

**REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 10, 2025
BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA
1202 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE
NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PA 15714**

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MOMENT OF SILENCE

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Meeting called to order by President Jason Whited at 7:00 p.m. Also, present William Toth, Donald Ferguson, Albert LeGars, Ronald Nagle, James Rocco, Brandi Wargo, and Mayor Lisa Mays.

Motion by Donald Ferguson to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025, regular meeting and the February 17, 2025, special meeting, 2nd by Albert LeGars.

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

Residents Present: John Jarvis, Barbara Jarvis, Virginia Suchar, Star Reporter Ray Clawson, Solicitor Devin C. O’Leary, Pat McMullen, Diane McMullen, Pete Barczak, Charlene Barczak, Vickie Vasile, Public Works Superintendent Joseph Woods, Bonnie Toth, Candace Maree, and Mike Mays.

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.

Diane McMullen discussed follow up on FEMA. She filed a right-to-know and received maintenance reports and manual and discussed recommendations from those reports.

Pete Barczak mentioned about cutting twenty feet of the trees and leaving a 3-4’ stump isn’t going to help much but every little bit helps. He stated the weather is getting nice and where we were with the junk ordinance amendment. Borough Manager advised that she is working on it. Mr. Barczak also stated that the poles for the new fire hall will be getting moved and he will be working with Joe Woods to transfer our Christmas lights electricity to the new poles.

Bonnie Toth stated how bad Ivy Street off of Juniper Street is caving along sides of roadway. Joe Woods will be inspecting this area.

Candace Maree stated about the cargo trailer the recreation commission is looking at purchasing. She also informed Council of the electrical issues she had over the past weeks with Fridman Park and addressed her concerns of needing a grant writer to apply for all the funds that are available.

STREET

Motion by Jason Whited to advertise bids for asphalt and stone, 2nd by Albert LeGars.

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

Motion by William Toth to approve the updated Emergency Action Plan as per Cambria County Emergency Management, 2nd by Jason Whited.

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

Motion by Donald Ferguson to approve the following in accordance with the 40th Annual Hope Fire Company Car, Truck, and Bike Show on July 6, 2025:

1. Close the following streets: Crawford Avenue from Maple to School Avenue, 219 from Holly Street to St. Stan’s Avenue, St. Mary’s from Maple to School Avenue, and Cottonwood from Maple to School Avenue, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
2. Possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage to be permitted on July 6, 2025, from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., on Philadelphia Avenue from Holly Street to St. Stan’s Avenue, 2nd by William Toth.

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

Motion by William Toth to approve the following in accordance with the Hope Fire Company's Corn Hole Tournament and Concert on July 11, 2025, and the 9th Annual Northern Cambria Regional Heritage Festival on July 12, 2025:

1. Close the following streets from 5:00 P.M. on July 11, 2025, until 11:00 P.M. and from 8:00 A.M. on July 12, 2025, until 12:00 A.M. on July 13, 2025: Crawford Avenue from Maple to School Avenue, 219 from Holly Street to St. Stan's Avenue, St. Mary's from Maple to School Avenue, and Cottonwood from Maple to School Avenue;
2. Waive the \$500.00 permit fee for the fireworks display;
3. Use of Borough property situate at 668 Oak Street by Starfire Corporation for the firework display;
4. Possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage to be permitted on July 11, 2025, from 5:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. and on July 12, 2025, from 1:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. on July 13, 2025, on Philadelphia Avenue from Holly Street to St. Stan's Avenue, 2nd by Donald Ferguson.

Comment: Councilman Ferguson thanked Hope Fire Company for everything they do.

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

Motion by Brandi Wargo to approve submitting DCED's PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant on behalf of the Spangler Fire Company and all fees and/or match funds associated with this grant being fully funded by the Spangler Fire Company, 2nd by Donald Ferguson.

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

POLICE

Motion by Donald Ferguson, 2nd by Albert LeGars to adopt Resolution No. 3 of 2025 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA, RELATING TO THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northern Cambria intends and/or desires to dispose of a 2015 Ford Explorer by sale, previously used for canine officer operations but no longer in service; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough did advertise said vehicle for sale on Municibid, Item No. 71923694; and,

WHEREAS, one Charles Murphy did bid the sum of \$7,400.00 USD, and Council determining that the receipt of these sums would be beneficial and of use to the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria does hereby accept the bid of Charles Murphy for the purchase of the 2015 Ford Explorer listed for sale above, and does hereby approve of the sale of said vehicle to Charles Murphy in the amount of \$7,400.

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

Motion by Donald Ferguson, 2nd by Albert LeGars to table to adopt Resolution No. 4 of 2025 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA, RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY;

WHEREAS, the Northern Cambria Borough Police Department is in need of additional information technology (IT) and/or computer equipment for the performance of their duties; and,

WHEREAS, the Department, to fill said need, desires to purchase three (3) Panasonic Toughbook FZ-55 computers from Baycom in the amount of \$9,477 from the Police Capital Reserve Funds; and,

WHEREAS, Council of the Borough has determined that the aforementioned purchase would be of benefit to the Police Department and, as such, to the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria does hereby approve of the acquisition of three (3) Panasonic Toughbook FZ-55 computers from Baycom in the amount of \$9,477 for use by the Northern Cambria Police Department.

Roll Call: Whited – no; Toth – no; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – no; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

RECREATION

Motion by Jason Whited, 2nd by Ronald Nagle to adopt Resolution No. 5 of 2025 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA, RELATING TO THE LEASING OF REAL PROPERTY;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northern Cambria has for years worked with the Northern Cambria School District and the Northern Cambria Recreation Commission to provide facilities and accommodations for recreation; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough owns real property which has, in the past, been utilized by local baseball and softball teams, and the Borough desires and intends to continue to provide access to said real property; and,

WHEREAS, Borough Council deems it in the best interest of Northern Cambria citizens to continue to provide facilities for the local youth baseball and softball teams, as effectuated by a lease and reduced to writing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria approves of the execution of the Lease, Cooperation and Services Agreement – Baseball and Softball, by and between the Northern Cambria School District, the Borough of Northern Cambria and the Northern Cambria Recreation Commission.

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

Motion by William Toth, 2nd by Ronald Nagle to adopt Resolution No. 6 of 2025 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA, RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY;

WHEREAS, the Northern Cambria Borough does own real property which would benefit from the utilization of security cameras, including cameras with facial recognition technology, to protect its property; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a quote from Appalachian Security Solutions LLC in the sum of \$6,865.50 to provide such cameras, and offers an optional upgrade to said cameras in the sum of \$840 for cameras equipped with facial recognition technology; and,

WHEREAS, Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to acquire and implement the aforementioned security cameras to protect Borough property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria approves of the acquisition of security cameras with facial recognition upgrades from Appalachian Security Solutions in the total amount of \$7,705.50 (\$6,865.50 for cameras, and \$120 facial recognition upgrades for seven (7) cameras).

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

Motion by William Toth, 2nd by Jason Whited to adopt Resolution No. 7 of 2025 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA, RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northern Cambria has established a Recreation Commission for developing, maintaining, and advancing recreational opportunities for the residents of the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough's Recreation Commission maintains equipment, supplies, and property which needs stored and/or transported for use in different parts of the Borough, and is in need of a trailer for use in storage and transportation of recreation equipment and goods; and,

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission has identified an available utility trailer which the Commission has deemed suitable for the aforementioned purposes, and the Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria has deemed acquisition of said trailer to be in the best interest of the Borough and the Recreation Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Northern Cambria hereby approves of the acquisition of a 2024 Look Trailer from Morchesky Auto, Truck & Trailer Sales in the amount of \$3,350 for use by the Northern Cambria Recreation Commission.

Comments: Councilman Rocco questioned Candace Maree if she obtained other quotes, and she stated yes.

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

Motion by James Rocco to donate \$500.00 to the Northern Cambria Recreation Commission Board for their Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 12, 2025, at 2 p.m., 2nd by Brandi Wargo.

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

Motion by James Rocco to approve the possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage to be permitted on April 12, 2024, from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. in conjunction with the Northern Cambria Recreation Committee's 21+ Adult Egg Hunt at the South Complex located at 2450 Betts Avenue, 2nd by William Toth.

Comment: Councilman Nagle questioned Candace Maree if they needed to obtain a liquor license and she stated no.

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

Councilman Rocco asked Public Works Superintendent Woods if they could work on getting the pickleball court nets out.

Motion by Donald Ferguson to enter into Executive Session on personnel matters at 7:35 p.m., 2nd by Albert LeGars.

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

Motion by Jason Whited to come out of Executive Session at 7:38 p.m., 2nd by Albert LeGars.

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

PERSONNEL

Motion by Donald Ferguson to approve Lisa Mays and Jason Whited to attend the PSAB 113th Annual Conference and Exhibition June 1–4, 2025 in Hershey PA and that all expenses be reimbursed by the Borough, 2nd by Albert LeGars.

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

Motion by James Rocco to appoint the following as Voting Delegates for the Borough of Northern Cambria at the PSAB 113th Annual Conference and Exhibition: Jason Whited – Voting Delegate and Lisa Mays – Alternate Delegate, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.

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

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REPORTS TO BE REVIEWED AT SECRETARIES DESK:

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer’s Report	General Fund Balance – FNB	\$57,615.45
Budget	General Fund Balance – CNB	\$3,768.13
Northern Cambria Municipal Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses - FNB	\$128,669.29
West Branch Sewer Authority Minutes	General Fund Expenses – CNB	\$1,767.21
Tax Collector’s Report	General Fund Receipts – FNB	\$123,408.93
	General Fund Receipts – CNB	\$1,767.21
	Highway Aid Balance	\$348,451.82
	Beautification Account	\$116.31
	Police Car Capital Reserve	\$29,460.76
	Flood Control Reserve	\$21,406.03
	Truck Capital Reserve	\$103,708.14
	Bridge Capital Reserve	\$101,192.08
	Blight Capital Reserve	\$20,213.30

BILLS – GENERAL FUND – FNB

ACH	MetLife - Group Benefits	-\$114.60	ACH	United Datacom Networks, Inc.	-\$1,717.97
17106	American Legal Services	-\$50.68	ACH	United Datacom Networks, Inc.	-\$871.37
17107	Doing Better Business, Inc.	-\$391.94	ACH	United Datacom Networks, Inc.	-\$172.50
17108	Fayette Parts Service	-\$796.96	ACH	United Datacom Networks, Inc.	-\$1,600.74
17109	Galls, LLC	-\$20.98	ACH	WEX Bank	-\$3,782.96
17110	Gittings Private Investigations	-\$29.99	ACH	Employment Partners Benefits Fund	-\$11,200.71
17111	Kirsch Heating Corp.	-\$191.50	ACH	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-\$21,737.02
17112	Verizon Connect	-\$56.24	17133	Al's Tire & Auto	-\$5.00
17113	Kayla Puckett	-\$100.00	17134	American Legal Services	-\$7.24
17114	Spitzer Ford Dubois LLC	-\$23.25	17135	Bobik's Do It Best Home Center	-\$44.89
17115	Campbell Durrant, P.C.	-\$237.50	17136	Cintas	-\$71.53
17116	Centre Communications, Inc.	-\$120.00	17137	Comcast	-\$721.75
17117	F W F Insurance Agency, Inc.	-\$579.00	17138	Derry Stone & Lime Company	-\$2,493.37
17118	Hugill Sanitation, Inc.	-\$19,838.50	17139	Doing Better Business, Inc.	-\$170.50
17119	Penelec	-\$1,335.29	17140	F W F Insurance Agency, Inc.	-\$6,690.70
17120	Watkins Security, LLC	-\$444.13	17141	Fayette Parts Service	-\$166.63
ACH	Amtrust North America	-\$3,188.00	17142	Freedom Ford Sales, Inc.	-\$310.00
17121	Albert LeGars, Jr.	-\$50.00	17143	Keith's Truck Service	-\$167.36
17122	Brandi Wargo	-\$50.00	17144	Kuharchik Construction, Inc.	-\$1,945.72
17123	Donald Ferguson	-\$50.00	17145	Penelec	-\$6,730.70
17124	James Rocco	-\$50.00	17146	Quill Corporation	-\$204.40
17125	Jason Whited	-\$50.00	17147	Rainey's Garage	-\$1,095.22
17126	Lisa Mays	-\$50.00	17148	Ritchey Transport	-\$114.05
17127	Ronald J. Nagle	-\$50.00	17149	Savayka, LLC	-\$460.00
17128	William J. Toth, Jr.	-\$50.00	17150	Stephenson Equipment, Inc.	-\$561.48
ACH	NC Borough Payroll Fund	-\$26,347.76	17151	Tribune-Democrat	-\$163.50
17129	DeLeo Games, Inc.	-\$200.00	17152	U. S. Municipal Supply, Inc.	-\$290.58
17130	AFSCME Health & Welfare Fund	-\$219.59	17153	UniFirst Corporation	-\$157.40
17131	MacKay Meters, Inc.	-\$3,975.00	17154	Verizon Wireless	-\$348.84
17132	Technology Enterprise Group, Inc.	-\$1,260.00	ACH	Amtrust North America	-\$3,158.00
ACH	United Datacom Networks, Inc.	-\$1,600.85	17155	Kayla Puckett	-\$100.00

BILLS – HIGHWAY FUND – FNB

1053	American Rock Salt Co. LLC	-\$11,366.41
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Motion by Brandi Wargo to approve the payment of all expenditures as recommended by the Finance Committee, 2nd by Ronald Nagle.
Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Donald Ferguson to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. and to enter into Executive Session on personnel matters, 2nd by Albert LeGars.
Roll Call: Whited – yes; Toth – yes; Ferguson – yes; LeGars – yes; Nagle – yes; Rocco – yes; Wargo – yes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudine M. Nagle
Borough Manager/Secretary