

**REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 9, 2026
BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA
1202 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE
NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PA 15714**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Meeting called to order by President Peter Barczak at 6:00 p.m. Also, present Virginia Knarr, Vicki Vasile, Jessie Laney, Michael Mays, Ronald Nagle, Sheila Ondecko, and Mayor Lisa Mays.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE BOROUGH CONDUCTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:00 P.M. ON PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS.

Motion by Vicki Vasile to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026, regular meeting, 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.

Roll Call: Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes. Motion passed.

Residents Present: Solicitor Brian Litzinger, Chief Ronald Sharkey, Rose Carstens, Diane McMullen, Charlene Barczak, Matthew Barczak, Public Works Superintendent Joseph Woods, John Jarvis, Barbara Jarvis, Laura Palmisano, Michelle Stiles, Tedd Knarr, Leann Batdorf, Ashley Laney, Amelia Laney, Bob Curry, and Star Courier Reporter Ray Clawson.

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.

Rose Carstens informed Council of her interest to purchase the vacant lot at 604 Gray Avenue for the sum of \$2,000.00.

Bob Curry questioned if the contract with Pellas Towing was being terminated. Solicitor Litzinger commented on this matter and Vice President Knarr stated that once this contract expires, they are looking into rotation.

Matthew Barczak gave the yearly report for Hope Fire Company. Council member Vasile discussed consolidation with the two (2) fire companies, funding received by the companies, and there were discussions about the consolidation back in 2000.

STREET

Motion by Jessie Laney to advertise bids for asphalt and stone, 2nd by Virginia Knarr.

Roll Call: Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Virginia Knarr to advertise for bids on our Garbage/Rubbish/Refuse and Annual Spring Trash Pickup, 2nd by Jessie Laney.

Roll Call: Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Vicki Vasile to adopt Ordinance No. 030926 - Section 15-402 – Parking Prohibited at all Times in Certain Locations – as to include both sides of Cottonwood Street from Philadelphia Avenue to Nixon Avenue as advertised, 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.

Roll Call: Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Ronald Nagle, 2nd by Virginia Knarr to adopt Resolution No. 1 of 2026 on the 8th Street Bridge over Fox Run Project as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of Borough Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria, Cambria County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Borough Manager of said Municipality be authorized and directed to sign the R26090001 Agreement on its behalf.

Comment: Resident Leann Batdorf discussed the one way in and out for this area.

Roll Call: Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Ronald Nagle, 2nd by Peter Barczak to adopt Resolution No. 2 of 2026 as follows:

Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Northern Cambria of Cambria County hereby request a Flood Mitigation Program (FMP) grant of \$260,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for right side levee damage repairs.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Peter Barczak, President of Council and Claudine M. Nagle, Borough Manager as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Northern Cambria and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Authority Engineer, Stiffler McGraw, is hereby authorized to prepare and submit the grant application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority on behalf of the Borough of Northern Cambria.

Comment: Vice President Knarr discussed the Finance Committee's review on funding for this project.

Roll Call: Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve a commitment in the sum of \$39,000.00 (15%) for the Flood Mitigation Program (FMP) grant to complete right side levee damage repairs, 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.

Roll Call: Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Nagle – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Ron Nagle 2nd by Virginia Knarr to adopt Resolution No. 3 of 2026 as follows:

Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Northern Cambria of Cambria County hereby request a Municipal Infrastructure Assistance Program Act 89 Funding grant of \$245,000.00 from the County of Cambria to be used for 10th Street storm sewer improvements.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate President of Council and Borough Manager as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Northern Cambria and Cambria County to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Authority Engineer, Stiffler McGraw, is hereby authorized to prepare and submit the grant application to Cambria County on behalf of the Borough of Northern Cambria.

Roll Call: Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve a commitment in the sum of \$61,250.00 (25%) for the Municipal Infrastructure Assistance Program Act 89 Funding grant to start Phase 1 of the 10th Street storm sewer improvements, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

Comment: Vice President Knarr discussed the Finance Committee's review on funding for this project.

Roll Call: Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Peter Barczak to approve PennDOT to complete data collection for recommendation of signal operation at traffic signal located at Bigler and Barr Avenue, 2nd by Vicki Vasile.

Comment: President Barczak explained the reasoning for this study.

Roll Call: Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Peter Barczak to approve the Street Lighting Agreement by and between the Borough of Northern Cambria and FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric, 2nd by Jessie Laney.

Roll Call: Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes. Motion passed.

Quotes - 2016 Ford F550 repairs:

- Spitzer Ford DuBois, LLC \$25,152.52
- Moonlighters' Mechanic Shop \$18,820.00

Motion by Vicki Vasile to approve the payment of \$18,820.00 to Moonlighters' Mechanic Shop for engine replacement on the 2016 Ford F550 and said payment to be made from the Truck Capital Reserve Account and pending Street Committee approval, 2nd by Jessie Laney.

Comment: Discussions on the warranties offered by each company was discussed. Spitzer is a three (3) year warranty and Moonlighters' Mechanic Shop is a two (2) year.

Roll Call: Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Virginia Knarr to discontinue the services from Cyclops Technologies d/b/a PlateSmart Technologies effective March 14, 2026, 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.

Roll Call: Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Peter Barczak to approve the payment of \$275.00 to Holtz & Associates to complete an appraisal on Borough's vacant lot located at 604 Gray Avenue, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

Roll Call: Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Nagle – yes. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve the payment of \$2,500.00 to Nerdette Design's for website redesign project, \$250.00 a month for Ongoing Maintenance Package and \$25.00 a month for WordPress Website Hosting 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

Roll Call: Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Vicki Vasile to approve Virginia Knarr, Sheila Ondecko and Lisa Mays to attend the PSAB 114th Annual Conference and Exhibition May 31-June 3, 2026, in Hershey PA and that all expenses be reimbursed by the Borough, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

Roll Call: Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – abstain; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes. Motion passed.

Conflict of Interest Abstention Memorandum filed by Michael Mays.

Motion by Jessie Laney to appoint Shawn Veneskey and Matthew Barczak to the Northern Cambria Borough Planning Commission, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.
Roll Call: Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – abstain; Knarr – yes. Motion passed.
Conflict of Interest Abstention Memorandum filed by Peter Barczak.

Council member Vasile informed Council of a conversation she had with a Northern Cambria School Board member as to the school resource officer contract with the school and also scheduling a meeting about the former high school building.

Mayor and Chief Sharkey had a discussion about the current dog ordinance and the issues we are having with dogs running at large.

REPORTS TO BE REVIEWED AT SECRETARIES DESK: FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer’s Report	General Fund Balance – FNB	\$123,308.04
Budget	General Fund Balance – CNB	\$807.37
Northern Cambria Municipal Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses - FNB	\$225,719.36
West Branch Sewer Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses – CNB	\$2,258.14
Tax Collector’s Report	General Fund Receipts – FNB	\$128,864.50
	General Fund Receipts – CNB	\$2,258.14
	Highway Aid Balance	\$192,738.35
	Beautification Account	\$116.64
	Police Car Capital Reserve	\$43,218.32
	Flood Control Reserve	\$21,843.57
	Truck Capital Reserve	\$105,823.05
	Bridge Capital Reserve	\$103,255.68
	Blight Capital Reserve	\$20,626.52

BILLS – GENERAL FUND – FNB

17657	Cintas	-\$120.08	17686	Pennsylvania One Call System	-\$8.40
17658	CMP Energy	-\$1,993.52	17687	Ritchey Transport	-\$622.51
17659	CmwltH of Pennsylvania	-\$600.00	17688	UniFirst Corporation	-\$86.60
17660	Comcast	-\$765.34	17689	Pa. State Assoc. of Boroughs	-\$120.00
17661	DeLeo Games, Inc.	-\$80.00	ACH	Business Card	-\$1,363.71
17662	Doing Better Business, Inc.	-\$555.83	17690	NC Softball-Baseball	-\$74,183.14
17663	F W F Insurance Agency, Inc.	-\$5,717.20	ACH	Employment Partners	-\$17,617.34
17664	Gittings Private Invest.	-\$29.99	ACH	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-\$32,110.48
17665	John Noll	-\$358.00	17691	ACS Sales & Service LLC	-\$2,261.49
17666	Kayla Puckett	-\$150.00	17692	AFSCME Health & Welfare	-\$500.78
17667	Mainline Newspapers	-\$49.50	17693	Al's Tire & Auto	-\$12.00
17668	Penelec	-\$7,757.52	17694	Bobik's Do It Best	-\$96.59
17669	Pitney Bowes	-\$82.44	17695	Campbell Durrant, P.C.	-\$851.00
17670	Ritchey Transport	-\$132.97	17696	Centre Communications, Inc.	-\$120.00
17671	Stiffler, McGraw & Assoc.	-\$316.00	17697	Cintas	-\$159.97
17672	Teamsters Legal Defense	-\$14.48	17698	Coast to Coast Solutions	-\$488.55
17673	YCG, Inc.	-\$1,617.00	17699	Com-Print	-\$125.00
ACH	MetLife - Group Benefits	-\$375.65	17700	Comcast	-\$232.15
ACH	WEX Bank	-\$6,803.70	17701	Decoplan Associates LLC	-\$2,200.00
ACH	Verizon Connect	-\$75.80	17702	F W F Insurance Agency, Inc.	-\$579.00
ACH	Primo Brands	-\$28.98	17703	Fayette Parts Service	-\$520.10
ACH	Primo Brands	-\$94.89	17704	Mainline Newspapers	-\$60.50
17674	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-\$29,414.78	17705	NC Recreation Commission	-\$300.00
17675	Lisa Mays	-\$50.00	17706	Pellas Towing & Recovery LLC	-\$200.00
17676	Pete Barczak	-\$50.00	17707	Penelec	-\$7,322.97
17677	Ronald J. Nagle	-\$50.00	17708	Quill Corporation	-\$159.96
17678	Vicki Vasile	-\$50.00	17709	Ritchey Transport	-\$714.57
17679	Virginia Knarr	-\$50.00	17710	Steve Shannon Tire & Auto	-\$37.00
17680	Al's Tire & Auto	-\$54.00	17711	Teamsters Legal Defense	-\$14.48
17681	Derry Stone & Lime Co.	-\$646.86	17712	UniFirst Corporation	-\$165.67
17682	Fayette Parts Service	-\$1,262.89	17713	Comcast	-\$498.54
17683	Hugill Sanitation, Inc.	-\$20,827.00	17714	Kayla Puckett	-\$150.00
17684	PA Municipal, Inc.	-\$89.35	17715	Bobik's Do It Best Home	-\$38.14
17685	Penelec	-\$1,375.75	ACH	Verizon Wireless	-\$159.20

BILLS – HIGHWAY FUND – FNB

1061	American Rock Salt	-\$18,755.94	1063	American Rock Salt	-\$18,649.79
1062	American Rock Salt	-\$9,264.40			

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve the payment of all expenditures as recommended by the Finance Committee, 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.

Roll Call: Laney – yes; Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Virginia Knarr to approve submitting a letter of support for the construction of a new fire station for Hope Fire Company, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

Roll Call: Mays – yes; Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Vicki Vasile to adjourn at 7:04 p.m., 2nd by Sheila Ondecko.

Roll Call: Nagle – yes; Ondecko – yes; Barczak – yes; Knarr – yes; Vasile – yes; Laney – yes; Mays – yes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudine M. Nagle
Borough Manager/Secretary