU’RE TIME, STAND AND STATE YOUR NAME SO THAT YOU CAN BE HEARD BY EVERYONE. ONE PERSON TALKS AT A TIME. PUBLIC COMMENTS MAY ALSO CONSIST OF ITEM ON THE AGENDA. THANK YOU.

None

Motion by Ronald Nagle 2nd by Brandi Wargo to adopt Resolution No. 1 of 2025 *nunc pro tunc* effective January 13, 2025, as follows:

Roll Call: Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA, INTENDING TO PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OF JAMES F. MILKO FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING SAID LAND TO BE HELD IN PUBLIC TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA BOROUGH;

WHEREAS, in approximately November 2023, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (“WPC”) approached the Borough seeking to partner with the Borough in the purchase of certain properties (Cambria County Parcel identification numbers: 05-001. -106.001; 05-002. -201.000; 56-043. -206.000; 56-046. -100.00; 56-046. -306.000; 56-046. -100; 56-048. -120.000; 56-049.A -103.000; 56-049. -100.000; 56-064.A -125.000; as well as part of an abandoned railroad tract; collectively, “Milko Properties”), identified as having the potential to be of public benefit; **WHEREAS**, the WPC has pledged its financial support in the purchase and acquisition of the various Milko Properties on behalf of the Borough, including support in obtaining funding opportunities and/or grants for site remediation and/or improvement, conditioned upon the Borough executing a Declaration of Public Trust relative to said real property;

WHEREAS, it is the belief of Council that the acquisition of the Milko Properties would serve to provide potential recreational opportunities to the people of the Borough, and that the acquisition would be in the general interest of the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria shall acquire the Milko Properties identified herein, and execute a Declaration of Public Trust relative to same.

Motion by Donald Ferguson 2nd by Ronald Nagle to adopt Resolution No. 2 of 2025 as follows:

Comments: Pete Barczak questioned grant and stated that if the Borough does not get this grant, is Borough liable. He was advised that the Borough has no monies involved in these transactions. Mayor Mays stated about the Borough starting projects and there are other projects that aren’t even completed, for instance the North Complex. Diane McMullen asked if Borough Manager emailed Robert Graves about grant paperwork and she was advised this has been completed.

Roll Call: Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

WHEREAS, BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA ("Applicant") desires to undertake the project, "Milko West Branch Susquehanna Acquisition" ("Project Title"); and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (Department) a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled “Terms and Conditions of Grant” and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant," including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department if the applicant is awarded a grant; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

1. The grant application may be electronically signed on behalf of the applicant by "Jason E. Whited" who, at the time of signing, has a TITLE of "President of Council" and the email address of "slimjim102377@yahoo.com" ("Official").
2. If this Official signed the Grant Application Electronic Authorization prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the Grant Application Electronic Authorization, signed by the above Official, will become the applicant/grantee’s executed signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the Official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the "TITLE" specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

Pete Barczak informed Council about his discussion with the Borough’s insurance carrier as to the fireman’s worker’s compensation coverage. He was advised by agent that fire companies should give a list of yearly events/activities and have them approved by Council.

Diane McMullen asked if Borough Manager emailed Robert Graves about grant paperwork and she was advised this has been completed.

Motion by Donald Ferguson to adjourn at 9:14 a.m. and to enter into Executive Session on personnel matters, 2nd by Albert LeGars.

Roll Call: Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudine M. Nagle
Borough Manager/Secretary